

Hoham

Hoham (MT *Hôhām*, perhaps a Hurrian name) is the name of an Amorite King of Hebron at the time of Joshua (Josh 10:3) who joined a coalition (along with Piram of Jarmuth, Japhia of Lachish, and Debir of Eglon) led by Adonizedek of Jerusalem to fight the Gibeonites in response to the peace treaty concluded by Joshua and Gibeon. After the defeat, helped by divine intervention, the five Amorite kings hid in a cave near Makkedah where they were captured and executed (Josh 10:16–27). Then the dead bodies were impaled on stakes, reflecting an Assyrian practice. Afterwards they were cast into the abovementioned cave. LXX renders the name as Αὐαμ. Jerome translates *Oam* with “woe to the people” or “raving” (*Nom. hebr.* 29:20).

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