

## Adino the Eznite

<p>2 Sam.23:8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had:</p>	<p>1 Chr. 11:11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had;</p>
<p>1. <b>The Tachmonite</b> (wise) that sat in the seat, <b>chief among the captains;</b> the same was (<i>called</i>) <u>Adino</u> the Eznite (i.e., the spearman of spearmen): (<i>because</i>) he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.</p>	<p><b>Jashobeam, an Hachmonite,</b> {his clan, 1 Chron. 27:32} <b>the chief of the captains:</b></p> <p>he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time.</p> <p>(This is an additional feat which occurred after the 2 Samuel 23 deed in which he won his name – he was the son of Zabdiel, a descendant of Judah through Perez – 1 Chron. 27:2-3.)</p>

His given name was Jashobeam of the Hachmonite clan. The great feat recorded in 2 Samuel 23:8 gained him the title “Adino the Eznite” (the spearman of spearmen, much as Babe Ruth was “the Sultan of Swat”). Because of his great wisdom, Jashobeam was also referred to as “the Tachmonite” (the wise one).

Due to his valor in slaying 800 on the earlier occasion and then 300 on another (remember, Chronicles was written about 500 years after Kings and even more after Samuel) coupled with wisdom of such magnitude that it earned him a second appellation, Jashobeam was rewarded and recognized by David’s naming him “chief among the captains”.

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