



Es-kim-in-zin and Geronimo were both fullblooded Apaches. Both were dominant figures among their respective followers.

It is the irony of fate that Geronimo, an utterly undeserving character, should have acquired a notoriety that made his name familiar, not only nationally, but, to a limited extent, internationally—while Es-kim-in-zin, who was worthy of much, attained only sacrifice and oblivion. Geronimo reveled in crime under a system of perpetual pardoning. Es-kim-in-zin endeavored and suffered under a scourge of persistent penalties.

Es-kim-in-zin was the chief of the Pinal and Arivaipa Apaches who lived in the valley of the Gila and who roamed northward over the Pinal range and southward to Arivaipa Canyon. His name appears in official reports as far back as 1871. The incident which gave him his initial official recognition was his arrival at Old Camp Grant to entreat those in authority to allow him and his people to live at peace with the white race.