

Destroying Giants and Defeating Kings

Joshua 11:21-12:24

Last Canaanites destroyed are the largest, 11:21-23

- ◆ Recall the fear of the Anakim (aka sons of Anak in Num. 13:27-33) brought 40 yrs. of wandering, Dt. 1:26-30. God promised victory over them regardless of their size, Dt. 9:1-3.
- ◆ These giants are also called the Emim, Rephaim, Zamzummim, Dt. 2:10,11,21,22 and were likened to the Nephilim in Gen. 6:4. Victory over Og of Bashan impressed folks (2:10, 9:10), as he was a giant too, Dt. 3:11. It seems many Amorites were big, Amos 2:9.
- ◆ Josh. 11:22 notes some Anakim remained in Gath, which is where Goliath and his kin show up in I Sam. 17:4, I Chron. 20:4-8.
- ◆ Josh. 11:21 is expounded on later in 14:12-15, 15:13,14, where it is said Caleb actually led the attack upon the Anakim at Hebron.
- ◆ “Rest from war” ≠ no more battles at all, but = Israel in control. “Inheritance” = 1st of 42x in book (promise to Abe, Gen. 12:7)

What kind of giants do we face? See Eph. 6:10ff.

What can we learn from the learn from the Israelites?

List of kings defeated in order to possess the land, 12:1-24

- ◆ Note 1-6 = victory list over Kings / areas west of Jordan.
7-24 = victory list over kings /cities east of the Jordan.
- ◆ This impressive list of conquered kings (Ps. 2) should provoke continual thanksgiving to God for fulfilling His promises to Israel.



Victories over Sihon and Og are long rejoiced over (Jdgs. 11:21, Ps. 135:11, 136:19, 20, Neh. 9:22) like crossing the Red Sea was. What might this imply for us?

Can you see the value of being careful to remember past victories in battles that God helped you to achieve?