

Overcoming Strongholds – Giants in the Land

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Deuteronomy 7:1-3

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the **Hittites**, and the **Girgashites**, and the **Amorites**, and the **Canaanites**, and the **Perizzites**, and the **Hivites**, and the **Jebusites**, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; **thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:**

3 **Neither shalt thou make marriages with them;** thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

Numbers 13:27-33

27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it.

28 Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of **Anak** there.

29 The **Amalekites** dwell in the land of the south: and the **Hittites**, and the **Jebusites**, and the **Amorites**, dwell in the mountains: and the **Canaanites** dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, **Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.**

31 But the men that went up with him said, **We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.**

32 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is **a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.**

33 **And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**

Isaiah 41:15

Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

STRONGMEN OF THE PROMISE LAND

Hittites > Fear

- ❖ **Chathath**, khaw-thath' H2850 is the primitive root - to break down, either (literally) by violence, or (figuratively) by confusion and fear: to affright, to make afraid, discourage, to cause dismay, to scare, to terrify.

Amorites > Pride & Rebellion

- ❖ **Emoriy**, em-o-ree' H567 - a mountaineer, dweller of summits, an elevated one
- ❖ **Amar**, aw-mar' H559 primitive root – a sayer, to boast, to speak against, to challenge.

Canaanite > Condemnation, Control and Manipulation

- ❖ **Kana**, kaw-nah' is the primitive root H3665- to bend the knee, to humiliate, bring down low, into subjection, to subdue.
- ❖ guilt, shame, and condemnation - Per George Lowery

Girgashites / Girgites > Unstable Foundation, Instability

- ❖ **Girgâshîy**, ghir-gaw-shee' – **BDB Hebrew Lexicon Definition** = “dwelling on a clay soil”
- ❖ **Discouragement** - Per George Lowery

Perizzites > Independence

- ❖ **P^erizzîy** “per-iz-zee” H6522 - inhabitant of the open country (from H6521 - H6519)
- P^erâzâh** “per-aw-zaw” H6519 - a town or village without walls (unwalled)
- Pârâz** “paw-rawz” - H6518 - a root meaning to separate. a chieftain, a warrior
- ❖ **Joshua 17:14-15**
14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, **Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?**
15 And Joshua answered them, **If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood (forest – confusion George Lowery) country, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.**

Jebusites > Rejection & Depression

- ❖ **Y^ebûs**, yeb-oos' H2982 - trodden
- ❖ **Boos**, bûs' primitive root H947 - to trample to tread down, under foot], to be polluted.
- ❖ **BDB Lexicon Definition:** to tread down, reject, trample down by rejection

Amalekites > Human Sufficiency

- ❖ **Amal**, aw-mawl' Root H5999 - to toil through wearisome effort; hence worry, whether of body or mind: to labour, miserable, to toil, travail.
- ❖ **Amal**, a primitive root H5998 - to toil, that is, work severely with irksomeness.
- ❖ human Performance, works of man

Anak > Control

- ❖ **Anaq**, aw-nak' primitive root H6059 - to choke, to collar, to chain.
- ❖ Financial Control through debt and poverty. jezebel - daughter of the king of tyre (Ez 28)
- ❖ Spiritual Control through a domineering spirit
- ❖ Soulsh Control and manipulation through condemnation
- ❖ Physical Control through anger and violence
- ❖ Verbal Control through abusive words