

GIANT, GIANTS

In the days before the Flood there were **giants**. (As this verse points out, there were giants after the Flood as well.)

- **Genesis 6:4:** "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

When the twelve spies searched out Canaan, there were **giants** living in the land. (The children of Anak were giants.)

- **Numbers 13:11, 22:** "And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain: ... And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)"
- **Numbers 13:28:** "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."
- **Numbers 13:33:** "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."
- **Deuteronomy 1:28:** "Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there."

Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai were **giants**. (The children of Anak were giants.) Although the Israelites were so terrified of them that they refused to enter the land of Canaan, in the end Caleb (not the armies of Israel) drove them out *when he was more than 80 years old*.

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- **Numbers 13:33:** "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."
- **Deuteronomy 9:2:** "A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!"

When the Israelites heard that the cities in Canaan were well-defended, the people were strong, and there were **giants** in the land, they became discouraged and were unwilling to enter the land.

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The Emims were as tall as the Anakims (who were a race of **giants**).

- **Deuteronomy 2:10-11:** "The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims."

The Anakims and the Emims were both considered to be **giants**.

- **Deuteronomy 2:11:** "Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims."

It seems the Horims may have been **giants**.

- **Deuteronomy 2:11-12, 22:** "Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims. The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them. ... As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:"

Just as the Israelites ultimately defeated the **giants** who lived in Canaan, the Edomites defeated the Horims (who may have been giants) in Seir.

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It seems the land which God gave to the descendants of Esau (the Edomites), Lot (the Moabites), and Jacob (the Israelites) was all inhabited by **giants** when God gave it to them.

- **Deuteronomy 2:9-12:** "And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession. The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims. The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them."

The Ammonites called the race of **giants** that used to live in their territory the Zamzummims.

- **Deuteronomy 2:20-21:** "(That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:"

It seems the reason there are no longer **giants** in the world is because God destroyed them.

- **Deuteronomy 2:21-22:** "A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day:"

It seems the Avims may have been **giants**.

- **Deuteronomy 2:22-23:** "As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)"

Og was the last that remained of the remnant of the **giants**.

- **Deuteronomy 3:11:** "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children

of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man."

- **Joshua 12:4:** "And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,"
- **Joshua 13:12:** "All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out."

It seems that Og was thirteen feet tall (which certainly made him a **giant**).

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The cubits that were used to measure the bedstead of Og were the cubits of a man (which were approximately 1.5 feet), not different cubits (such as the cubits of a **giant**).

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The region of Argob was called the land of the **giants**.

- **Deuteronomy 3:13:** "And the rest of Gilead, and all

Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants."

When Joshua invaded Canaan, there were Anakims (**giants**) in the mountains. (Joshua defeated them and destroyed their cities.)

- **Joshua 11:21:** "And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities."

It seems the reason Goliath was around to fight David was because when Joshua invaded Canaan, the **giants** (sons of Anak) who lived in Philistine territory weren't killed.

- **Joshua 11:22:** "There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained."

The mountain that God promised to give to Caleb and his descendants was home to Anakims (**giants**).

- **Joshua 14:6. 12:** "Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea. ... Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD

will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said."

Caleb believed that if God was with him, he would be able to drive out the Anakims (**giants**).

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Arba (from "Kirjatharba", the old name of Hebron) was a great man among the Anakims (**giants**).

- **Joshua 14:15:** "And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war."

The mountain that was west of the valley of Hinnom was at the end of the valley of the **giants**.

- **Joshua 15:8:** "And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite; the same is Jerusalem: and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward:"

Arba was the father of Anak (one of the **giants**).

- **Joshua 15:13:** "And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, even the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron."
- **Joshua 21:11:** "And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it."

Caleb drove the three sons of Anak out of Hebron. (Not only were these people **giants**, but he did this when he was more than 80 years old.) However, it doesn't seem that he killed them.

- **Joshua 15:14:** "And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak."
- **Judges 1:20:** "And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of Anak."

In the days of Joshua, **giants** lived in the wood country of Israel.

- **Joshua 17:14-15:** "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? And Joshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee up to the wood 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."

The mountain that was by the valley of the son of Hinnom was in the northern part of the valley of the **giants**.

- **Joshua 18:16:** "And the border came down to the end of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to Enrogel,"

When the tribe of Judah fought against the Canaanites who lived Hebron, they killed three **giants**.

- **Judges 1:10:** "And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai."

Deborah said that out of Ephraim there was a root against Amalek (the **giants**).

- **Judges 5:14:** "Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer."

In the days of Saul there were **giants** among the Philistines.

- **1 Samuel 17:4:** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span."

Goliath was a **giant**. (He was around nine feet tall.)

- **1 Samuel 17:4:** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span."

The Philistines had armor for Goliath that fit him, even though he was a **giant**.

- **1 Samuel 17:4-5:** "And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass."

David was strong enough and tall enough to wield the sword of Goliath (who was a nine-foot-tall **giant**).

- **1 Samuel 21:9:** "And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me."

Ishbibenob was a son of a **giant**. (This seems to mean he was the son of a giant who lived in Gath, and was a giant himself.)

- **2 Samuel 21:16:** "And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David."

Abishai killed a **giant**.

- **2 Samuel 21:16-17:** "And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel."

Saph (also known as "Sippai") was one of the sons of the **giant**. (This seems to mean he was the son of a giant who lived in Gath, and was a giant himself.)

- **2 Samuel 21:18:** "And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of the sons of the giant."
- **1 Chronicles 20:4:** "And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, that was of the children of the giant: and they were subdued."

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Elhanan slew Lahmi, the brother of Goliath (who seems to have been the son of the **giant** who lived in Gath, and a giant himself).

- **2 Samuel 21:19:** "And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam."
- **1 Chronicles 20:5:** "And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam."

Some **giants** had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.

- **2 Samuel 21:20:** "And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant."
- **1 Chronicles 20:6:** "And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot and he also was the son of the giant."

The man who fought against Israel in Gath, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, was also born

to the **giant**. (This seems to mean he was the son of a giant who lived in Gath, and a giant himself.)

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Jonathan (David's nephew) killed a **giant**.

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Four of the sons of the **giant** in Gath (Ishbibenob, Saph, Goliath's brother, and the man with six fingers on each hand) were killed by David and his servants. (This doesn't count Goliath, who would bring the total to five.)

- **2 Samuel 21:22:** "These four were born to the giant in

Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants."

- **1 Chronicles 20:8:** "These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants."

When Benaiah fought the Egyptian **giant**, Benaiah killed him with his own spear.

- **1 Chronicles 11:23:** "And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear."

Giants existed during the days of Job.

- **Job 16:14:** "He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant."

It seems that **giants** could run (which is amazing, given their enormous size).

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The Amorites were exceedingly tall. (They were **giants**.)

- **Amos 2:9:** "Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath."