

RACE, RACES

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

- **Deuteronomy 2:10:** "The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;"

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

- **Deuteronomy 2:20:** "(That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims;"

Haman was willing to commit genocide against an entire **race** of people (the Jews) because a single person didn't show him respect.

- **Esther 3:5-6:** "And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai."

Haman told King Ahasuerus that a certain **race** of people (who he didn't identify) didn't keep the king's laws. (This seems to have been a lie.)

- **Esther 3:8:** "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among

the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them."

The psalmist compared the sun to a strong man who was rejoicing at the prospect of running a **race**.

- **Psalm 19:4-5**: "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race."

God forbids us from favoring people in judgment based on who they are, or what **race** they are. Instead we must execute true justice that's based solely on the facts, and *never* on the characteristics or wealth or status of the person involved.

- **Proverbs 28:21**: "To have respect of persons is not good: for for a piece of bread that man will transgress."

There are those who are stronger than the **race** of mankind. (For example, the angels. God is also infinitely stronger than mankind.)

- **Ecclesiastes 6:10**: "That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he."

Although the human **race** was sinless in the beginning, mankind sought out sin.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:29:** "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

Don't think that just because you're the fastest, that means you'll win the **race**. Instead the outcome of the race is determined by chance.

- **Ecclesiastes 9:11:** "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

We must continue to run the **race** of this life, and seek strength from God so that we don't become weary.

- **Isaiah 40:31:** "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

When Jeremiah asked God about the wicked, the Lord compared him to someone who was running a **race**. God said that if he was already tired when he was running against footmen, how would he handle running against horses? (In other words, God was telling him that things were going to get *much* worse and he needed to prepare for it.)

- **Jeremiah 12:5:** "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in

the swelling of Jordan?"

The day of the Lord (the tribulation) won't be the end of the human **race**. There will be many more generations after it.

- **Joel 2:1-2:** "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations."

In the coming era of peace and righteousness (the millennium), God is going to leave an afflicted and poor **race** of people in the midst of the Jews (which isn't identified). This group will trust in the name of the Lord.

- **Zephaniah 3:12:** "I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD."

There aren't many different **races**. Instead we're all one family. (This is because we're all the descendants of Adam and Eve.)

- **Malachi 2:10:** "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"

One day people will mock those who left the faith as starting a **race** but not finishing it.

- **Luke 14:27-29:** "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,"

We must run the **race** of this life so that we may obtain the prize, because not everyone will receive a reward. (One day God will give rewards to Christians who faithfully served Him, while those who didn't will receive no reward. Although faithless and carnal Christians won't lose their salvation, they will fail to be given a crown.)

- **1 Corinthians 9:24-25:** "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

The people of this world run **races** to win a crown, but the prize they receive is temporary. It doesn't last forever.

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Christians are running a **race** to win an incorruptible crown. The reward that we're after is eternal.

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mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

We must run the **race** of this life (which God has set before us) with certainty, not with uncertainty or doubt.

- **1 Corinthians 9:26:** "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:"

Paul viewed Christianity as a **race** that we run until the Lord Jesus appears. At that point the race is over and our work is done.

- **Philippians 1:10:** "That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ."
- **Philippians 2:16:** "Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

Paul didn't want to act as if he had already obtained the resurrection (and become lazy and carnal). Instead he wanted to keep running the **race** that God had set before him and striving to be faithful. (Although we can't lose our salvation, we *can* lose out on Heavenly rewards.)

- **Philippians 3:12:** "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

Paul didn't believe the **race** was over as soon as people

became a Christian. Instead he taught that the race lasts our entire lives. (Our work continues until God calls us home.)

- **Philippians 3:13-14:** "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul didn't want to give any attention to who he used to be. Instead he wanted to focus on the **race** that was still ahead of him.

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Regardless of whatever we've already attained, we need to press on. We can't stop running the **race** that God has set before us.

- **Philippians 3:14-16:** "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

God is going to treat each person exactly as he deserves, regardless of their **race** or status.

- **Colossians 3:25:** "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."

It's wrong to show partiality to a person based on their **race**, or financial status, or fame. The church must never show partiality.

- **1 Timothy 5:21:** "I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

We must strive to serve the Lord and walk in His ways. Paul wants us to work for the reward that God has promised to those who faithfully serve Him, and to live the Christian walk the way a person runs a **race**.

- **2 Timothy 2:3, 5:** "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ... And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

We must fight the good fight. We must finish the **race** that God has set before us and keep the faith, even if it means afflictions or death.

- **2 Timothy 4:7-8:** "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Since we're surrounded by many witnesses, we must run the **race** that God has set before us.

- **Hebrews 12:1:** "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

We must keep running the **race** that God has set before us. We must not become weary and give up.

- **Hebrews 12:1, 3:** "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ... For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

The four angels, who were bound in the Euphrates river, were prepared to kill a third of the human **race**. (Specifically, they were going to kill a third of the people who will still be alive when the sixth angel sounds. A great many people will die before that tribulation judgment.)

- **Revelation 9:14-15:** "Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

After the sixth angel sounds (during the tribulation), an army of 200 million demons will kill a third of the human **race**.

- **Revelation 9:16-18:** "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths."

During the tribulation, the human **race** continued to worship idols and devils even after demons killed a third of all living people.

- **Revelation 9:18, 20:** "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. ... And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:"