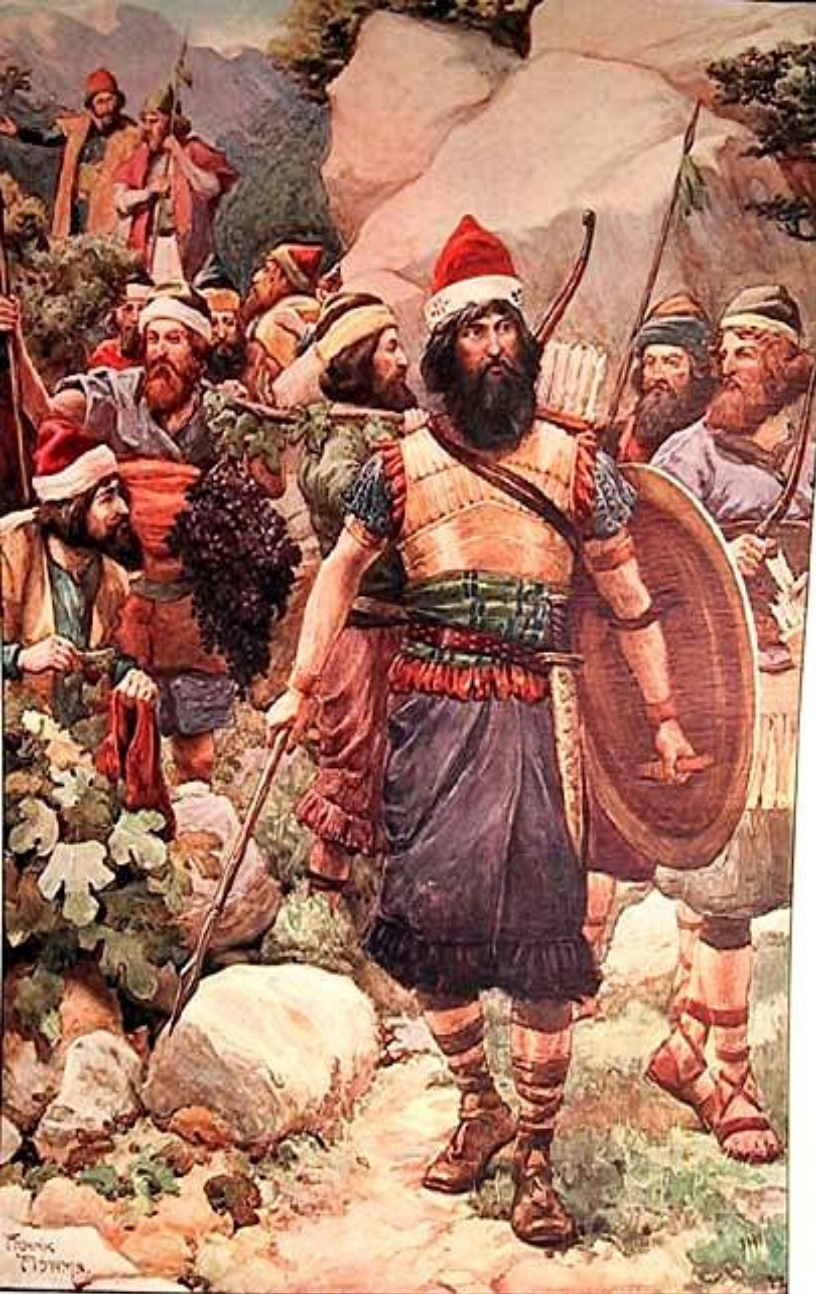


DEUTERONOMY: MOSES' SERMON TO THE PEOPLE

- Most of Deuteronomy is divine inspiration, not divine oracle
- Deuteronomy just as trustworthy as the first 4 books of Torah
- Israel gone from Egypt for 39 years, 11 months
- Moses is speaking TO the 2nd generation ABOUT the 1st generation of the Exodus



NEW INFO ABOUT THE 12 SCOUTS

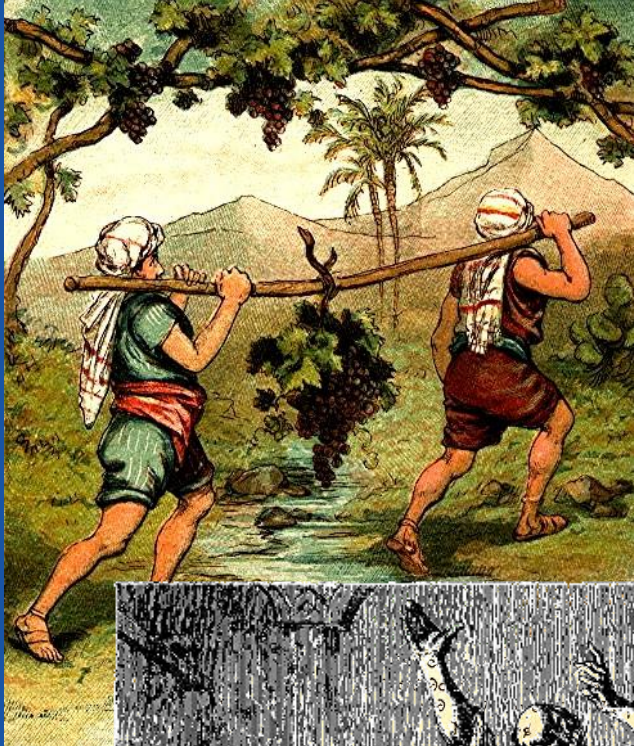


- In Deuteronomy Moses says he ordered the Holy War to begin at Kadesh-Barnea but the people balked
- Moses appears to have succumbed to the will of the people
- The leadership council cautioned Moses to be wary and he accepted their council

THE IMPORTANCE OF TENSES

- BIBLICAL Hebrew does NOT have past, present, and future tenses
- In Biblical Hebrew the “tenses” are Perfect and Imperfect
- Our modern tenses place an action in TIME
- The Hebrew “tenses” denotes the STATE of the action
- Vs. 20 “...the Lord is giving...”
- The Hebrew “tenses” indicate whether an action is completed or it is ongoing
- Most Bible prophecies are not so much about present or future, as about the ongoing PROCESS

“THE PEOPLE” = THE LEADERSHIP



- The Lord commanded Israel to go up to battle, the “people” said NO!
- The Leadership Council is representative of the general population
- Ordinary citizens had little choice in what their leaders decided
- BUT...the Lord held both the leaders and the citizenry accountable for this rebellion
- In a democratic society we are even MORE accountable than were the Israelites
- NATIONS will be judged according to leaders’ decisions

“..NOW we'll go up and fight...”



- The Leadership reconsidered and said they would fight
- Yehoveh said “DO NOT GO!!”
- Israel went anyway and were defeated by the Amorites
- 1) Lord commands Israel to take the Promised Land
- 2) People hesitate
- 3) People decide to evaluate the situation on their own
- 4) They choose to DISAGREE with God
- 5) Yehoveh declares this as rebellion, pronounces judgment
- 6) People repent and decide to go ahead and fight
- 7) God says “NO!” The time has passed. The judgment stands!

OPPORTUNITY LOST

- Not always possible to recoup an opportunity lost by failure of faith
- There comes a time for an UN-Believer when the offer of Salvation is rescinded
- There comes a time for a Believer when sitting on the sidelines becomes a permanent condition
- The Israelites were NOT allowed to go into the Promised Land, NO MATTER how repentant they were!



DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 2



- Deut. 2 is about the RESULTS of the rebellion of Deut. 1
- A death sentence for all Hebrew age 20 and older
- Chapter 2 is a CONTRAST of Chapter 1
- 1st generation rebelled.....2nd generation obeyed
- 1st generation sent south.....2nd generation sent north
- 1st generation to die in desert....2nd generation to live in Canaan

PEOPLE ISRAEL ARE TO AVOID

- The listed nations are NOT to be part of the Promised Land
- The current occupiers were connected to Israel through Jacob and Abraham
- True Biblical Holy War was NOT about conversion, it was about LAND!





EDOM

- Edom = Esau, Jacob's twin brother
- Israel was NOT to alarm Edom and thereby cause them to fight

MOAB

- Descendants of Lot, Abraham's nephew
- God gave these lands to Edom and Moab so Israel was NOT to try and take them

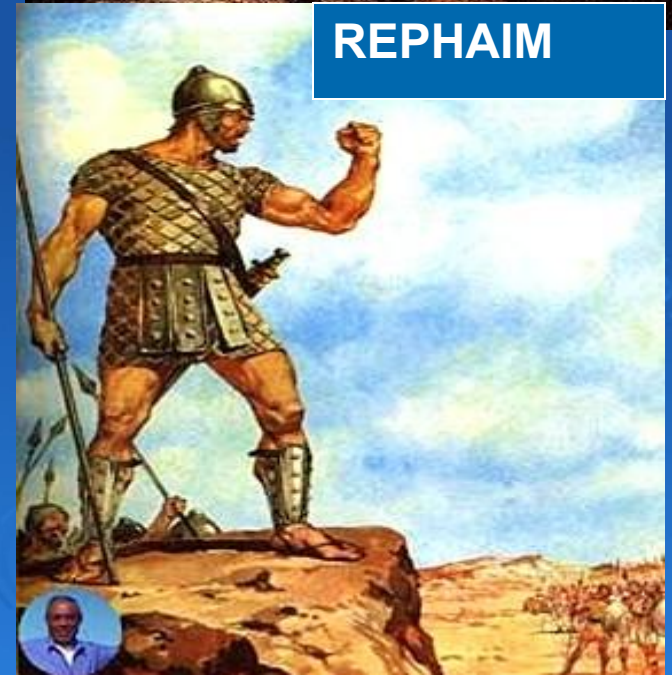
THE REPHAIM

- People called “Emim” used to inhabit Moab
- These people were “Rephaim”
- Descendants of Lot moved into ALREADY occupied lands
- Rephaim = post-flood version of the Nephilim
- A Mystery: some see these giants as a mixture of fallen angels with human women
- Others see them as intermarriage between line of Seth and line of Cain
- Egyptian records report finding human skeletons over 9 feet tall in this exact area!

NEPHILIM



REPHAIM





➤ Edom formerly occupied by the Horites

➤ AMMON

➤ Descendants of Lot

➤ Israel not to harass Ammon

➤ The people who formerly live in Ammon were the Zamzummim

➤ Also counted as Rephaim

➤ AVVIM

➤ Lived in what is now called Gaza

DEFEAT OF THE AMORITES

- Vs. 24 “Let the Holy War begin!”
- The first group Israel is to fight are the Amorites
- This is because in the “Unholy” war of rebellion, the Amorites defeated Israel
- Very similar to God’s Holy War against Pharaoh and Egypt
- King Sihon refused the offer of peace and attacked Israel
- Holy War is a war led BY God, not a war “in God’s name”
- The Law of Herem is central in true Holy War
- Jihad is NOT Biblical Holy War!

