

Numbers 21

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21 And when king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he fought against Israel, and took some of them prisoners. (This is the same way that Israel had sent spies into Canaan 40 years earlier- Chapter-13)

²And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

³And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah. (Hormah= utter destruction)

⁴And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. (It was a much more difficult route than it would have been going through Edom. The soil was sandy and loose, and there were sandstorms)

⁵And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. (Manna)

⁶And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

⁷Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. (Moses continued to be the intercessor for the people)

⁸And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. (It required an act of faith by the people in order to live)

John-3:14-17 (Jesus would later be lifted up on the cross to give us eternal life)

⁹And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld

the serpent of brass, he lived. In the Apocrypha: Wisdom of Solomon-16:6-7 (The people weren't saved by what they saw, but by God, for their obedience and faith in His Word)

In 2Kings-18:4 (Centuries later, Hezekiah destroyed this brass serpent, because the people started to worship it)

¹⁰ And the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth.

¹¹ And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ijeabarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, toward the sunrising. (On the east side of Moab)

¹² From thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared.

¹³ From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. (Arnon is a river) (coasts = borders)

Deuteronomy-2 &3 (God also forbade Israel from warring against Ammon and Moab because they were descendants of Lot. The Amorites were one of the mightiest tribes of the Canaanites. They had taken this land from Moab many years earlier)

¹⁴ Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, (What he did - This should have been transliterated, not translated. It is the name of an Amorite fortress on the River Arnon. God took it by force and began to lead Israel into the Promised Land) (the book of the wars of the Lord - this was probably a book of Odes; telling of the battles that God won for Israel. It was lost through the ages, in history)

¹⁵ And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab. (Ar was a capital city of a part of Moab)

¹⁶ And from thence they went to Beer: that is the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. (Beer = a well) (Beer is probably the same place as Beer-Elam) Isaiah-15:8

¹⁷ Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

¹⁸ The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the lawgiver, with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah: (Mattanah= gift of God)

¹⁹ And from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth:

²⁰ And from Bamoth in the valley, that is in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon. (Pisgah- this is where Moses will die. From here, you can see the Promised Land) (Jeshimon = face of the desert)

²¹ And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, (Sihon was a Geeber <a giant>, descended from the fallen angels mating with flesh women)

²² Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders. (They are asking to pass through peacefully, on their way to the Promised Land)

²³ And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel.

Deuteronomy-2:30 (God hardened Sihon's heart against Israel. The Amorites were one of the tribes of Canaan that God judged to destruction because they mated with the fallen angels and bore giant half-breed offspring <Geeber>. This happened more than once through the history of Israel) see Jude, see Genesis-6

²⁴ And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong. (God gave them the victory against the Amorites. This land was on the east side of Jordan. It was good pasture land)

²⁵ And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. (Amorites were Canaanites, descended from the Nephilim – the fallen angels) (Reuben, Gad and ½ Manasseh would later settle on this land) see Chapter-32

²⁶ For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

See Judges-11 (This land was taken from Moab by Sihon. Nos in this verse it was taken from Sihon <Amorite king> by Israel. Israel never took any land from Ammon or Moab. In Judges-11, Moab falsely claims that Israel too the land from them)

²⁷ Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Heshbon, let the city of Sihon be built and prepared:

(a song of Israel)

²⁸ For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon: it hath consumed Ar of Moab, and the lords of the high places of Arnon.

²⁹ Woe to thee, Moab! thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: he hath given his sons that escaped, and his daughters, into captivity unto Sihon king of the Amorites. (Chemosh- a god of the Moabites – they sacrificially burned their own children to Chemosh & Molech)

³⁰ We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba.

(end of song)

³¹ Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites.

³² And Moses sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out the Amorites that were there.

³³ And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at edrei. (Og was a giant <a Geeber> – another direct descendant of the Nephilim <the fallen angels>) see Deuteronomy-3:11

³⁴ And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. (God gave Israel the victory)

³⁵ So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land. (Judgment fulfilled)

NOTE: (These are the same giants that they feared when they first went into the Promised Land to spy out the enemy. Here, they easily defeated them with God's help; just as they could have done 40 years earlier – IF they had believed and trusted God. Instead, they had to wander in the desert for 40 years) (If God is with you, no one can stand against you)