

Giants In The Bible



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How Many Giants Were There?

Thousands



12 Individual Named Giants Mentioned in the Bible

RAPHA

Early ancestor of all the giant clans in what became the region of Palestine, which included the Anakites, Emites, and Horites (Deut 2:10-12; 2 Sam 21:16,18,20,22; 1 Chron 20:4,6,8)

ANAK

Father of a clan of giants living southern Canaan (**Num 13:28**)

ARBA

Forefather of Anak and the Anakim (**Josh 15:13; 21:11**)

Honoured as “the greatest man among the Anakites” (**Josh 14:15**)

The Anakite name for Hebron was Kiriath-Arba meaning “City of Arba” (Josh 15:13)

SEPHER

Because Debir was an Anakite city like Hebron (Josh 11:21), and because the former Anakite name for Debir was Kiriath-Sepher meaning “City of Sepher,” it must be that Sepher was the name of another Anakite patriarch like Arba (Josh 15:15)

OG

The king of Bashan identified as the last of “the Rephaites” (**Deut 3:11**)

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Since other giants after Og are also Rephaites, the reference most likely means that Og was the last pure blooded (100%) giant sired by an angel mixing with a human woman (see explanation of the Nephilim)

Bashan where Og ruled is in the region of Mount Hermon, and that according to the book of Enoch is where angels sired the Nephilim

Og is the largest giant mentioned in the Bible—his bed was 13.5 feet long meaning Og was himself about 13 feet tall (**Deut 3:11**)

Og with his army attacked the Israelites east of the Jordan in a battle at Edrei while they were still commanded by Moses (**Deut 3:1-11**)

Og was defeated and killed and his territory was assigned to the half-tribe of Manasseh

AHIMAN

A descendant of Arba and Anak who lived in Kiriath-Arba (later named Hebron) when Israel invaded Canaan (**Num 13:22**)

One of 3 giants driven out of Hebron by Caleb (Josh 15:14; Jdg 1:10,20)

SHESHAI

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One of 3 giants driven out of Hebron by Caleb (**Josh 15:14; Jdg 1:10,20**)

TALMAI

A descendant of Arba and Anak who lived in Kiriath-Arba (later named Hebron) when Israel invaded Canaan (**Num 13:22**)

One of 3 giants driven out of Hebron by Caleb— (**Josh 15:14; Jdg 1:10,20**)

GOLIATH The “champion” of the Philistine army opposing the Israelites under Saul (**1 Sam 17:4**)

Was 9 feet tall, wore armour weighing 125 pounds, and spearhead weighed 15 pounds (**1 Sam 17:4-7**)

Was descended from the Anakim giants whom Joshua allowed to survive in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod (**Josh 11:22**)

LAHMI

One of the giants living in Gath

The brother of Goliath

Was killed by one of David’s men named Elhanan son of Jair

Used a spear of similar size to one used by Goliath (**1 Chron 20:5; 2 Sam 21:19**)

ISHBI-BENOB

One of the giants living in Gath with the Philistines in southern Canaan• Was killed by David’s nephew Abishai, son of David’s sister Zeruah, who rescued David when this giant went after David during a battle between the Philistines and Israelites (**2 Sam 21:15-17,22**)

Used a spearhead weighing 7.5 pounds (**2 Sam 21:16**) which was merely half the size of Goliath’s spearhead

SAPH also called SIPPAI

One of the giants subjugated by the Philistines in southern Canaan

Another giant who lived with the Philistines in Gath Was killed by one of David’s men named Sibbichai the Hushathite (**1 Chron 20:4,8; 2 Sam 21:18,22**)

2 Unnamed Individual Giants Mentioned in the Bible

A giant with 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot (**2 Sam 21:20-22; 1 Chron 20:6-8**)

One of the giants subjugated by the Philistines in southern Canaan

Another giant who lived with the Philistines in Gath

Taunted Israel in battle and was killed Jonathan, the son David's brother Shimea

A "huge Egyptian" (**2 Sam 2:21; 1 Chron 11:23**)

Was 7.5 feet tall (**1 Chron 11:23**)

Was killed by Benaiah son of Jehoiada

Benaiah was unarmed but snatched away the Egyptian's own spear and killed him with it.

Families of giants mentioned in the Bible

Families of Anakites living in Hebron and Debir (**Josh 10:36-39; 14:12-15**)

Goliath's family of giants who lived in Gath (**2 Sam 21:19; 1 Chron 20:5**)

At least 3 cities of giants mentioned in the Bible

Anakites giants lived in 3 of their own cities.

These were Hebron (formerly Kiriath-Arba), Debir (formerly Kiriath-Sepher), and Anab

These Anakite cities were located "in the hill country of Judah" (**Josh 11:21**)

Some Anakite giants also resided with the Philistines.

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Philistine cities where Anakite giants resided included Gaza, Gath and Ashdod.

These Philistine cities with Anakite residents were located on the coastal plain below the hill country of Judah (**Josh 11:22**)

Anakite giants of southern Canaan lived in “large cities that have walls up to the sky” (Deut 9:2)

This most likely referred to the Anakite cities of Hebron, Debir, and Anab• May or may not have referred to the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod

5 clans of giants mentioned in the Bible ANAKITES or ANAKIM or SONS OF ANAK

Were Rephaites (**Deut 2:11**) meaning they were giants descended from Rapha, a subgroup descended from the Nephilim.

Were giants descended from the Nephlim (**Num 13:33**)

Were “people of great size” (**Num 13:32**)

Were “stronger and taller” than regular people (**Deut 1:28; 9:2**)

Were all descendants of a giant named Arba (**Josh 15:13; 21:11**)

Were descendants of a giant named Anak who lived in southern Canaan (**Num 13:22,28**)

EMITES or EMIM

Described as “strong and numerous” and “tall as the Anakites” (Deut 2:10)

Were Rephaites (**Gen 14:5; Deut 2:11**) meaning they were giants descended from Rapha, a subgroup descended from the Nephilim, lived east of the Jordan river in a region of Moab (**Gen 14:5; Deut 2:11**)

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Were defeated in Abraham's day by King Chedorlaomer (**Gen 14:5**)

ZAMZUMMITES or ZAMZUMMIM or ZUZITES or ZUZIM

Described as "strong and numerous" and "tall as the Anakites" (**Deut 2:21**)

Were Rephaites (**Gen 14:5; Deut 2:20**) meaning they were giants descended from Rapha, a subgroup descended from the Nephilim. Lived east of the Jordan river in the region of the Ammonites (**Deut 2:20**)

Were defeated in Abraham's day by King Chedorlaomer (**Gen 14:5**)

Were later destroyed by the Ammonites (**Deut 2:21**)

HORITES

Were Rephaites (**Gen 14:5-6**) meaning they were giants descended from Rapha, a subgroup descended from the Nephilim

Lived in the "hill country of Seir" (**Gen 14:6; Deut 2:12**) a region of Edom

Were defeated in Abraham's day by King Chedorlaomer (**Gen 14:5-6**)

Were later destroyed by "the descendants of Esau," the Edomites (**Deut 2:12,22**)

AVVITES

Mentioned only once at the end of a list of Rephaites (**Deut 2:23**)

Lived in the coast land of southern Canaan in villages near Gaza (**Deut 2:23**)

Were destroyed and replaced by the Caphtorites (ancestors of the Philistines who arrived from the island of Cypress / Caphtor) An entire race of giants mentioned in the Bible

NEPHILIM

Race of “renown heros” resulting from the sexual mixing of angels (sons of God) with human women (**Gen 6:2**)

“Heros” in Gen 6:2 were not necessarily good people• Nephilim were “heros” in the same sense that Goliath was called a “hero” of the Philistines (**1 Sam 17:51**)

This resulted in offspring of exceptional size and strength (**Num 13:33**)

This giant race aggravated the exceptional wickedness of men living before the flood and was a factor in God’s decision to “wipe mankind from the face of the earth” by a flood (**Gen 6:5-7**)

Angels continued siring Nephilim with human women even after the flood (**Gen 6:4**) which explains why descendants of the Nephilim resided in Canaan when Israel invaded under Joshua (**Num 13:33**)

According to Jude, Enoch son of Jared, before the flood, in the 7th generation following Adam, stood firm against an explosion of wickedness among men that led to angelic intervention (**Jude 14-15**)

Since the sort of wickedness to which Jude refers required angelic intervention, it may well have concerned the Nephilim.

REPHAITES or REPHAIM or DESCENDANTS OF RAPHA

Initially referred to descendants of an individual giant named Rapha, and then became general term for several giant clans living in the region of Canaan.

Rephaites were Nephilim because the Anakites (a clan of Rephaites) are identified as Nephilim (**Num 13:33**)

Rephaites included the Anakim, the Emim, the Zamzummim, the Horites, and the Avvites

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Were in the region of Canaan during Abraham's day (**Gen 15:20**)

Several Rephaite clans were defeated by King Chedorlaomer in Abraham's day (**Gen 14:5-6**)

Og, King of Bashan, is identified as the last individual "remnant of the Rephaites" (**Deut 3:11**).

But since other giants after Og are also referred to as Rephaites, this reference most likely means that Og was the last pure blooded (100%) giant sired by an angel mixing with a human woman.

Giant Killers Named in the Bible

CHEDORLAOMER, the king of Elam (region of Persia) who defeated several clans of giant people in the region of Canaan during the day of Abraham (**Gen 14:5-6**)

The unknown Israelite who killed Og, the giant king of Bashan (**Deut 3:3**)

CALEB who killed the giants Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi (**Josh 15:14; Jdgs 1:10,20**)

OTHNIEL, Caleb's son-in-law, who killed giants living in Debir (**Josh 15:17; 10:39**)

DAVID who killed the giant Goliath (**1 Sam 17:51**)

BENAIAH SON OF JEHOIADA who killed a "huge Egyptian" who was 7.5 feet tall (**1 Chron 11:23**)

ELHANAN SON OF JAIR who killed the giant Lahmi, brother of Goliath (**2 Sam 21:19; 1 Chron 20:5**)

ABISHAI SON OF ZERUIAH, David's nephew, who killed the giant Ishbi-Benob (**2 Sam 21:16-17**)

SIBBACHAI THE HUSHATHITE who killed the giant either called Saph or Sippai (**2 Sam 21:18; 1 Chron 20:4**)

JONATHAN SON OF SHIMEA, David's nephew, who killed an unnamed giant with 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot (**2 Sam 21:20-21; 1 Chron 20:6-7**)

Regions Where Giants Lived

The "region of Argob" in Bashan ruled by Og the giant king (**Deut 3:4**)

Anakites were scattered throughout the "hill country of Judah and Israel" (**Josh 11:21**)

The main Anakite centres were the cities of Hebron (formerly Kiriath-Arba), Debir (formerly Kiriath-Sepher), and Anab in the hill country of Judah (**Josh 11:21**)

Some Anakites also lived in the coastal plain region with the Philistines in the cities of Gaza, Gath and Ashdod (**Josh 11:22**)

Emim lived east of the Jordan river in a region of Moab (**Gen 14:5; Deut 2:11**)

Zamzummim lived east of the Jordan river in the region of the Ammonites (**Deut 2:20**)

Horites lived below the Dead Sea in the "hill country of Seir" (**Gen 14:6; Deut 2:12**) **A region of Edom**

Avvites lived in the coast land of southern Canaan in villages near Gaza (**Deut 2:23**)

The place where a coalition of eastern kings led by Chedorloamer, king of Elam (in the region of Persia) defeated the combined armies of several giant clans was named Shaveh-Kiriathaim (Wasteland of Kiriathaim). This place is a valley located in the high plain above the Arnon River east of the Dead Sea in the region of Moab (**Gen 14:5**)

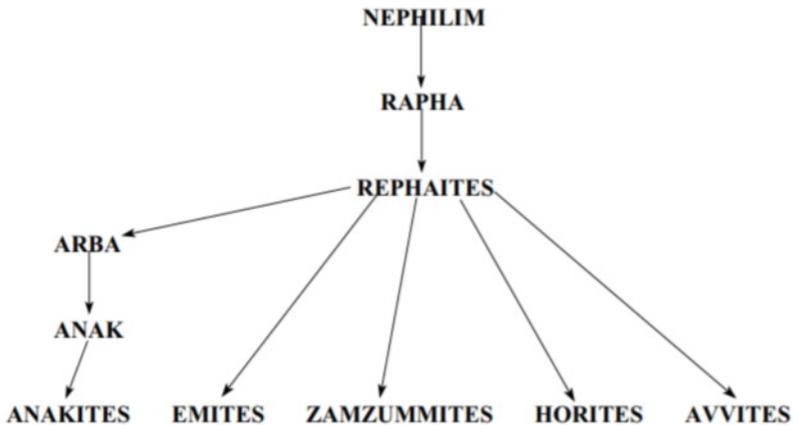
How the Clans of Giant Were Related

Arba was the “forefather of Anak,” the patriarch of the Anakim clan (Josh 15:13; 21:11)

Anakim were descended from the Nephilim (Num 13:33)

Rapha was the early ancestor of all the giant clans living throughout the region of what became Palestine. Giant clans descended from Rapha were referred to as Rephaites and included the Anakites, the Emites, the Zamzummites, the Horites, and the Avvites (**Gen14:5-6; Deut 2:10-12,23; 2 Sam 21:16,18,20,22; 1 Chron 20:4,6,8**)

Since the Anakites were giants descended both from Rapha (**Deut 2:10-11**) and the Nephilim (**Num 13:33**), that means all Rephaites (descendants of Rapha) were descended from the Nephilim. The Nephilim were the original giants (**Gen 6:4**)



Key stories involving giants

A race of giants called Nephilim begin with angels mixing with women not only before but also after the flood. (**Gen 6:1-4**)

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Chedorlaomer, king of Elam (region of Persia), forms a coalition of kings who invade the region of Canaan and defeated several clans of giant people descended from the Nephilim during the day of Abraham (**Gen 14:5-6**)

Spies sent by Moses discover giants (descendants of the Nephilim) living in walled cities in southern Canaan. 10 of the spies conclude that opposing the giants was hopeless, but Caleb and Joshua had faith that God would enable them to overcome (**Num 13:27-33**)

Moses leads Israel in killing Og the giant king of Bashan and defeating his entire army. Israel then takes the land of Bashan at their own (**Deut 3:1-11**)

Caleb drives out and kills all the giants living in Hebron, formally called Kiriath-Arba, (**Josh 10:36-37; 14:12-15**)

Othniel, Caleb's son-in-law, drives out and kills all the giants living in Debir, formerly called Kiriath-Sepher, (**Josh 10:38-39; 15:15-17**)

Joshua destroys all the Anakites except those in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod (**Josh 11:22**)

Philistines destroy the Avvites near Gaza (**Deut 2:23**) and subdue other giant clans in southern Canaan (1 Chron 20:4)

Moabites subdue the Emim living in the region of Moab (Deut 2:11)

Ammonites drive out the Zamzummim living in the region of Ammon (Deut 2:21)

Edomites drive out the Horites living in the region of Edom (**Deut 2:12**)

David kills the giant Goliath (**1 Sam 17:51**)

Benaiah son of Jehoiada kills a 7.5 foot Egyptian (1 Chron 11:23)

Elhanan kills the giant Lahmi (2 Sam 21:19; 1 Chron 20:5)

Abishai kills the giant Ishi-Benob (2 Sam 21:16-17)

Sibbichai kills the giant called Saph or Sippai (2 Sam 21:18; 1 Chron 20:4)

Jonathan son of Shimea kills the unnamed giant with 6 fingers on each hand and 6 toes on each foot (2 Sam 21:20-21; 1 Chron 20:6-7)

Where Did All These Giants Come from?

All giants in the Bible are descended from the Nephilim. The name Nephilim literally means “fallen ones.” The Nephilim came from angels mixing with human women (Gen 6:2), which occurred not only before but also after the flood (Gen 6:4).

Not all theologians agree, but this is the only explanation that explains why their offspring (the Nephilim) would be unusually strong and tall. This is a very ancient interpretation supported by the book of Enoch. Enoch is not part of the Bible, but its reliability is validated by the book of Jude in the Bible which includes a quote taken from the book of Enoch (Jude 14-15)

The book of Enoch records how “in the days of Jared” (who lived before Noah and died just before the flood) angels disobeyed God (defiled themselves) by having sexual relations with women who gave birth to a race of giants called the Nephilim.

The book of Enoch also reports that all this activity involving angels and women (activity giving rise to the Nephilim) took place in the region geographically located near (or on) Mount Hermon just north of Bashan (where the giant Og later reigned as king)

9. This interpretation not only explains the origin of giants in the Bible, but also explains the reference in the New Testament to angels who are now imprisoned waiting judgment because in the days of Noah they “disobeyed” God (1 Pet 3:19) by “not keeping their position” and “leaving their properly assigned place” (Jude 6).

Observations about Giants Mentioned in the Bible

It appears that the race of giants mentioned in the Bible as existing after Noah's flood began in the region of Mount Hermon, east of the Jordan and north of Bashan

Over time, this race of giants evolved into various clannal (tribal) groups some of whom migrated southward east of the Jordan River through the region of Ammon, then to Moab and lastly to Edom (south of the Dead Sea)

Eventually some branches of this giant race migrated across the Jordan River with some settling into the hill country of southern Canaan, and some migrating as far as the coastal plain in the region of Gaza

While these giant descendants of the Nephilim were much larger and stronger than other men and for that reason struck fear in those who opposed them, it also appears they were not especially bright (and were perhaps slow) because they lost to everyone who opposed them—the coalition led by Chedorlaomer, the Philistines, the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Edomites, as well as the Israelites

Over time this race of giants intermarried with non-giants, and king Og of Bashan seems to have been the last of the original race or pure blood descendants of the Nephilim

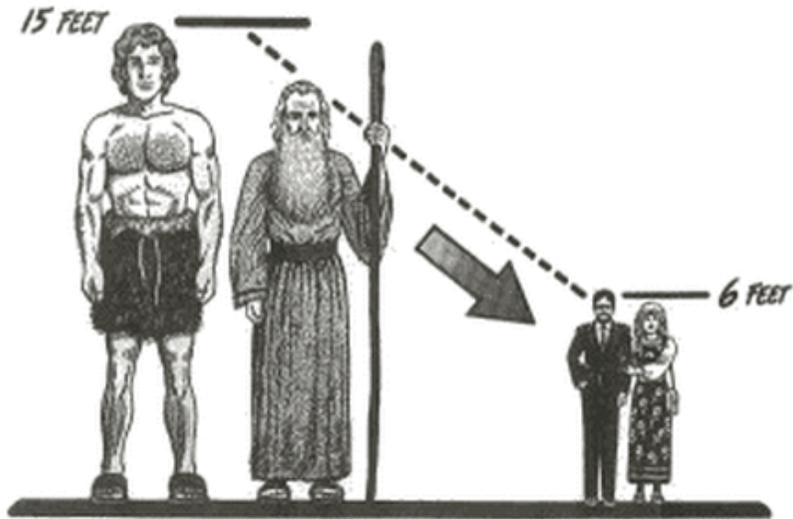
This may also explain why giants in the Bible were growing shorter over time. During the day of Moses, the giant Og was 13 feet tall, but 400 years later in David's day the giant Goliath was just 9 feet tall. And Goliath's younger colleague, Ishbi-Benob, seems to have been weaker than Goliath because he used a spearhead that was only half the size of Goliath's spearhead

The Israelites under Joshua (especially Caleb) destroyed most of the race of giants remaining in the region of Canaan. But they did not destroy all because they left a few who were living in the Philistine cities of Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod

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The giants killed by David and his men about 200 or 300 years later were not 100% pureblood giants (they were mixed blooded) and were the last remaining vestiges of those who were descended from the Nephilim

No giants survived anywhere on earth after David rose to power in about 1005 BC



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