

Bible Geography

The Land of Canaan Genesis & Joshua

- I. The Land of Canaan Before the Time of Joshua
 - A. “Some of the earliest human remains yet discovered come from caves excavated at Mount Carmel” (Pfeiffer, *Baker’s Bible Atlas*, pg. 79).
 - B. The **Rephaim** were early inhabitants of Canaan, Edom, Moab, and Ammon.
 - 1. The word for this group of people (*rapha* or *raphah*) is often translated as “giant” or “giants” in the KJV (17 out of 25 times).
 - 2. The root word seems to mean, “To make strong” – thus, the Rephaim were “strong ones.”
 - 3. Og, king of Bashan, is described as the last of the Rephaim (Deut. 3:11).
 - C. The **Zuzim** dwelt south of the Rephaim and were likely close relatives (cf. Gen. 14:5; Deut. 2:20).
 - D. The **Emim** dwelt south of the Zuzim and were also related (cf. Deut. 2:11).
 - E. The **Horim** (or, Horites) dwelt at Mount Seir (Gen. 36:21-30).
 - F. The **Avim** dwelt west of the mountains of Judea in the lowlands (Deut. 2:23; Josh. 13:2-3).
 - G. The **Anakim** dwelt at Kirjath-arba (Hebron), later mingling with the Philistines (Deut. 1:28; Josh. 11:21-22; 14:15).
 - H. The **Canaanites** lived on the coastal plain south of Mount Carmel.
 - 1. The term “Canaanite” is sometimes used for all the inhabitants of the land of Canaan.
 - 2. However, most of them also have a more localized name.
 - I. The **Philistines** occupied the land on the coast south of the Canaanites (cf. Amos 9:7).
 - J. The **Hittites** (“sons of Heth”) dwelt on the coast north of the Canaanites (cf. Gen. 23; 26:34).
 - K. The **Girgasites** lived just west of the Sea of Galilee (Josh. 24:11).
 - L. The **Hivites** dwelt south of the Girgasites and north of Jerusalem (Gen. 34:2; Josh. 9:3-15).
 - M. The **Perizzites** lived just west of the Hivites (note Ezra 9:1).
 - N. The **Jebusites** lived around what would become the city of Jerusalem (Jud. 19:10; 2 Sam. 5:6-9).
 - O. The **Amorites** dwelt along the western coast of the Dead Sea (Gen. 15:16; Num. 13:29).

Lesson 04

MAP OF CANAANITE NATIONS

