

Deuteronomy 2:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims;

Analysis

The parenthetical note about the Emims—"The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims"—provides historical background on Moab's land. These giants were displaced by Lot's descendants, showing that God had already given Moab their victory over formidable foes, just as He would do for Israel. This establishes that God's power to defeat giants isn't unique to Israel—He sovereignly distributes lands and empowers nations according to His purposes.

Historical Context

The Emims were one of several giant peoples (Rephaim) inhabiting Canaan before being displaced. Like Israel's conquest of the Anakim, Moab's earlier defeat of the Emims demonstrated God's providential control over all nations' histories. This comparative history shows God's justice operates universally, not just within Israel.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's sovereignty over all nations broaden your understanding of His justice?
2. What past 'giants' has God already defeated in your life to bring you to your current position?

Interlinear Text

וְאֶתְנָהָרִים
The Emims therein in times past dwelt a people great and many

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כְּנָצְרָנִים: יְרָמִים
and tall as the Anakims

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Additional Cross-References

Genesis 14:5 (Parallel theme): And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,