

Deuteronomy 2:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

Analysis

The description 'A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims' provides comparative analysis—the Zamzummim were equivalent to the dreaded Anakim that terrified Israel's spies. Yet the statement 'the LORD destroyed them before them' shows God gave Ammon complete victory. This deliberate parallel teaches Israel: just as God destroyed giants for Ammon, He will destroy the Anakim for you. Past precedent builds present faith.

Historical Context

The spies' report in Numbers 13:33 described the Anakim as making Israel seem like grasshoppers by comparison. By showing that Ammon had already defeated equally formidable giants, Moses removed Israel's excuse for fear. If God gave Lot's descendants (non-covenant people) such victories, how much more would He give Abraham's descendants?

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What precedents of God's power can you draw on to strengthen faith for your current challenges?
2. How does knowing God doesn't show favoritism in His power encourage you personally?

Interlinear Text

עַם	גָּדוֹל	וְרַב	וְרַב	כְּעַנְקֵי יָם	וַשְׁמִידָם	יְהוָה
A people	great	and many	and tall	as the Anakims	destroyed	but the LORD
H5971	H1419	H7227	H7311	H6062	H8045	H3068
מִפְנֵיהֶם	וַיִּשְׁכְּוּ	וַיֵּשְׁבוּ	תַּחְתָּם:			
them before	them and they succeeded	them and dwelt				
H6440	H3423	H3427	H8478			