

# Numbers 13:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

## Analysis

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The spies reported three formidable peoples: Amalekites in the south, Hittites and others in the mountains, and Canaanites by the sea. This accurate intelligence identified real obstacles—yet faith in God's promise should have made these details irrelevant. Knowledge of enemies is valuable only when coupled with confidence in God's superior power.

## Historical Context

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The Amalekites had attacked Israel at Rephidim (Exodus 17:8-16), making them known enemies. The Hittites were a major empire of the ancient Near East. The Canaanites controlled coastal regions. These were not phantom threats but genuine military powers—which made God's promise to give Israel the land even more remarkable.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. When does attention to obstacles become an excuse for disobedience?
2. How can you acknowledge real difficulties while trusting God's greater power?

## Interlinear Text

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The Amalekites	dwelt	in the land	of the south	and the Hittites
H6002	H3427	H776	H5045	H2850
וְהִיבוֹס י	וְהָאֱמֹרִי	יֹשֵׁב ב	בְּהַר ר	וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי
and the Jebusites	and the Amorites	dwelt	in the mountains	and the Canaanites
H2983	H567	H3427	H2022	H3669
עַל יֹשֵׁב ב	הַיָּם	וְעַל	יַד	הַיַּרְדֵּן:
dwelt	by the sea	and by the coast	of Jordan	
H3427	H5921 H3220	H5921 H3027	H3383	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 14:43** (Parallel theme): For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you.

**Judges 6:3** (Parallel theme): And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them;