

# Numbers 21:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah.

## Analysis

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The LORD 'delivered up the Canaanites' in response to Israel's vow. Divine intervention secured victory they couldn't achieve alone. The place was named 'Hormah' (destruction/devotion), memorializing God's faithfulness. Naming places after God's acts creates permanent testimony to His intervention. Our lives should be marked by memorial experiences of divine faithfulness.

## Historical Context

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Ironically, an earlier generation had attacked this region presumptuously and been defeated at Hormah (14:45). The same location witnessed both judgment for presumption and victory through faith. Geography carried theological meaning: places of past defeat could become, through faith, locations of triumph.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What places or experiences in your life mark transitions from defeat to victory through faith?
2. How do you memorialize God's faithfulness so future generations know what He has done?

## Interlinear Text

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the Canaanites and they utterly destroyed	H3669 H2763 H853 H853 H5892
and he called the name of the place Hormah	H7121 H8034 H4725 H2767

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 14:45** (Parallel theme): Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah.

**Deuteronomy 1:44** (Parallel theme): And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.