

# Psalm 135:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan:

## Analysis

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Specific enemies are named: 'Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.' Sihon and Og become paradigmatic examples of defeated foes throughout Scripture (Numbers 21:21-35; Deuteronomy 2-3; Joshua 2:10; Nehemiah 9:22). Sihon ruled the territory between the Arnon and Jabbok rivers; Og controlled Bashan in the northern Transjordan, and was remembered as a giant whose iron bedstead measured nine by four cubits (Deuteronomy 3:11). Their defeat opened the way for Israel's entry into the promised land. The phrase 'all the kingdoms of Canaan' summarizes the subsequent conquest under Joshua. These victories were not Israel's achievement but God's gift. Each name recalled a specific story of divine deliverance, encouraging worshipers to trust the same God for present challenges.

## Historical Context

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Sihon and Og's defeats occurred during Moses' leadership, just before the Jordan crossing (Numbers 21). Their territories became the inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh. Ancient Israel rehearsed these victories regularly in worship; they appear in Deuteronomy's review, Joshua's speeches, Nehemiah's prayer, and multiple psalms (136:19-20).

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's defeat of powerful kings demonstrate His sovereignty over human rulers?
2. What does this verse teach about God's protection of His people?

## Interlinear Text

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Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan H3605  
H5511 H4428 H567 H5747 H4428 H1316

מֶלֶךְ וְתַּכְתּוּן:  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan  
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