

## THE PHILISTINE - PALESTINIAN CONNECTION

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Following are excerpts taken from various of my articles, which show the historical link between the ancient Philistines, who were the enemies of the Israelites, and the modern-day Palestinians, who are likewise the foes of the Jews, or Israelis:

From "Nephilim: The Giants Of Genesis":

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Arba, or Hebron, later became King David's headquarters who was an ancestor of Jesus himself. Even back then, God was preparing Israel for the arrival of their King and Saviour of the world. In our current day, Hebron has once again grabbed the headlines and world attention in a big way as the Jews and Palestinians negotiate over this very town. Since the beginning of time, Israel, and Jerusalem in particular, has played a very important role in world history, and in God's ultimate plan. The spiritual war revealed in the Garden of Eden, later heightened by the arrival of the Nephilim, has been going on ever since . . . and the Bible tells us that it will end in the very area of the world where it began!

Notice also that in Joshua 15:13 and 21:11 we are informed that the father of Anak was Arba. It was a usual occurrence to name a city after a personage, just as it is today. Upon conquering Arba, they renamed it Hebron (or Hebron). I don't have any further information on Arba, but it would be interesting to find out how the sons of Anak, the Anakims, came to possess it to begin with after Abraham's days. There must be some close connection there. What is interesting is that Arbah is very close to the name Abraham -- and in Aramaic, "Abba" means father -- and Abraham was the father

of the Hebrews, having himself descended from Heber, as I point out in the article entitled "One From Beyond: Hebrew of Hebrews". Could it be that the city was initially named after Abraham when he sojourned there, and that Anak's father acquired his name of Arba because he was born in the town of that name? I really have no resources to verify this theory.

Contrary to what one might think, in spite of this conquest of what later became known as Hebron, this is not the last we hear of these evil giants. Even after this victory by Joshua, Caleb and the rest, the Anakims still had a stronghold; and this is also very significant as it is also a place which is currently a part of the whole Israeli-Palestinian problem:

"There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained."

Joshua 11:22, KJV

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Whatever the case may be, this is one powerful event which follows the destruction of the Anakim, who are just one group of giants who are mentioned in the Bible. As stated previously, I find it quite interesting that two areas of Israel which were once under the domination of the Philistine giants, the Anakim -- that is, Gaza and Hebron -- are today once again the subjects of war, violence and international diplomacy. Could this be symbolic of the greater spiritual war which is going on? If these Nephilim, and Anakim, or anunnaki, are indeed related to each other in some way, could it be that they are once again preparing for war to try to stop the rightful heir of David from coming back to Earth to claim His own? It is certainly a sobering thought to consider.

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In "The Kings of the North and the South", I also mention how the Philistines were already in the land of Israel -- before it was ever called Israel -- long before Abraham arrived. Here is an excerpt from that article:

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It is in this same chapter that Abraham has problems with Abimelech, the king of the Philistines, when Abimelech's servants steal a water well which had been dug by Abraham's servants. They come to an agreement, and Abraham calls the place Beersheba:

"Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there they swore both of them."

Genesis 21:31, KJV

Some of these wells were eventually filled in with dirt by the trouble-making Philistines until the servants of Isaac re-discovered them:

"For all the wells which his father's servants had digged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth . . . And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water. And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day."

Genesis 26:15, 32-33, KJV

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As we are told at the very end of the chapter, Abraham dwelt in the land of the Philistines for many days:

"And Abraham sojourned in the Philistines' land many days."

Genesis 21:34, KJV

In my article "What Is Wrong With Modern America?", I also share some verses which show how during the Babylonian invasion, the Jews of Jerusalem also fell prey to the daughters, probably meaning "villages" -- from the Hebrew word "bath" -- of the Philistines. Consider this verse:

"Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way."

Ezekiel 16:27 KJV

Remember; the Romans named Palestine after the enemies of the Jewish people, possibly as a form of ridicule to the people they oppressed.

I hope that you have found this information interesting, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life. If you have enjoyed reading it, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter or Google+, I would also very much appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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Palestinian Suicide Bombers and Middle East Peace  
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