

THE NATIONS EXPELLED

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REFERENCES USED IN THIS PUBLICATION

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- **King James Version** (KJV) references are used throughout this publication unless otherwise noted.
- **Revised Version** (RV) (or English Revised Version) of the Bible is a late 19th-century British revision of the King James Version of 1611. It was the first and remains the only officially authorized and recognized revision of the King James Bible.
- **Wuest**: Kenneth Samuel Wuest (1893–1962) was a noted New Testament Greek (Κοινή) scholar of the mid-20th century...produced his own English translation of the New Testament (the Wuest Expanded Translation – abbreviated WET) based on Nestle's critical text.

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"When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; and when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them, thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them." [Deu.7:1-2]

How relentless, against the flesh, is God's will and Word.

"Neither shalt thou make marriages with them, thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. But thus shall ye deal with them, ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. For thou art an holy people unto thy Lord thy God." [Deu.7:3-6a]

They were not holy in themselves, understand, but holy unto the Lord; that is a people separated unto the Lord for His use and glory.

"The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." [Deu.7:6b]

How wonderful **that is, "a special people."** Well, that is just what the saints are today. The Lord has chosen them to be a special people unto Himself above all people of the earth, to love Him with all their heart, and to serve Him with all their Spirit-endued might.

Comment [JLW1]: Are some words missing here?

"The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor chose, you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people; But because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generation." [Deu.7:6b7-9]

The land to which Moses refers here was the land of Canaan. When God called Abraham out of the land of the Chaldeans, and sent him to a land which He should give him, Paul tells us that **"he went out, not knowing whither he went"** [Heb.11:8]. He just took his baggage and started, by faith, in God's call and command; nor did he have a friend to whom he could telephone for help if he might be stranded. Indeed, faith is never stranded, though it may be tested. He went out by faith, because he obtained his orders from the sky. Hence, the responsibility was upon God.

Now, I read here about God's love for Israel, because of His love to the fathers: First Abraham, then Isaac, and Jacob. After they came out of Egypt, they were to travel toward the land of Canaan. These were the instructions which Israel should observe after they reached the land of Canaan. These instructions were given to them shortly before the end of their 4th years in the wilderness. They were to drive out of the land of Canaan the 7 nations then dwelling there. God had set apart that country for Himself and for a people whom He had set apart for Himself. By faith in God, they were to drive them out; not all at once, but gradually as Deuteronomy 7:22 reads:

"and the Lord thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee."

"By little and little" ~~not~~ does not mean little nations, but one nation at a time, or perhaps part of a nation at time. The Lord Himself was going to do it; they were only to believe.

THE SPIRITUAL SETTING

The land of Canaan spiritually represents the heavenlies, or heavenly places, mentioned in Ephesians. Israel in Canaan speaks of believers in the heavenlies in Christ. Christians do not all know this truth. Comparatively few know by the Scriptures that all believers during this age were provisionally raised up with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenlies when He ascended on high. Therefore, they only, who lay hold of that place by faith, act and talk as if they were seated there.

This especially do I wish you to see that the above named 7 nations representatively are in every man. Yes, they are in believers also and must be driven out. They only, who take their place in the heavenlies, discover that those nations are in them. They only learn the real and full character of the old man. No one can know himself except by knowing the Lord. In the new birth, we begin to learn what God has made us to be in the new creation. Then in Christ, we learn also the old creation. As we contend for our blood-bought rights in the heavenlies, in Christ, the Spirit shows up to us the traits of the old man, as represented by those 7 nations. Those traits must be conquered. Those nations must all be driven out of our lives. Christ must reign supreme, without a rival, within us. From every viewpoint, the old creation must be kept powerless in our individual experiences.

1. THE HITTITES

Now, I want you to look at the meaning of these names. The first one in the line is the **Hittites**, which means, "*the sons of the terrible one*." They were the descendants of **Heth** ("*the awe-inspiring*"). They inhabited the mountainous country of Judah. These 7 nations are mentioned several times in the scriptures but never in the same order. Likewise, the traits they represent are not manifested the same in every individual. One appears first in one person and another in another person. The Hittites speak of the strong old man. By his self-sufficiency, he puts a fear on others. Saints in whom this trait is prominent make others feel their littleness and uselessness. The power of Christ in them is obscured (hindered) by their natural strength of will. They lord it over others, though often in a lovely manner. They are vigorous, undaunted, and unconquerable. Before the Life of Christ can be developed fully in them, they must be broken, subdued, melted, and made to feel their dependence upon the Lord. Beloved, if the Hittite is manifest in you, lay siege against him. Treat him as God treats him. Count him dead and out. Say, "CHRIST IS MY STRENGTH. I REFUSE MY NATURAL STRENGTH. I REFUSE TO DEPEND UPON MY GIFTS." By and by, you will find the living, lovely, gentle Jesus standing forth and shining out through what you are naturally. Others will behold the Mighty Christ in you and be drawn to Him.

2. THE GIRGASHITES

Their name means "*strangers drawing near*." In relation to the preceding (the Hittites), these suggest deceit and subtlety. Some people, though they are saved, are deceitful. They are not aboveboard but concealed. They hide their real selves and their purposes, which are revealed afterwards. When talking with them, one feels that there is something behind the curtain. The Girgashite ("*deceitfulness*") is about the worst fellow in the land. He is very dangerous to other people. If a person is frank and open with me, I am not afraid of him. What he says may jar on me and tend to ruffle my feathers; but, I understand him and have no fear that he will stab me when my back is turned.

Thank God! We may be delivered from the Girgashites, from all forms of deceit. Associate this fellow with the old creation, and leave him there. Fill up on God's Word of faithfulness and

straightforwardness. Take Jesus Christ for your sincerity. We can so feed on Him that we will never flatter people, nor fawn over them to their faces and then slander them when they are absent from us. By God's grace, we can say what we mean and mean what we say. Christ in us will make us to be what we claim and seem to be, and keep us from appearing to be what we are not. Christ will always be to the front.

3. THE AMORITES

The word **Amorite** means “*mountaineers*” or “*talkers*.” They represent blatant infidels, who imagine that they are above everybody else because they are smart enough not to believe that God is. This infidel nature sometimes is manifest in believers. The old man in them is skeptical concerning Bible doctrines and experiences. For example: ~~they~~ **Those** who boast that they do not believe in Divine Healing and in speaking with new tongues, thus class themselves with ~~the~~ **Amorites**. In that respect, they yield to the infidel old creation in them. Likewise, ~~they that~~ **those who** deny an overcoming life give up to the Amorite nature in them and excuse themselves from gaining and sustaining the victory. No nation in the land, no trait in us, grieves the Holy Spirit and wounds the heart of Jesus like unbelief. Jesus “*upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart*” [Mar.16:14], who accepted not the report of His resurrection. To 2 others Jesus exclaimed, “*O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken*” [Luk.24:25]. This Amorite attitude of Israel made it impossible for many of them to enter Canaan (see Heb.3:8-11, 19). The same is true today.

Sad it is, but true: many saints yield to this Amorite brood and are hindered continually from enjoying the products of Christ's death. Some are bold in declaring their skepticism. They talk loudly against their own blood-bought interests. What little faith they have is hidden.

O, beloved, search the Scriptures. Read and ponder the lives of Bible characters. Fill up on the truth. Believe God's Word. Then, the Amorite in you will decamp. He will be driven out. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world and every foe in the land. Keep your feet upon the necks of all the tribes of the Amorites and you will easily and speedily drive out all the other inhabitants. Christ will be to the fore indeed, “*Christ in you, the hope of glory*” [Col.1:27].

4. THE CANAANITES

Their name means “*merchantmen*,” and stands for business in the Christian life. Some people are all business from the cradle. I have seen 6-year-old girls have pin stores, and boys have popcorn and lemonade stands on street corners. As they grow older, this trait develops in them. Now, this nation of traffickers is a common one in most all believers. Everybody is so accustomed to the Canaanites that their subtle power is scarcely recognized. They talk like this:

- “Why, we must live.”
- “We have to work to keep the wolf from the door.”
- “We must lay up for a wet day.”
- “I have a family to support and educate.”
- Etc.

This trafficking trait seizes such deep hold on saints that they neglect the Bible and worship. They lose interest in Divine Things. Some saints “*are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to perfection*” [Luk.8:14].

My friends, let us drive out the Canaanites or they will drive us out. What does Paul say of them? **“The love of money is the root of all evil”** [1Ti.6:10]. Drive out this carnal love by filling up on God’s dear Word. Beloved, **“if riches increase, set not your heart upon them”** [Psa.62:10]. Believe what the Scriptures say about material wealth. **“They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare”** [1Ti.4:9]. Jesus said, **“Lay NOT up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal”** [Mat.6:19]; and yet Christian people are doing that very thing every day. Oh, rather, **“Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal”** [Mat.6:20]. Heed the latter (**treasure in heaven**) and you will hold the victory over the trafficker. The merchantman in you will do business for God and His glory. For the good of your fellowmen, take Christ to occupy them in you and control them.

5. THE PERIZZITES

Perizzite means “rustics” or “country folk.” They stand for the common people, ~~for~~ those who are rude, rough, and unpolished. As the Amorites might consider themselves high born, so the Perizzites speak of the low born and poor. Paul wrote:

“Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble (or high born) are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base (or low born) things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.” [1Co.1:26-28]

He has not chosen the latter because these classes are of any more use to Him than the wise and high born; but, because they feel their need and yield to God more readily. God does not put a premium on weakness, ignorance, poverty, rudeness, etc.; but He can get into such lives because they feel the need of some mighty power outside of themselves. When the rich and wise and noble have a deep sense of need they too turn to the Lord. Both these conditions are enemies in the holy land; hence, they must be driven out.

Comment [JLW2]: This comparison seems a bit “hidden” due to the wording.

God be praised! He can turn the Perizzite condition into great usefulness for His glory. Christ will come and be our strength. Really, there is no excuse for further weakness with such a resourceful Head as ours. Christ will turn our natural rudeness into supernatural refinement. He will make the rugged, rocky hilltop and swampy lowland, fertile and beautiful.

“The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose...In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool...Sorrow and signing (because of barrenness) shall flee away.” [Isa.35:1, 6-7, 10]

This should comfort those of you who seem to have a small place and are of little use; who feel that you have no testimony and perhaps have little or no money to give. Maybe you are a widow with several dependent children, or a wife whose husband is a poor provider or who would hinder you from going on with the Lord. You feel like you were living up in the backwoods away from all other saints. Believe and rejoice; for God will turn your waste howling wilderness into beauty, fruitfulness, and glory for you.

6. THE HIVITES

The **Hivites** (“showers of life”) are named next. They speak of those commonly called high livers. Some Christians are hindered from growing in grace, and from usefulness in the Church, by the **“pleasures of this life”** [Luk.8:14]. Paul says, **“Whose God is their belly”** [Phi.3:19]. They live to eat, or dress well, or take pleasure trips, or go sight-seeing, or visit the mountains, etc.

In a word, they live for themselves. They have no time for worship, no energy to serve others, no means to contribute to the Gospel because they spend all on their own carnal interest. This nation must be driven out. Though at first reading the precious Word may seem irksome, it is the chief weapon against this foe. Reading will lead to praise and prayer, and soon the power of the Hivites will be broken. If we do not oust these fellows, they will dry us up entirely. ***"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live"*** [Rom.8:13].

Often the Hivites wear a religious garb. They are not content with "men of low estate" in Christian work. They mind ***"high things"***. They become wise in their ***"own conceits"*** [Rom.12:16]. They despise a little mission hall, where a few poor saints meet to worship God and learn His Word. They clamor for the crowds. They want visible results rather than the will of God. They live high, attract the public by dramatic methods, and swell out with operatic music. "SHOWERS OF LIFE" is their motto. "REACH THE MASSES" is their slogan; no matter how it is done nor how much truth is squashed. Apparently, they are living for God, and some good is done, for God blesses His Word for its own sake; but 90 percent of their spectacular efforts are for their own glory. A name and fame, by fleshly gain, is the motive.

At first, these Hivites are ***"little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes"*** [SSg.2:15]. Well for us if we begin to drive out the small fellows as soon as they appear. Jeremiah said to his stenographer, ***"O Baruch (name means "blessed") ...seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord"*** [Jer.45:2, 5]. Unfortunately for some Hivite high-flyers, they never do judge and drive out this enemy. Therefore, God's providence exclaims, ***"Zacchaeus...come down"*** [Luk.19:5]. Their eagle wings are clipped. Their fame turns to shame or they end in oblivion. Let us be ***"casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"*** [2Co.10:5-6]. Drive out the high-livers, whether in the natural or spiritual, and bar the door against them forever.

7. THE JEBUSITES

The **Jebusites** (***"the trodden down ones"***) appear last. They dwelt mainly around Jerusalem till the time of David. Jebus, their chief city, was afterwards called Jerusalem. The Jebusites had their feet upon the throne ground of God's kingdom over Israel. Hence, they were ***"hated of David's soul"***; who, when he became king, smote them and took possession of the city of Jebus [2Sa.5:6-9]. Thus they became trodden down.

Spiritually, Jebus speaks of our will not fully surrendered to the Lord, and the Jebusites suggest the dominion of our self-life. Christ must have the throne. It belongs to Him. **Jerusalem** means ***"founded in peace."*** Likewise, there can be no perfect peace in our breasts except as we yield our wills absolutely to Jesus Christ. Let Him tread down the Jebus in us, and each of us will be a little Jerusalem where Christ reigns supreme. Now, it is no accident that this trait is named last. Only as we keep the Jebusites down, by holding Christ as our Head, will we succeed in driving out all the other nations. Our will must be His throne. He conquers in us from the throne city out, and puts down every surrounding foe.

CONCEALED ENEMIES

"Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed." [Deu.7:20]

Joshua left the Canaanites and Hivites in the land, because Israel did not take the required steps to expel them. Then there seemed to be hidden in the land 5 Philistine lords, which speak of the power of formalism; and the **Sidonians** (*"fortified ones,"*) which suggest some unconquerable habits, so common as not to be noticed or considered of little consequence.

The Canaanites, or traffickers, and the Hivites, the high-livers, seem to be the most stubborn and cunning, especially in religious things. Jesus said, **"Make not My Father's house an house of merchandise"**—with which Peter agrees (see **2Pe.2:3**). But the Lord insists that they be expelled, as well as the concealed ones. Therefore, we are visited by a hornet horde. The stings of Satan are let loose against us. We experience real flaunts of the devil. We find out that there actually is a devil and we become acquainted with him. Thus, we also come to know the deepest, most hidden, and subtle condition of the old creation.

- Perhaps a sweet, amiable disposition suddenly gives way to anger and impatience. Perhaps our supposed liberality is found to fall far short of God's will.
- Perhaps our zeal to earn money for the Lord only proves to be toiling to enlarge our own bank account.
- We suddenly find that natural pleasures, or religious voluptuousness, are sapping our spirituality. We are growing lean in our souls and wist it not.
- Formality is stealing a march on us.
- We are suddenly surprised and horrified at the hidden foe lodged in the basement, or garret.

The hornet of the Lord is on the scene, driving out the last inhabitant of the last lingering nation. It is because Paul has bowed the knee in prayer for us, that we might **"know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God"** [Eph.3:19].

Before going to bed, read Ephesians 3:14-21.

CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." [Isa.28:16]

"Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a Chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." [1Pe.2:6]

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