

Q1: Who were Nephilim?

Fellowship:

In the land of the Philistines (Gaza, Gath and Ashdod) during the time of Joshua and in Hebron (probably) there were descendants of the Anak family, their people are mighty.

Joshua 11:22 There was none of the **Anakim (H6062; decendants of Anak)** left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain.

Joshua 14:12 So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day how the **Anakim** were there, with great fortified cities. It may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall **drive them out** just as the LORD said.”

Joshua 14:15 Now the name of **Hebron** formerly was Kiriath-**arba**. (**Arba** was the greatest man among the **Anakim**.) And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15:13 According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-**arba**, that is, **Hebron (Arba** was the father of **Anak)**.

Joshua 15:14 And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of **Anak**, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the descendants of **Anak**.

Joshua 21:11 They gave them Kiriath-**arba (Arba being the father of Anak)**, that is **Hebron**, in the hill country of Judah, along with the pasturelands around it.

Anak descended from Nephilim (the mighty men in Numbers 13)

Numbers 13:21 So they went up and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, near Lebo-hamath.

Numbers 13:22 They went up into the Negeb and came to **Hebron**. Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the descendants of **Anak**, were there. (**Hebron** was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the Nephilim (**the sons of Anak (H6061), who came from the Nephilim**), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

Genesis 6:4 The **Nephilim** were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when **the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them**. These were the **mighty (H1368)** men who were of old, the men of renown.

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Exodus 13:17 When Pharaoh let the people go, **God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near.** For God said, “Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt.”

Exodus 13:18 **But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.** And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

The concern of Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who came from the Nephilim), might be one of the main reasons why God did not lead the Israelites to reach the land of Canaan by way of the land of the Philistines.