

The Rephaim

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Written for the purpose of counteracting the confusion of false pastors, false preachers, false prophets, and false Bible teachers who are promoting confusion with regard to the Rephaim and the Nephilim.
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Rephaim is pronounced as Repha/eem. It could be written as Rephaïm.

The word Raphaim is plural and it is equivalent to Raphaïtes in crooked British/American English.

The study of the Rephaim explains equally who were the Nephilim.

Greek mythology, Kabbalah, Apocrypha, Pseudo-Epigrapha, folk Christian and folk Jewish books claim that the Rephaim are either:

- (1) Demons, or
- (2) Hybrids, offspring of demons and women, or
- (3) Ghosts, or
- (4) Shades of the dead, or
- (5) Spirits of the dead, or
- (6) Ancient race of giants.

All of the six points above are false.



The Bible speaks of the Rephaim

The following verses mention the Rephaim directly or indirectly:

(1) The king of Og was 9 cubits (9 x 1' 5.5" = 13 feet) tall and 4 cubit (4 x 1' 5.5" = 6 feet) wide. He was a huge man.

Deuteronomy 3:11

“For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants (of the Rephaim). Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?)

Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

(2) Sipai the Rephaite was killed.

1 Chronicle 20:4 “Now it happened afterward that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Sippai, who was one of the sons of the giant (a descendant of the Rephaim). And they were subdued.”

(3) A sweet deceiving woman leads men to the Rephaim.

Proverbs 2:16-18

“To deliver you from the immoral woman, from the seductress who flatters with her words, who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

For her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead (to the Rephaim).”

(4) Dead Rephaim do not rise from the dead.

(I) Psalm 88:12

“Shall Your wonders be known in the dark?
And Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?”

(II) Isaiah 26:13-14

“O Lord our God, masters besides You have had dominion over us; but by You only we make mention of Your name.

They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.”

(5) The Rephaim were a nation inhabiting Canaan.

(I) Genesis 14:5

“In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him came and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh Kiriathaim...”

(II) Genesis 15:18-21

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates: the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”

(6) Next verses refer to the Valley of Rephaim which would be either a literal valley or a symbolic valley to mean the valley of death similar to the valley of Hinnom. This would mean the Valley of the dead.

(I) Joshua 15:8

“And the border went up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope of the Jebusite city (which is Jerusalem). The border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley of Rephaim northward.”

(II) Joshua 18:6

“Then the border came down to the end of the mountain that lies before the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in the Valley of the Rephaim on the north, descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite city on the south, and descended to En Rogel.”

(III) 2 Samuel 5:18-19-22

“The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?”

And the Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.”

So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away.

Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim."

(IV) 2 Samuel 23:3

"Then three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim."

(V) 1 Chronicle 11:5

"Now three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim."

(VI) 1 Chronicle 14:9

"Then the Philistines went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim."

(VII) Isaiah 17:5

"It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, and reaps the heads with his arm; it shall be as he who gathers heads of grain in the Valley of Rephaim."

From these verses, we conclude that the Bible describes the Rephaim as:

- {1} Big bullies.**
- {2} Giants.**
- {3} Monstrous humans.**
- {4} Violent people.**
- {5} They hate God YHWH.**
- {6} They hate the Hebrews who believe in God YHWH.**
- {7} They terrorized their neighbors and terrorized Israel.**
- {8} They were abusive of people.**

{9} They were hated and feared.

{10} They die.

{11} They do not rise from the dead. This means that they cannot be redeemed. The First Resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20:5-6 refers to the salvation of Christ the Messiah. They have no part in this resurrection. They have no hope of regeneration or salvation.

{12} They are physical humans.

{13} The term Rephaim can be synonymous of the “dead.”

Some sensational Bible teachers pretend that the Nephilim are hybrid race of women with demons (the Watchers). These pretend that the Nephilim are the Rephaim which is false for the following reasons:

(1) Demons (the Watchers) do not have DNA to conjugate with the women's ovi to produce hybrid human babies.

(2) The term Nephilim means “Fallen Ones.” The term “Children of God” refers to the true believers in God YHWH as they are legally adopted as children of God.

(3) The flood of Noah killed every human being (except eight people), thus the Nephilim and the non-believers who existed at the time of Noah were all dead by drowning. Some man-made Apocrypha books pretend that Cain or others entered the Ark of Noah and stowed away. This is a demonic doctrine and it is definitely false.

(4) The Bible does not mention any spiritual origins of the Rephaim as they were merely humans, but with big and huge physical bodies.

(5) The “giant gene” is a normal gene in every human being genomes. The reason why the giant genes are not manifested in everyone has to do with the fact that they are epigenomes. This means that the giant genes are always present as “introns” and not as “exons.” Therefore, it is not manifested as part of the human phenotype. Today you may see giant people in different countries. When a giant person marries a smaller person, the children will be small because the “giant genes” are recessive.

(6) The Rephaim are not demigods. Actually, the Bible is not only warning us but correcting this false doctrine in the following verses:

{1} Isaiah 14:1-23

“For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and settle them in their own land. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the Lord; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and rule over their oppressors.

It shall come to pass in the day the Lord gives you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: “How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!

The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers; he who struck the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted and no one hinders.

**The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing.
Indeed the cypress trees rejoice over you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, ‘Since you were cut down, no woodsman has come up against us.’**

“Hell from beneath is excited about you, to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

They all shall speak and say to you: ‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?

Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.’
“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north (it is possible that it refers to Harmageddon location); I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’
Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit (the Abyss where Satan was locked up until 1927).

“Those who see you will gaze at you, and consider you, saying:
‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world as a wilderness and destroyed its cities, who did not open the house of his prisoners?’
“All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, everyone in his own house; but you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, like the garment of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit, like a corpse trodden underfoot.

You will not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land and slain your people.

The brood of evildoers shall never be named.
Prepare slaughter for his children because of the iniquity of their fathers, lest they rise up and possess the land, and fill the face of the world with cities.”
“For I will rise up against them,” says the Lord of

hosts, “And cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and offspring and posterity,” says the Lord.

“I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and marshes of muddy water, I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,” says the Lord of hosts.”

{2} Ezekiel 28:1-9

“The word of the Lord came to me again, saying,
2“Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, in the midst of the seas,’ yet you are a man, and not a god, though you set your heart as the heart of a god (Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! There is no secret that can be hidden from you! With your wisdom and your understanding you have gained riches for yourself, and gathered gold and silver into your treasuries; by your great wisdom in trade you have increased your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches),” ‘therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Because you have set your heart as the heart of a god, behold, therefore, I will bring strangers against you, the most terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and defile your splendor. They shall throw you down into the Pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the midst of the seas.

“Will you still say before him who slays you, ‘I am a god’?

But you shall be a man, and not a god, in the hand of him who slays you.”



Extra Biblical References

Extra Biblical and Apocryphal material are by nature false although they may contain “grains of truth.”

While extra Biblical references are not absolute or accurate, yet they provide some understanding of how the people thought about the Rephaim.

[1] Ugaritic texts which are found in Ugarit (northern Syria) around the year 2000 B.C. (at the time of Abraham) refer to the Rephaim as:

- (1) Heroes,
- (2) Warriors (war lords),
- (3) Judges whose sentence is executable,
- (4) Kings,
- (5) Demigods who have impressive human physical abilities,
- (6) They are worshiped and honored.

[2] Phoenician Burial Inscriptions from the time of Abraham are similar to the Ugaritic texts. They describe the Rephaim as:

- (1) When the Rephaim died, they all went together to a specific place in the underworld, i.e., Hades or Gehenna.
- (2) Heroes,
- (3) Warriors (war lords),
- (4) Judges whose sentence is executable,
- (5) Kings,
- (6) Demigods who have impressive human physical abilities,
- (7) Worshiped and honored. (Their cruelty and terror are feared,)
- (8) Healers or physicians,
- (9) Shades of the dead,
- (10) Shades of certain dead people,
- (11) Generals,
- (12) Demons worshiped as gods,
- (13) Fertility idols gods (Teraphim). (This maybe just a homonym),
- (14) Giants or Titans (who are actually demons),
- (15) Ethnic tribe which used to live in Canaan,

Remember, extra Biblical materials do not have the truth although they may have grains of the truth.



- ❖ Today, someone may say that the vicious Vikings were Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious bloody Moslems are Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious bloody Catholic Crusaders are Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious racist British who torture and enslave people are Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious racist Nazi are Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious Communist Chinese who killed millions are Rephaim.
- ❖ The Western Socialists who abuse and murder millions are Rephaim.
- ❖ The Capitalists who destroy millions to make more profit are Rephaim.
- ❖ The vicious medical organizations that kill millions of people every year by false vaccines, poisonous drugs, poisons in the air and food and who enslave people under their legal medical system are Rephaim.
- ❖ And, to top them all, the World Global Government and World Health Organization who are tightening their grip to bring the “son of perdition” into power are the Rephaim.

The Rephaim are ruthless vicious people whose end is death with no resurrection unto salvation. They are humans who hate God. They will rise at the end of time for their judgement and they will be thrown in the Lake of Fire which is destined to their father, the devil.

