

Jebusites in the Bible

Canaan became the father of Sidon his firstborn, and Heth, and the **Jebusites** (Genesis 10.15-16)

On that day YHWH made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the **Jebusites**." (Genesis 15.18-21)

"I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the **Jebusites**." (Exodus 3.8; again, 3.17; 13.5; 22.23; 33.2; 34.1)

The Amalekites live in the land of the Negeb; the Hittites, the **Jebusites**, and the Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live by the sea, and along the Jordan." (Numbers 13.29)

When YHWH your God brings you into the land that you are about to enter and occupy, and he clears away many nations before you--the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the **Jebusites**, seven nations mightier and more numerous than you-- and when YHWH your God gives them over to you and you defeat them, then you must utterly destroy them. Make no covenant with them and show them no mercy. Do not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, for that would turn away your children from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of YHWH would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. But this is how you must deal with them: break down their altars, smash their pillars, hew down their sacred poles, and burn their idols with fire. (Deuteronomy 7.1-5; again, 20.17)

Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and **Jebusites**: the ark of the covenant of YHWH of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. (Joshua 3.10-11; again, 9.1; 11.3; 12.8; 24.11)

the boundary goes up by the valley of the son of Hinnom at the southern slope of the **Jebusites** (that is, Jerusalem); and the boundary goes up to the top of the mountain that lies over against the valley of Hinnom, on the west, at the northern end of the valley of Rephaim (Joshua 15.8; again, 18.16)

But the people of Judah could not drive out the **Jebusites**, the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so the **Jebusites** live with the people of Judah in Jerusalem to this day. (Joshua 15.63)

But the Benjaminites did not drive out the **Jebusites** who lived in Jerusalem; so the **Jebusites** have lived in Jerusalem among the Benjaminites to this day. (Judges 1.21)

So the Israelites lived among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the **Jebusites**; and they took their daughters as wives for themselves, and their own daughters they gave to their sons; and they worshiped their gods. (Judges 3.5-6)

When they were near Jebus, the day was far spent, and the servant said to his master, "Come now, let us turn aside to this city of the **Jebusites**, and spend the night in it." But his master said to him, "We will not turn aside into a city of foreigners, who do not belong to the people of Israel; but we will continue on to Gibeah." (Judges 19.11-12)

The king and his men marched to Jerusalem against the **Jebusites**, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You will not come in here, even the blind and the lame will turn you back"--thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. David had said on that day, "Whoever would strike down the **Jebusites**, let him get up the water shaft to attack the lame and the blind, those whom David hates." Therefore it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." (2 Samuel 5.6-8)

All the people who were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the **Jebusites**, who were not of the people of Israel-- their descendants who were still left in the land, whom the Israelites were unable to destroy completely--these Solomon conscripted for slave labor, and so they are to this day. (1 Kings 9.20-21)

After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, "The people of Israel, the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the **Jebusites**, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and for their sons. Thus the holy seed has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands, and in this faithlessness the officials and leaders have led the way." (Ezra 9.1-2)

I will make an end of the pride of Philistia. I will take away its blood from its mouth, and its abominations from between its teeth; it too shall be a remnant for our God; it shall be like a clan in Judah, and Ekron shall be like the **Jebusites**. (Zechariah 9.6b-7)