

~EMIM (39)
(E'mim) [Frightful Things]

- A tribe or people that dwelt in the territory East of the Dead Sea. They are described as being great, numerous, and tall like the Anakim.
- The **Emim** dwelt in it in former times, a people great and numerous and tall like the Anakim. (**Deuteronomy 2:10**)
- This comparison with the sons of Anak indicates that the **Emim** were giant-like in stature and fierce, for Moses stated to Israel;
- A people great and tall, the sons of Anakim, about whom you yourself have known and you yourself have heard it said; Who can make a firm stand before the sons of Anak? (**Deuteronomy 9:2**)
- The origin of the **Emim** cannot definitely be established, although some think that they were a branch of the Rephaim.
- During the time of Abraham, the Elamite king Chedorlaomer defeated the **Emim** in Shaveh-kiriathaim.
- And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer came, and also the kings who were with him, and they inflicted defeats on the Rephaim in Ashterothkarnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the **Emim** in Shavehkiriathaim. (**Genesis 14:5**)
- The **Emim** apparently continued to dwell in their land East of the Dead Sea for some time after this, as the Bible speaks of them as finally being dispossessed by the Moabites. The Moabites also used the name **Emim** to refer to the Rephaim.
- As for the Rephaim, they also were considered like the Anakim, and the Moabites used to call them **Emim**. (**Deuteronomy 2:11**)