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## THE PHILISTINES AND THE AMORITES

"And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord, and put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare yourselves to serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the children of Israel did according to the word of Samuel, and left the Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only."

(1 Samuel 7:3-4)

In the days of Samuel, the prophet, God spoke to the Israelite nation. God and told them what He expected of them. Samuel proclaimed to the people.

God wanted His people to put away the strange gods (idols) from them to prepare themselves to serve Him alone. God promised Israel out of the hand of their arch enemies, the Philistines, if they followed Him and serve Him only.

God has a promise to give unto His people in this hour. He promises to deliver them from their enemies. He will surely honour His promises and give them victory over their enemies when they follow Him wholeheartedly.

When the children of Israel had put away the idols, Baalim and Ashtaroth, they began to serve the Lord wholly, then He answered their prayers.



## QUOTE

THE ISRAELITES, IN SAMUEL'S TIME WERE VICTORIOUS AGAINST THE PHILISTINES BUT THEY FELT THAT THEIR ENEMIES, THE AMORITES, DIDN'T PRESENT ANY PROBLEM. THIS IS THE EXACT WAY MANY BELIEVERS LIVE.

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to them.

"So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into t  
hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Sam  
the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, fro  
and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the  
peace between Israel and the Amorites.

(1 Sam 7:13-14)

God had promised that He would subdue the Philistines and He  
come near the Israeli coasts. The Philistines represent the evil f  
that come against God's people. The Israelites were victorious  
there was peace between the Israelites and the Amorites. God  
place of rest and peace.

Amorites were one of the tribes in Canaan that Joshua and the i  
conquered and possessed according to the promises of God. Th  
hand, were not from Canaan. The Amorites continued to live in  
land even after Canaan had been conquered by the Israelites. T  
represents our bodies for our bodies are the lands that we are t  
out every enemy, be they Jebusites or Amorites or Perisites tha  
ours. In our lives, Philistines represent the enemy elements tha  
outside, whereas Amorites present a picture of our flesh. The c  
the Philistines but they lived at peace with the Amorites, the ve  
their own lands. The Scripture says, "There was peace between

We often overcome the enemy who attacks us from outside (th  
families etc.) but we fail to achieve victory over the enemy who  
is through the flesh. The personal lives of many believers show  
about the desires of their flesh. It is truly a battle of a spiritual i  
makes this clear in the book of Romans. "*For if ye live after the j  
through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

we are truly led by the Spirit of God, we shall conquer the flesh. death the works of the flesh – and annihilate the so called ‘Amc  
The Israelites, in Samuel’s time were victorious against the Phili  
enemies, the Amorites, didn’t present any problem. This is the  
live. They fail to realize that their flesh contains a dreadful ener  
to wage a battle against their self, the lust of the eye, the lust o  
life. They are content to live at peace with these enemies. Whe  
blaming Satan. We should blame ourselves for not conquering  
our flesh.

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