

Numbers 21:1-3 **Canaanites attack Israel at Mount Hor**

¹ The king of Arad, the Canaanite, who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel was coming on the road to Atharim, then he fought against Israel and took some of them prisoners. ² So Israel made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities." ³ And the LORD listened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites, and they utterly destroyed them and their cities. So the name of that place was called Hormah.
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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The Canaanites are well aware of all that has happened to Israel since the Lord sent plagues against Egypt to bring Israel out of bondage there, because God did not do it in secret but openly and the report of it has spread abroad including to the seven nations God has commanded Israel to destroy, and the Canaanites are listed among that number.
- ✧ When Israel is now on the move after spending 40 years wandering in the wilderness, the Canaanites know that they are on their way to inherit the Promised Land which involves them.
- ✧ Israel has started on the road to Atharim from Kadesh so the Canaanite king of Arad came out to fight against Israel at Mount Hor where God delivered them into the hands of Israel and Israel completely destroyed them and their cities. [\[Numbers 20:22, 21:4\]](#)
- ✧ The place of battle was called Hormah meaning utter destruction and devotion.
- ✧ This is the same place to which the Amalekites, Canaanites, and Amorites had driven defeated Israel 40 years earlier when Israel was sentenced to 40 years in the Wilderness for failing to obey God's command to possess the Promised Land when they first came from Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai). After the sentence was pronounced Israel attempted to go it without God and were defeated and driven back as far as Hormah. [\[Numbers 14:1-45, Deuteronomy 1:19-46\]](#)
- ✧ Now, because the Israelites are trusting in God, they are the victors.