

Ancient texts on Giants and the Watchers

Genesis 6:1–10 (ESV)

¹ When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. ⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹ These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 14:3–6 (ESV)

³ And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴ Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵ In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶ and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness.

Numbers 13:32–33 (ESV)

³² So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. ³³ And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

Deuteronomy 1:28 (ESV)

²⁸ Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”

Deuteronomy 2:10–12 (ESV)

¹⁰ (The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. ¹¹ Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim. ¹² The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the LORD gave to them.)

Deuteronomy 2:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim—²¹ a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place,

Deuteronomy 3:11-14 (ESV)

¹¹ (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)

¹³ The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim. ¹⁴ Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)

Deuteronomy 9:1–3 (ESV)

¹ “Hear, O Israel: you are to cross over the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fortified up to heaven, ² a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, ‘Who can stand before the sons of Anak?’ ³ Know therefore today that he who goes over before you as a consuming fire is the LORD your God. He will destroy them and subdue them before you. So you shall drive them out and make them perish quickly, as the LORD has promised you.

Joshua 11:21–23 (ESV)

²¹ And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua devoted them to destruction with their cities. ²² There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the people of Israel. Only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod did some remain. ²³ So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 14:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath-arba. (Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim.) And the land had rest from war.

Joshua 15:13–15 (ESV)

¹³ According to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua, he gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh a portion among the people of Judah, Kiriath-arba, that is, Hebron (Arba was the father of Anak). ¹⁴ And Caleb drove out from there the three sons of Anak, Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi, the descendants of Anak.

1 Samuel 17:4–7 (ESV)

⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam, and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.

1 Chronicles 20:4–8 (ESV)

⁴ And after this there arose war with the Philistines at Gezer. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Sippai, who was one of the descendants of the giants, and the Philistines were subdued. ⁵ And there was again war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair struck down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam. ⁶ And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand

and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants.⁷ And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, struck him down.⁸ These were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

2 Samuel 21:16–22 (ESV)

¹⁶ And Ishbi-benob, one of the descendants of the giants, whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of bronze, and who was armed with a new sword, thought to kill David.¹⁷ But Abishai the son of Zeruah came to his aid and attacked the Philistine and killed him. Then David's men swore to him, "You shall no longer go out with us to battle, lest you quench the lamp of Israel."

¹⁸ After this there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was one of the descendants of the giants.¹⁹ And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, the Bethlehemite, struck down Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.²⁰ And there was again war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number, and he also was descended from the giants.²¹ And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimei, David's brother, struck him down.²² These four were descended from the giants in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

Isaiah 13:2-3 (LXX)

Lift up a standard on the mountain of the plain, exalt the voice to them, beckon with the hand, open *the gates*, ye rulers.³ I give command, and I bring them: giants are coming to fulfil my wrath, rejoicing at the same time and insulting.¹

Isaiah 14:9–11 (ESV)

⁹ Sheol beneath is stirred up to meet you when you come; it rouses the shades [Rephaim] to greet you, all who were leaders of the earth; it raises from their thrones all who were kings of the nations.¹⁰ All of them will answer and say to you: "You too have become as weak as we! You have become like us!"¹¹ Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, the sound of your harps; maggots are laid as a bed beneath you, and worms are your covers.

Isaiah 49:24-26 (LXX)

²⁴ Will any one take spoils from a giant? and if one should take *a man* captive unjustly, shall he be delivered?²⁵ For thus says the Lord, If one should take a giant captive, he shall take spoils, and he who takes *them* from a mighty *man* shall be delivered: for I will plead thy cause, and I will deliver thy children.²⁶ And they that afflicted thee shall eat their own flesh; and they shall drink their own blood as new wine, and shall be drunken: and all flesh shall perceive that I am the Lord that delivers thee, and that upholds the strength of Jacob.²

Ezekiel 32:18-28 (LXX)

⁸ Son of man, lament over the strength of Egypt, for the nations shall bring down her daughters dead to the depth of the earth, to them that go down to the pit.¹⁹ They shall fall with him in the midst of them *that are* slain with the sword, and all his strength shall perish: the giants also shall

¹ Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton, *The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament Translated into English*, Is 13:2–3 (London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1844).

² Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton, *The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament Translated into English*, Is 49:24–26 (London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1844).

say to thee,²⁰ Be thou in the depth of the pit: to whom art thou superior? yea, go down, and lie with the uncircumcised,²¹ in the midst of them *that are* slain with the sword.²² There are Assur and all his company: all *his* slain have been laid there:²³ and their burial is in the depth of the pit...³

²⁶ There were laid Mosoch, and Thobel, and all his strength round about his tomb: all his slain men, all the uncircumcised, slain with the sword, who caused their fear to be in the land of the living.²⁷ And they are laid with the giants that fell of old, who went down to Hades with *their* weapons of war: and they laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities were upon their bones, because they terrified all men during their life.²⁸ And thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that have been slain by the sword.⁴

Amos 2:9 (ESV)

⁹ “Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars and who was as strong as the oaks; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.

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Jude 6–15 (ESV)

⁶ **And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.** ⁸ Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. ⁹ But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” ¹⁰ But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. ¹¹ Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam’s error and perished in Korah’s rebellion. ¹² These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted; ¹³ wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever. ¹⁴ It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

2 Peter 2:4–7 (ESV)

⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; ⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he

³ Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton, *The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament Translated into English*, Eze 32:18–23 (London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1844).

⁴ Lancelot Charles Lee Brenton, *The Septuagint Version of the Old Testament Translated into English*, Eze 32:26–28 (London: Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1844).

condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

1 Peter 3:18–21 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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1 Enoch 7:2

And they conceived from them and bore to them great giants. And the giants begat Nephilim, and to the Nephilim were born Elioud. And they were growing in accordance with their greatness. (Aramaic variation)

1 Enoch 15

⁸“But now the giants who are born from the (union of) the spirits and the flesh shall be called evil spirits upon the earth, because their dwelling shall be upon the earth and inside the earth.⁹ Evil spirits have come out of their bodies. Because from the day that they were created from the holy ones they became the Watchers; their first origin is the spiritual foundation. They will become evil upon the earth and shall be called evil spirits.¹⁰ The dwelling of the spiritual beings of heaven is heaven; but the dwelling of the spirits of the earth, which are born upon the earth, is in the earth.¹¹ The spirits of the giants oppress each other; they will corrupt, fall, be excited, and fall upon the earth, and cause sorrow. They eat no food, nor become thirsty, nor find obstacles.¹² And these spirits shall rise up against the children of the people and against the women, because they have proceeded forth (from them).⁵

2Enoch 18:4-6

And three of them descended to the earth from the Lord's Throne onto the place [V 1, p 132](#) Ermon. And they broke the promise on the shoulder of Mount Ermon. And they saw the daughters of men, how beautiful they were; and they took wives for themselves, and the earth was defiled by their deeds.

⁵ Who <and the wives of men created great evil> in the entire time of this age acted lawlessly and practiced miscegenation and gave birth to giants and great monsters and great enmity.

⁶ And that is why God has judged them with a great judgment; and they mourn their brothers, and they will be outraged on the great day of the LORD.”⁷ And I said to the Grigori, “I have seen your brothers and their deeds and their torments <and> their great <prayers>; and I have prayed for

⁵ James H. Charlesworth, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1*, 1 En 15:8–12 (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

them. But the LORD has sentenced them under the earth until heaven and earth are ended forever.⁶

Jubilees 4

and he called his name Jared; for in his days the angels of the Lord descended on the earth, those who are named the Watchers, that they should instruct the children of men, and that they should do judgment and uprightness on the earth.⁷

²¹And he was therefore with the angels of God six jubilees of years. And they showed him everything which is on earth and in the heavens, the dominion of the sun. And he wrote everything,²² and bore witness to the Watchers, the ones who sinned with the daughters of men because they began to mingle themselves with the daughters of men so that they might be polluted. And Enoch bore witness against all of them.⁸

Jubilees 5

¹ And it came to pass when the children of men began to multiply on the face of the earth and daughters were born unto them, that the angels of God saw them on a certain year of this jubilee, that they were beautiful to look upon; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose, and they bare unto them sons and they were giants.⁹ ...And against the angels whom He had sent upon the earth, He was exceedingly wroth, and He gave commandment to root them out of all their dominion, and He bade us to bind them in the depths of the earth, and behold they are bound in the midst of them, and are (kept) separate.⁷ And against their sons went forth a command from before His face that they should be smitten with the sword, and be removed from under heaven.⁸¹⁰

Jubilees 7

²⁰ And in the twenty-eighth jubilee Noah began to enjoin upon his sons' sons the ordinances and commandments, and all the judgments that he knew, and he exhorted his sons to observe righteousness, and to cover the shame of their flesh, and to bless their Creator, and honour father and mother, and love their neighbour, and guard their souls from fornication and uncleanness and all iniquity.²¹ For owing to these three things came the flood upon the earth, namely, owing to the fornication wherein the Watchers against the law of their ordinances went a whoring after the daughters of men, and took themselves wives of all which they chose: and they made the beginning of uncleanness.²² And they begat sons the Nâphîdîm, and †they were all unlike†, and they devoured one another: and the Giants slew the Nâphîl, and the Nâîl slew the Eljô, and the Eljô mankind, and one man another.²³ And every one sold himself to work iniquity and to shed

⁶ James H. Charlesworth, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1* (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

⁷ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

⁸ James H. Charlesworth, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament, Volume 2: Expansions of the "Old Testament" and Legends, Wisdom, and Philosophical Literature, Prayers, Psalms and Odes, Fragments of Lost Judeo-Hellenistic Works* (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 1985).

⁹ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

¹⁰ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

much blood, and the earth was filled with iniquity.²⁴ And after this **they sinned against** the beasts and birds, and all that moves and walks on the earth: and much blood was shed on the earth, and every imagination and desire of men imagined vanity and evil continually.²⁵ And the Lord destroyed everything from off the face of the earth; because of the wickedness of their deeds, and because of the blood which they had shed in the midst of the earth He destroyed everything.²⁶ ‘And we were left, I and you, my sons, and everything that entered with us into the ark, and behold I see your works before me that ye do not walk in righteousness; for in the path of destruction ye have begun to walk, and ye are parting one from another, and are envious one of another, and (so it comes) that ye are not in harmony, my sons, each with his brother.²⁷ For I see, and behold the demons have begun (their) seductions against you and against your children¹¹

Jubilees 10

And Thou knowest how Thy Watchers, the fathers of these spirits, acted in my day: and as for these spirits which are living, imprison them and hold them fast in the place of condemnation, and let them not bring destruction on the sons of thy servant, my God; for these are malignant, and created in order to destroy.⁶ And let them not rule over the spirits of the living; for Thou alone **canst exercise dominion over them**. And let them not have power over the sons of the righteous from henceforth and for evermore.’⁷ And the Lord our God bade us to bind all.⁸ And the chief of the spirits, Mastêmâ, came and said: ‘Lord, Creator, let some of them remain before me, and let them hearken to my voice, and do all that I shall say unto them; for if some of them are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my will on the sons of men; for these are for corruption and leading astray before my judgment, for great is the wickedness of the sons of men.’⁹ And He said: ‘Let the tenth part of them remain before him, and let nine parts descend into the place of condemnation.’¹²

Jubilees 20

let them not take to themselves wives from the daughters of Canaan; for the seed of Canaan will be rooted out of the land.⁵ And he told them of the judgment of the giants, and the judgment of the Sodomites, how they had been judged on account of their wickedness, and had died on account of their fornication, and uncleanness, and mutual corruption through fornication.¹³

Jubilees 29

But before they used to call the land of Gilead the land of the Rephaim; for it was the land of the Rephaim, and the Rephaim were born (there), giants whose height was ten, nine, eight down to seven cubits.¹⁰ And their habitation was from the land of the children of Ammon to Mount Hermon, and the seats of their kingdom were Karnaim and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, and Mîsûr, and Beon.¹¹ And the Lord destroyed them because of the evil of their deeds; for they were very malignant, and the Amorites dwelt in their stead, wicked and sinful, and there is no people to-day which has wrought to the full all their sins, and they have no longer length of life on the earth.¹⁴

¹¹ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

¹² *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

¹³ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

¹⁴ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

Jubilees 5:1-3

5 I commanded another demon be brought to me; and he (Beelzeboul) brought me the evil demon Asmodeus, bound. I asked him, “Who are you?” He scowled at me and said, “And who are *you*?” I said to him, “You (dare to) answer (so arrogantly) when you have been punished like this?” He continued to give forth the same look and said to me, “How *should* I answer you? You are the son of a man, **but although I was born of a human mother, I (I am the son) of an angel;** it is impossible for one of heavenly origin (to speak) an arrogant word to one of earthly origin.¹⁵

Jubilees 17:1

I ordered another spirit to appear before me. There came a spirit having the shadowy form of a man and gleaming eyes. I asked him, saying, “Who are you?” He replied, “**I am a lecherous spirit of a giant man who died in a massacre in the age of giants.**”¹⁶

Testament of Naphtali 3:4-5

discern the Lord who made all things, so that you do not become like Sodom, which departed from the order of nature.⁵ Likewise the Watchers departed from nature’s order; the Lord pronounced a curse on them at the Flood. On their account he ordered that the earth be without dweller or produce.¹⁷

3 Maccabees 2

⁴Thou didst destroy those who aforesaid did iniquity, among whom were giants trusting in their strength and boldness, bringing upon them a boundless flood of water.⁵Thou didst burn up with fire and brimstone the men of Sodom, workers of arrogance, who had become known of all for their crimes, and didst make them an example to those who should come after.¹⁸

Sirach 14 (Wisdom of Solomon)

⁶ For in the old time also, when proud giants were perishing,
The hope of the world, taking refuge on a raft,
Left to the race of men a seed of generations *to come*,¹⁹

Sirach 16 (Wisdom of Solomon)

⁷ He forgave not the giants of old,
Who revolted in their might.
⁸ He spared not the place where Lot sojourned,
Who were arrogant in their pride.²⁰

¹⁵ James H. Charlesworth, vol. 1, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1*, 965-66 (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

¹⁶ James H. Charlesworth, vol. 1, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1*, 977 (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

¹⁷ James H. Charlesworth, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1* (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

¹⁸ *Apocrypha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles, 3 Mac 2:5 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

¹⁹ *Apocrypha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles, Wis 14:6 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

1 Baruch 3

²⁶ There were the giants born that were famous of old,
Great of stature, *and* expert in war.

²⁷ These did not God choose,
Neither gave he the way of knowledge unto them:

²⁸ So they perished, because they had no wisdom,
They perished through their own foolishness.²¹

Judith 16

⁶ The Almighty Lord brought them to nought by the hand of a woman.

⁷ For their mighty one did not fall by young men,

Neither did sons of the Titans smite him,

Nor did high giants set upon him:

But Judith the daughter of Merari made him weak with the beauty of her countenance.²²

Testament of Reuben 5

⁶ For thus they allured the Watchers who were before the flood; for as these continually beheld them, they lusted after them, and they conceived the act in their mind; for they changed themselves into the shape of men, and appeared to them when they were with their husbands. ⁷ And the women lusting in their minds after their forms, gave birth to giants, for the Watchers appeared to them as reaching even unto heaven.²³

1 Sibylline Oracles 120

Again he made afterward another far inferior race of men,
for whom thereafter immortal God fashioned no good,
since they suffered many evils.

For they were insolent, much more than those Giants,
crooked ones, abominably pouring forth slander.²⁴

2 Sibylline Oracles 229-230

Then shall the great angel Uriel break the monstrous bars *framed* of unyielding and unbroken adamant, of the brazen (230) gates of Hades, and cast them down straightway, and bring forth to judgement all the sorrowful forms, yea, of the ghosts of the ancient Titans, and of the giants, and all whom the flood overtook. And all whom the wave of the sea hath destroyed in the waters, and

²⁰ *Apocrypha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles, Sir 16:7–8 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

²¹ *Apocrypha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles, Bar 3:26–28 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

²² *Apocrypha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles, Jdt 16:6–7 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

²³ *Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament*, ed. Robert Henry Charles (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2004).

²⁴ James H. Charlesworth, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha: Volume 1* (New York; London: Yale University Press, 1983).

all whom beasts and creeping things and fowls have feasted on: all these shall he bring to the judgement seat;²⁵

Josephus Antiquities 1:73

(73) for many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, That these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants.²⁶

Jewish Antiquities 5.2.3. In the area around Hebron (Israel), the early Israelites wiped out “a race of giants, who had bodies so large and countenances so entirely different from other men, that they were amazing to the sight and terrible to the hearing. The bones of these men are still shown to this very day, unlike any credible relations of other men.”

CD 2:17–3:12 (DSS)

For many

17 have gone astray due to these; brave heroes stumbled on account of them, from ancient times until now. For having walked in the stubbornness

18 of their hearts the Watchers of the heavens fell; on account of it they were caught, for they did not heed the precepts of God.

19 And their sons, whose height was like that of cedars and whose bodies were like mountains, fell.²⁷

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19 [and whose bodies were like] mountains. [All flesh which there was in the dry earth expired and became]

20 as if they had never [been, for having realized their desires and failing to keep their creator's precepts, until]

21 his wrath [flared up against them ...]²⁸

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7 [And] interpretation concerning 'Azaz'el and the angels wh[o came to the daughters of man]

²⁵ Montague Rhodes James, *The Apocryphal New Testament: Being the Apocryphal Gospels, Acts, Epistles, and Apocalypses*, 522 (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009).

²⁶ Flavius Josephus and William Whiston, *The Works of Josephus : Complete and Unabridged* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996).

²⁷ Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)* (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

²⁸ Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)* (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

8 [and s]ired themselves giants. And concerning ‘Azaz’el [is written ...]
9 [to love] injustice and to let him inherit evil for all [his] ag[e ...]
10 [...] (of the) judgments and the judgment of the council of [...] ²⁹

Book of Giants

4Q203 (4QEnGiants ar) fragment 7

5 Th[en] ’Ohyah [said] to Hahy[ah, his brother ...] Then he punished, and not
6 us, [bu]t Aza[ze]l and made [him ... the sons of] Watchers,
7 the Giants; and n[o]ne of [their] be[loved] will be forgiven [...] ... he has imprisoned us and
has captured yo[u] ³⁰

Fragment 8

3 Copy of the seco[n]d tablet of [the] le[tter ...]
4 by the hand of Enoch, the distinguished scribe [...]
5 and holy (one), to Shemihazah and to all [his] com[panions ...]
6 You should know th[at] no[t ...]
7 and your deeds and those of your wives [...]
8 they [and the]ir sons and the wives of [their sons ...]
9 for [yo]ur prostitution in the [l]and. It will happen [t]o yo[u ...]
10 and lodges a complaint against you and against the deeds of your sons [...]
11 the corruption with which you have corrupted it. *Blank* [...]
12 has reached Raphael. Behold, destruction [...]
13 and which are in the deserts and whi[ch] are in the seas. And tear loose [the] totality [of ...]
14 upon you for evil. Now, then, unfasten your chains which ti[e (you) ...]
15 and pray. *Blank* [...] ³¹

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4 and the sleep of their eyes fled from them and they ar[ose ...] from them and they arose [...] their eyes
5 and came to [...] their dreams. And he s[ai]d in the assembly of [his] fri[ends,]
6 the Nephilin, [...] in] my dream I have seen in this night: [...]
7 [... ga]rdeners and they were watering
8 [...] numerous [roo]ts issued from their trunk
9 [...] I watched until tongues of fire from
10 [...] all the water and the fire burned in all
11 [...] ... [...]
12 [...] Here is the end of the dream.
13 [...] The Giants could [not] find (someone) to explain to the[m]
14 [the dream ... to Enoch,] the scribe of distinction, and he will interpret
15 the dream for us. *Blank* Then [’]Ohyah, his brother, acknowledged and said in front of the
Giants:

²⁹ Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)* (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

³⁰ Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)* (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

³¹ Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)* (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

16 I also saw something amazing in my dream this night: The Ruler of the heavens came down to earth,

V 2, p 1065 17 and thrones were erected and the Great Holy One sa[t down. A hundred hun]dreds were serving him, a thousand thousands

18 [were ...] him, [and ten thousand times ten thousand be]fore him were standing. And behold, [book]s were opened and the sentence was proclaimed. And the sentence

19 [... in a book] was [wri]tten, and recorded in an inscription [...] for all the living and the flesh and upon

20 [...] ... Here is the end of the dream. [Blank Then] all the Giants [and the Nephilin] became frightened,

21 [and] they cal[led] to Mahawai and he came to t[hem ...] the Giants, and they sent him to Enoch,

22 [the scribe of distinction;] and they said to him: Go [...] after him, and death for you if

23 you do [not] listen to his voice. And tell him to expl[ain and in]terpret the dreams, and that all rest [...]

24 [...] ... If there is a cunning mouth [...] Blank

Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations) (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

Dead Sea Scrolls CD 2:14-21

And now, sons, listen to me and I shall open your eyes so that you can see and understand the deeds of

15 God, so that you can choose what he is pleased with and repudiate what he hates, so that you can walk perfectly

16 on all his paths and not allow yourselves to be attracted by the thoughts of a guilty inclination and lascivious eyes. For many

17 have gone astray due to these; brave heroes stumbled on account of them, from ancient times until now. For having walked in the stubbornness

18 of their hearts the Watchers of the heavens fell; on account of it they were caught, for they did not heed the precepts of God.

19 And their sons, whose height was like that of cedars and whose bodies were like mountains, fell.

20 All flesh which there was on the dry earth expired and they became as if they had never been, because they had realized

21 their desires and had failed to keep their creator's precepts, until his wrath flared up against them.³²

Philo "On the Giants"

XIII. (58) "And there were giants on the earth in those days." Perhaps some one may here think, that the lawgiver is speaking enigmatically and alluding to the fables handed down by the poets about giants, though he is a man as far removed as possible from any invention of fables, and one who thinks fit only to walk in the paths of truth itself; (59) in consequence of which principle, he has banished from the constitution, which he has established, those celebrated and beautiful arts

³² Florentino García Martínez and Eibert J. C. Tigchelaar, vol. 1, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition (Translations)*, 553-55 (Leiden; New York: Brill, 1997-1998).

of statuary and painting, because they, falsely imitating the nature of the truth, contrive deceits and snares, in order, through the medium of the eyes, to beguile the souls which are liable to be easily won over. (60) Therefore he utters no fable whatever respecting the giants; but he wishes to set this fact before your eyes, that some men are born of the earth, and some are born of heaven, and some are born of God:³³... Nimrod being the first to set the example of this desertion; (66) for the lawgiver says, “that this man began to be a giant upon the earth.”³⁴

Pseudo-Clementine Homily 8:8-10

As a whole, *Hom.* 8:10–20 is an imaginative retelling of the third-century B.C.E. Jewish story of the watchers by a Christian author of the fourth century C.E.³⁵

Probably of Ebionite origin, a heretical Gnostic sect that denied Paul and stressed the Law and made a vow of poverty.

Chapter XIII.—The Fall of the Angels.

“But when, having assumed these forms, they convicted as covetous those who stole them, and changed themselves into the nature of men, in order that, living holily, and showing the possibility of so living, they might subject the ungrateful to punishment, yet having become in all respects men, they also partook of human lust, and being brought tinder its subjection they fell into cohabitation with women; and being involved with them, and sunk in defilement and altogether emptied of their first power, were unable to turn back to the first purity of their proper nature, their members turned away from their fiery substance:¹⁵ for the fire itself, being extinguished by the weight of lust, *and changed* into flesh, they trode the impious path downward. For they themselves, being fettered with the bonds of flesh, were constrained and strongly bound; wherefore they have no more been able to ascend into the heavens.”³⁶

Chapter XV.—The Giants.

“But from their unhallowed intercourse spurious men sprang, ranch greater in stature than *ordinary* men, whom they afterwards called giants; not those dragon-footed giants who waged war against God, as those blasphemous myths of the Greeks do sing, but wild in manners, and greater than men in size, inasmuch as they were sprung of angels; yet less than angels, as they were born of women. Therefore God, knowing that they were barbarized to brutality, and that the world was not sufficient to satisfy them (for it was created according to the proportion of men and human use), that they might not through want of food turn, contrary to nature, to the eating of animals, and yet seem to be blameless, as having ventured upon this through necessity, the Almighty God rained manna upon them, suited to their various tastes; and they enjoyed all that they would. But they, on account of their bastard nature, not being pleased with purity of food, longed only after the taste of blood. Wherefore they first tasted flesh.

Chapter XVI.—Cannibalism.

“And the men who were with them there for the first time were eager to do the like. Thus,

³³ of Alexandria Philo and Charles Duke Yonge, *The Works of Philo : Complete and Unabridged*, 156 (Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996).

³⁴ of Alexandria Philo and Charles Duke Yonge, *The Works of Philo : Complete and Unabridged*, 157 (Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996).

³⁵ George W. E. Nickelsburg and Klaus Baltzer, *1 Enoch : A Commentary on the Book of 1 Enoch*, 97 (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress, 2001).

³⁶ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. VIII : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325, 272-73* (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

although we are born neither good nor bad, we become *one or the other*; and having formed habits, we are with difficulty drawn from them. But when irrational animals fell short, these bastard men tasted also human flesh. For it was not a long step to the consumption of flesh like their own, having first tasted it in other forms.³⁷

Chapter XVIII.—The Law to the Survivors.

“Since, therefore, the souls of the deceased giants were greater than human souls, inasmuch as they also excelled their bodies, they, as being a new race, were called also by a new name. And to those who survived in the world a law was prescribed of God through an angel, how they should live. For being bastards in race, of the fire of angels and the blood of women, and therefore liable to desire a certain race of their own, they were anticipated by a certain righteous law. For a certain angel was sent to them by God, declaring to them His will, and saying:—
Chapter XIX.—The Law to the Giants or Demons.

“ ‘These things seem good to the all-seeing God, that you lord it over no man; that you trouble no one, unless any one of his own accord subject himself to you, worshipping you, and sacrificing and pouring libations, and partaking of your table, or accomplishing aught else that they ought not, or shedding blood, or tasting dead flesh, or filling themselves with that which is torn of beasts, or that which is cut, or that which is strangled, or aught else that is unclean. But those who betake themselves to my law, you not only shall not touch, but shall also do honour to, and shall flee from, their presence. For whatsoever shall please them, being just, respecting you, that you shall be constrained to suffer. But if any of those who worship me go astray, either committing adultery, or practising magic, or living impurely, or doing any other of the things which are not well-pleasing to me, then they will have to suffer something at your hands or those of others, according to my order. But upon them, when they repent, I, judging of their repentance, whether it be worthy of pardon or not, shall give sentence. These things, therefore, ye ought to remember and to do, well knowing that not even your thoughts shall be able to be concealed from Him.’³⁸

Athenagoras “A Plea for the Christians” 24

so is it among the angels. Some, free agents, you will observe, such as they were created by God, continued in those things for which God had made and over which He had ordained them; but some outraged both the constitution of their nature and the government entrusted to them: namely, this ruler of matter and its various forms, and others of those who were placed about this first firmament (you know that we say nothing without witnesses, but state the things which have been declared by the prophets); Of these lovers of virgins, therefore, were begotten those who are called giants. And if something has been said by the poets, too, about the giants, be not surprised at this: worldly Wisdom and divine differ as much from each other as truth and plausibility: the one is of heaven and the other of earth; and indeed, according to the prince of matter,—

³⁷ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. VIII : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 273 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

³⁸ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. VIII : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 273-74 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

“We know we oft speak lies that look like troths.”³⁹

Tertullian “On the Resurrection of the Flesh” 42

There are the carcasses of the giants of old time; it will be obvious enough that they are not absolutely decayed, for their bony frames are still extant. We have already spoken of this elsewhere⁴⁰

Origen Against Celsus

4.92 In my opinion, however, it is certain wicked demons, and, so to speak, of the race of Titans or Giants, who have been guilty of impiety towards the true God, and towards the angels in heaven, and who have fallen from it, and who haunt the denser parts of bodies, and frequent unclean places upon earth, and who, possessing some power of distinguishing future events, because they are without bodies of earthly material, engage in an employment of this kind, and desiring to lead the human race away from the true God, secretly enter the bodies of the more rapacious and savage and wicked of animals, and stir them up to do whatever they choose, and at whatever time they choose:⁴¹

Julius Africanus Fragments

He believed in the Line of Seth interpretation of the Sons of God, but believed giants were still the offspring.

II.

When men multiplied on the earth, the angels of heaven came together with the daughters of men. In some copies I found “the sons of God.” What is meant by the Spirit, in my opinion, is that the descendants of Seth are called the sons of God on account of the righteous men and patriarchs who have sprung from him, even down to the Saviour Himself; but that the descendants of Cain are named the seed of men, as having nothing divine in them, on account of the wickedness of their race and the inequality of their nature, being a mixed people, and having stirred the indignation of God. But if it is thought that these refer to angels, we must take them to be those who deal with magic and jugglery, who taught the women the motions of the stars and the knowledge of things celestial, by whose power they conceived the giants as their children, by whom wickedness came to its height on the earth, until God decreed that the whole race of the living should perish in their impiety by the deluge.⁴²

Ephraim Syrus

³⁹ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. II : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 142 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁰ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. III : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 576 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴¹ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. IV : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 538 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴² Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson and A. Cleveland Coxe, *The Ante-Nicene Fathers Vol. VI : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers Down to A.D. 325*, 131 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

The Nisibene Hymns

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7. And moreover, God made a flood, and washed the earth, and purged her crimes; fire and brimstone again He sent on her, that He might make white her stains. By fire He gave me the Sodomites, and by flood the Giants.⁴³

...The sons of the Giants and the renowned ones, there is none that has issued forth from her, even Hell, the Devourer.⁴⁴

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8. *D.*, Lo! Sheol is full of the men of Sodom, and the Assyrians: and the giants who *were* in the flood,⁴⁵

Sulpitius Severus

The Sacred History, 1:2

When by this time the human race had increased to a great multitude, certain angels, whose habitation was in heaven, were captivated by the appearance of some beautiful virgins, and cherished illicit desires after them, so much so, that filling beneath their own proper nature and origin, they left the higher regions of which they were inhabitants, and allied themselves in earthly marriages. These angels gradually spreading wicked habits, corrupted the human family, and from their alliance giants are said to have sprung, for the mixture with them of beings of a different nature, as a matter of course, gave birth to monsters.⁴⁶

Cyril

Catechetical Lectures 2:8

For consider what happened in the days of Noe. The giants sinned, and much wickedness was then spread over the earth, and because of this the flood was to come upon them⁴⁷

Jerome

Letters 10:127

Afterwards sin gradually grew more and more virulent, till the ungodliness of the giants brought in its train the shipwreck of the whole world.⁴⁸

CLEMENT OF ROME (ca. A.D. 96) Recognitions 1.29.

“The giants [were] men of immense bodies, whose bones of enormous size are still shown in certain places for confirmation of their existence.” Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). *The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper) (Kindle Locations 4629-4633). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.*

⁴³ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. XIII*, 194 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁴ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. XIII*, 195 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁵ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. XIII*, 207 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁶ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. XI*, 71-72 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁷ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. VII*, 9–10 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁴⁸ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. VI*, 11 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

Eusebius Pamphilus

Church History 1:2:19

They gave themselves wholly over to all kinds of profanity, now seducing one another, now slaying one another, now eating human flesh, and now daring to wage war with the Gods and to undertake those battles of the giants celebrated by all; now planning to fortify earth against heaven, and in the madness of ungoverned pride to prepare an attack upon the very God of all.

20 On account of these things, when they conducted themselves thus, the all-seeing God sent down upon them floods and conflagrations as upon a wild forest spread over the whole earth.⁴⁹

10:4:31

[the wicked] 31 But having waged war like the giants against God, they died in this way.⁵⁰

Life of the Blessed Emperor Constantine

And being pleased to make him a representative of his own sovereign power, he displayed him as the conqueror of the whole race of tyrants, and the destroyer of those God-defying giants of the earth who madly raised their impious arms against him, the supreme King of all.⁵¹

EUPOLEMUS (prior to First Century B.C.)

Eupolemus, in his work "On the Jews," states that the Assyrian city of Babylon was first founded by those who escaped the Flood. They were giants, and they built the tower well known in history. When the tower was destroyed by God's power, these giants were scattered over the whole earth.⁵²

In anonymous works, we find that Abraham traced his ancestry to the giants. These dwelt in the land of Babylonia. Because of their impiety, they were destroyed by the gods. One of them, Belos, escaped death and settled in Babylon. He built a tower and lived in it; the tower was called Belos after its builder. After Abraham had learned astrology,^a he first went to Phoenicia and taught it to the Phoenicians; later he went to Egypt.⁵³

APOLLODORUS (first century A.D.) Library 1.6.

"Earth brought forth the giants, . . . who were matchless in the bulk of their bodies and invincible in their might, with terrible aspect. . . . Some say they were born at Phlegra [Italy], but according to others in Pallene [Chalkidiki, Greece]." Zeus "killed them with thunderbolts and Heracles shot

⁴⁹ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. I*, 84 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁵⁰ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. I*, 374 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁵¹ Philip Schaff, *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers Second Series Vol. I*, 482-83 (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1997).

⁵² James H. Charlesworth, vol. 2, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament, Volume 2: Expansions of the "Old Testament" and Legends, Wisdom, and Philosophical Literature, Prayers, Psalms and Odes, Fragments of Lost Judeo-Hellenistic Works*, 880 (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 1985).

^a Within this section, astrology would seem to be connected with the giants.

⁵³ James H. Charlesworth, vol. 2, *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the New Testament, Volume 2: Expansions of the "Old Testament" and Legends, Wisdom, and Philosophical Literature, Prayers, Psalms and Odes, Fragments of Lost Judeo-Hellenistic Works*, 882 (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 1985).

them with arrows.” Athena “threw Sicily on top of the giant Enceladus,” while Poseidon “broke off part of Kos and heaped it on the giant Polybotes.” Typhon “surpassed all the offspring of Earth. As far as the thighs he was of human shape and of prodigious bulk.” Zeus fought him from Syria to Thrace and finally buried Typhon under Mount Etna, Sicily.

Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). *The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper)* (Kindle Locations 4591-4598). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.

CLAUDIAN (b. ca. A.D. 370) Rape of Persephone 1.154–59.

Giants, including Enceladus, were “buried by the gods in the earth, under volcanoes,” and they cause earthquakes. 3.332–43. Along the stream Acis, near Mount Etna in Sicily, is a place where Zeus set up trophies of the Gigantomachy. “Here hang the gaping jaws and monstrous hides, affixed to trees, their horrible faces still threaten, and heaped up on all sides bleach the huge bones of slaughtered dragons.” Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). *The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper)* (Kindle Locations 4618-4625). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.

Hesiod, *Works and Days*, lines 250-251

mark all those who oppress their fellows with crooked judgements; and heed not the anger of the gods. For upon the bounteous earth Zeus has thrice ten thousand spirits, watchers of mortal men, and these keep watch on judgements and deeds of wrong [255] as they roam, clothed in mist, all over the earth.⁵⁴

Hesiod, *Theogony* 179-185

And Heaven came, bringing on night and longing for love, and he lay about Earth spreading himself full upon her. Then the son from his ambush stretched forth his left hand and in his right took the great long sickle [180] with jagged teeth, and swiftly lopped off his own father's members and cast them away to fall behind him. And not vainly did they fall from his hand; for all the bloody drops that gushed forth Earth received, and as the seasons moved round [185] she bore the strong Erinyes and the great Giants with gleaming armour,⁵⁵

Pausanias, *Description of Greece*

[8.32.5] Under this hill there is another sanctuary of Boy Asclepius. His image is upright and about a cubit in height, that of Apollo is seated on a throne and is not less than six feet high. Here are also kept bones, too big for those of a human being, about which the story ran that they were those of one of the giants mustered by Hopladamus to fight for Rhea, as my story will relate hereafter. <http://www.theoi.com/Text/Pausanias8B.html>

DIODORUS OF SICILY (ca. 30 B.C.) Library 1.21.

⁵⁴ Hesiod. *The Homeric Hymns and Homerica With an English Translation by Hugh G. Evelyn-White. Works and Days.* Medford, MA: Cambridge, MA.,Harvard University Press; London, William Heinemann Ltd., 1914.

⁵⁵ Hesiod, *The Homeric Hymns and Homerica With an English Translation by Hugh G. Evelyn-White. Theogony.* (Medford, MA: Cambridge, MA.,Harvard University Press; London, William Heinemann Ltd., 1914).

Isis slew the giant monster-god Typhon at Antaeus on the Nile, a place named after the North African giant killed by Heracles.

1.26. “The Egyptian myths say that in the time of [the goddess] Isis there were beings of enormous size whom the Greeks call Giants, but in Egypt they were called [name missing]. Their colossal forms are depicted on temple walls being defeated by the allies of Osiris. Some say the giants were born of the earth when the origin of life, still rising up from the earth, was still recent. . . . They started a war against the gods . . . and were completely exterminated.”

3.71–72. Dionysus fought the Amazons and the Titans in the desert of western Egypt, in the region of the oracle of Ammon (Siwa Oasis). At Zabirna, he destroyed a huge “earth-born monster called Campe,” and “buried it in a huge mound, still seen in recent times.’ ”

1 4.15. “The giants of Pallene [Chalkidiki, Greece] began a war with the gods and Heracles destroyed many there.”

4.21. “According to certain writers, including Timaeus [a historian of Sicily, b. ca. 350 B.C.], the plain at Cumae, Italy, which was called Phlegraean [fiery], was inhabited by exceedingly large giants (Sons of the Earth). Here Heracles and the gods defeated the giants.”

4.42. On the shore near Sigeum, in the vicinity of Troy, a monster appeared. “Those who made their living by the seashore and farmers who tilled the land near the coast were carried off.” An oracle said it was sent by the god Poseidon; this Monster of Troy was slain by Heracles.

5.55. In the period “when Zeus was subduing the Titans,” “giants appeared in the eastern part of Rhodes.” “They were buried under the earth and men call them ‘the Eastern Demons.’ ”

5.71. “Zeus slew the giants in Crete and Typhon in Phrygia [northern Turkey].” Giants were also slain in Pallene [Chalkidiki, Greece] and in Italy at Phlegra.

Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper) (Kindle Locations 4634-4658). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.

HERODOTUS (ca. 430 B.C.) The Histories 1.67–68.

“The priestess at Delphi promised [the Spartans] victory over Tegea if they brought home the bones of Orestes.” The retired cavalryman Lichas “found the body in Tegea” after a blacksmith recounted his discovery of “a huge coffin—10 feet long!” when digging a well in his yard. “ ‘I couldn’t believe that men were bigger than they are today, so I opened it—and there was the skeleton as big as the coffin! I measured it and then shoveled the earth back.’ Lichas turned over in his mind the smith’s account and came to the conclusion that this was the body of Orestes.” He pretended to be an exile from Sparta and rented the smith’s courtyard. “Then he dug up the grave, collected the bones, and took them away to Sparta.” 2.12. “I have seen shells on the hills,” evidence that “Egypt was originally an arm of the sea.”

Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper) (Kindle Locations 4672-4678). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.

PALAEPHATUS (fourth century B.C.) On Unbelievable Tales 3.

“An ancient story says that Cadmus killed a dragon and sowed the teeth like seeds [and] armed men grew from them.” The truth is that Cadmus killed a king named Draco who owned some elephants’ teeth among his precious possessions. Cadmus stored the teeth in a temple, but Cadmus’s allies stole them and fled to various lands where they raised armies.

Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper) (Kindle Locations 4718-4721). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.

STRABO (b. 64 B.C.) Geography 1.3.4.

“Eratosthenes [of Cyrene, Libya] points out that far inland, 2,000–3,000 stadia from the sea, are vast numbers of cockle, oyster, and scallop shells. . . . By the Temple of Ammon [oracle of Siwa, southwest of Nitria, Egypt] and along the road to it for 3,000 stadia there are huge masses of oyster shells [Ammon was associated with ammonites]. . . . Xanthos of Lydia [Turkey] also saw seashells, cockles, and scallops a long way from the sea. . . . leading him to conclude that the land had once been sea.”

5.4.6.

At Puteoli, Baiae, and Cumae (Italy), the water “has a foul smell, because it is full of sulphur and fire. And some believe that it is for this reason that the Cumaean countryside was called ‘Phlegra’ [burning fields] and that it is the wounds of the fallen giants, inflicted by Zeus’ thunderbolts, that pour forth those streams of fire and hot water.”

6.3.5.

In Italy, near Leuca is a fountain of “malodorous water; the mythical story is told that those of the Giants who survived at the Campanian Phlegra and are called the Leuternian Giants were driven out by Heracles, and on fleeing hither for refuge were hidden in the earth, and the fountain gets its malodorous stream from the ichor of their bodies [These regions have sulphurous volcanic phenomena and large fossil remains].”

7.25, 27.

In ancient Pallene, Chalkidiki, later called Cassandreia (Kassandra Peninsula), “writers say that in earlier times the giants lived here and that the country was named Phlegra. The stories of some are mythical but the account of others is more plausible, for they tell of a certain barbarous tribe that occupied the place but was destroyed by Heracles.”

11.2.10.

At Phanagoreia, on the Taman Peninsula, between the eastern Black Sea and the Sea of Azov, “there is a temple of Aphrodite,” where according to a certain myth the giants attacked the goddess. But she called on Heracles for help. He hid in a cave there and she drove the giants into the cave where they were slaughtered by Heracles.

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VIRGIL (b. 70 B.C.) Aeneid 12.899–900.

On giants buried in the earth: “Scarce could that stone [a huge boundary stone] twice six picked men upraise / With bodies such as now the earth displays.”

Georgics 1.494–97.

“As the farmer toils at the soil with curved plow, he shall find rusty javelins, or with heavy hoes shall strike empty helmets and marvel at the giant bones in the plowed-up graves.”

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PAUSANIAS (ca. A.D. 150) Guide to Greece

8.29.1–4. Near the Alpheios River, “the Arcadians say the legendary battle of gods and giants took place here . . . and they sacrifice here to lightning storms and thunder. . . . Giants were mortal and not a divine race. . . . The story of giants having serpents instead of feet is ridiculous. . . . The Romans diverted . . . the Syrian river Orontes. . . . When the old riverbed drained they found a coffin more than 10 cubits [16 feet] long and the corpse was the size of the coffin, and human in every detail. When the Syrians consulted the oracle at Claros, it said that the giant was Orontes, an Indian. . . . India has beasts monstrous in size and appearance today.”

8.32.5. At Megalopolis “there are some bones dedicated at the sanctuary of the Child Asklepios that seem too vast for a human being; there was a story about them that they belonged to one of the giants that Hopladamos recruited to fight for Rhea when she had the baby Zeus.”

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PHILOSTRATUS (ca. A.D. 200–230) Life of Apollonius of Tyana

5.16. Apollonius states, “I agree that giants once existed” because “gigantic bodies are revealed all over earth when mounds are broken open,” but “it is mad to believe that they fought the gods.”

On Heroes 7.9.

When the Phoenician merchant doubts that ancient heroes “were 15 feet tall,” the grape-farmer of the Gallipoli Peninsula replies, “My grandfather said that the grave of Ajax was destroyed by the sea [near Rhoeteum] and a skeleton came to light about 16 feet tall. He said that the emperor Hadrian laid it out for burial, embraced and kissed some of the bones, and built a tomb for it at Troy.”

8.3–14. “Orestes’ body was discovered by the Spartans in Tegea—it was 10 feet tall.” The great skeleton “in the bronze horse, buried in Lydia and miraculously revealed to shepherds by an earthquake, was larger than a man could imagine. But even if you doubt these stories because they happened so long ago, it’s hard to contradict events of our own day. Not long ago, an excavation on the banks of the Orontes River brought to light Aryades, a giant 45 feet tall.”

“And less than fifty years ago, Sigeum, across the Hellespont, disclosed on one of its headlands the body of a giant. . . . I myself sailed to Sigeum to witness exactly what had happened to the land as well as the giant’s size. Many others sailed there too, from the Hellespont, Ionia, and all the islands and Aeolia. The huge body was visible on the cape for two months. Until the oracle cleared things up, everyone proposed different explanations.” It “measured 33 feet, and lay in a rocky cave, with the head inland and the body extending out to the end of the cape. . . . The skeleton was human.”

“About four years ago, Hymnaios [of Skopelos], a friend of mine,” and his son found “a similar wonder on the island of Ikos [Alonnisos]. While digging up some vines, the earth rang under the shovel. When they cleared away the dirt, there lay exposed a skeleton 18 feet tall.” An oracle said it was a fallen giant, so they reburied it.

“The largest giant of all was the one on Lemnos, discovered by Menecrates of Steira. I myself sailed over last year from Imbros to see it. It was no longer possible to see the bones in their

proper position because the backbone lay in pieces—separated by earthquakes, I imagine—and the ribs had been wrenched away from the vertebrae. But as I examined the bones, all together and one by one, I got an impression of terrifying size, impossible to describe. The skull alone held more than two Cretan amphoras!”

“There is also a cape on southwest Imbros called Naulochos . . . where a piece of land broke off and carried with it the skeleton of a huge giant. If you don’t believe me, we can sail there. The body is still exposed there and it is a short trip.” “But you must not believe all this, until you sail to Kos, where the first earth-born Meropes [daughters of giants] lie, until you see the bones of . . . Hyllos in Phrygia, or the Aloadae [young giants slain by the gods] in Thessaly—they were actually 54 feet long.” At Phlegra in Italy “they have made wonders of the bones of Alkyoneus and other giants laid low there, buried under Mount Vesuvius.”

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PLUTARCH (ca. A.D. 50–120)

Theseus 6. The distant era of heroes “produced a race of humans who for sheer strength . . . were indefatigable and far surpassed our human scale. . . . Some of these creatures were destroyed by Heracles.” But others were killed by Theseus, such as the huge Sow of Crommyon and the giant ogre Skiron.

36. In about 475 B.C., “the Athenians consulted the Delphic Oracle and were instructed to bring home the bones of Theseus, give them an honorable burial in Athens, and guard them as sacred relics. . . . Kimon captured Skyros and made it a point of honor to find the spot where Theseus was buried. He caught sight of an eagle pecking and scratching at a mound of earth.” He ordered his men to dig there, and they found “a skeleton of a man of gigantic size and lying beside it a bronze spear and sword. When Kimon brought these relics home on his trireme, the Athenians were overjoyed and welcomed them with magnificent processions and sacrifices. . . . The hero now lies buried in the heart of the city.” Sertorius 9. The Roman commander Sertorius captured Tingis [Tangier, Morocco] and learned that “the city was the burial place of the giant Antaeus. Skeptical because of the enormous size of the burial mound, Sertorius had his men dig it up. It is said that the skeleton was 60 cubits long. Sertorius was dumbfounded and, after offering a sacrifice, he reburied the skeleton. He personally confirmed the local story and paid honors to Antaeus.” *Mayor, Adrienne (2011-07-27). The First Fossil Hunters: Dinosaurs, Mammoths, and Myth in Greek and Roman Times (New in Paper) (Kindle Locations 4960-4973). Princeton University Press. Kindle Edition.*

SOLINUS (ca. A.D. 200) Collectanea rerum memorabilium 1.90–91:

“As for the hugeness of men in olden times, the relics of Orestes are proof. His bones were found at Tegea by the Spartans on the information from the Oracle and we are assured that they were 7 cubits long. Also, writings register events in ancient times. [For example, during the Roman war against the pirates in Crete, ca. 106–70 B.C.], rivers flooded outrageously and broke up the ground. After the water receded, among the many clefts in the ground was found a skeleton of 33 cubits. [The Roman commanders] Lucius Flaccus and Metellus were amazed at what they thought was a fable, so they went to see for themselves the wonder revealed by the torrent.”

9.6: “At Phlegra [ancient Pallene, Kassandra Peninsula, Chalkidiki], before there were any men there, the story goes that a battle was fought between the gods and the giants. . . . Great proofs and tokens of that war have and continue to appear to this day. Whenever the streams rise with rainstorms, the waters overflow their banks and flood the fields, they say that through the action

of the water are discovered bones like men's carcasses but far bigger. Due to the immeasurable hugeness of the bones they are reported to have been the monstrous bodies of the army of giants." In Thessaly, there is evidence of Deucalion's Flood: "in dark caves in the hollowed out hills, [the receding waters] left behind shells and fishes and many other things which are cast up by the rough sea. Although these places are inland they resemble the seashore."

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The Execration of Asiatic Princes

In the Middle Kingdom period the Egyptians practiced the magical cursing of their actual or potential enemies. In the Berlin Museum are fragments of pottery bowls which had been inscribed with the names of such foes and then smashed.⁵⁶

(e 1) The Ruler of Iy-'anaq, 'Erum, and all the *retainers* who are with him; the Ruler of Iy-'anaq, Abi-yamimu, and all the *retainers* who are with him; the Ruler of Iy-'anaq, 'Akirum, and all the *retainers* who are with him;⁵⁷

[Anaq is Anak, these are rulers of the sons of Anak]

An Egyptian Letter

The narrow valley is dangerous with Bedouin, hidden under the bushes. Some of them are of four or five cubits (7-9 feet) (*from*) *their noses to the heel*, and fierce of face. Their hearts are not mild, and they do not listen to wheedling.

The Ancient Near East an Anthology of Texts and Pictures. Edited by James Bennett Pritchard. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1958. P 477.

The narrow pass is dangerous, having Shasu-Bedouin concealed beneath the bushes, some of whom are of four cubits or five cubits (*from*) *their nose to foot* and have fierce faces. They are unfriendly and do not take to cajolery while you are alone having no aide with you nor soldiery backing you up.⁵⁸

Egyptian Coffin Text

I know that Field of Reeds of Re. The wall that is around it is of iron. The height of its barley is four cubits.⁵⁹ ...It is the horizon dwellers, nine cubits in their height,⁶⁰

⁵⁶ *The Ancient Near East an Anthology of Texts and Pictures.*, ed. James Bennett Pritchard, 328 (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1958).

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⁵⁸ Edward Frank Wente and Edmund S. Meltzer, vol. 1, *Letters from Ancient Egypt*, Writings from the Ancient World, 108 (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1990).

⁵⁹ William W. Hallo and K. Lawson Younger, *Context of Scripture*, 58 (Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2000).

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