

## Jgs. 1:6-7 THUMBS AND TOES OF KINGS



**Jgs. 1:6-7** *But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes. 7 Adoni-bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to gather up scraps under my table; as I have done, so Yahveh has repaid me." So they brought him to Jerusalem and he died there.*

Here we see an example of something sometimes done in ancient times when Kings and great warriors were conquered. In the battles of old sometimes they would cut off the thumbs and toes of great leaders defeated in battle. Our thumbs give us the ability to handle things, especially weapons of battle, with great precision. Our thumbs guide and stabilize our hands so that a weapon can be used to direct a blow to destroy the enemy in battle.

The same applies to the toes on our feet. Our toes stabilize our legs and feet so that our body can be used to direct physical exertion required to destroy others on the battlefield. For this reason, when great Kings and Warriors were caught by their enemies they would cut off their toes and thumbs so they would never again be able to fight on the battlefield.

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