

33:53 And you shall take possession of the land and dwell there, for unto you have I given the land to possess it.

33:55 But if you don't drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then shall be those that you let remain of them as thorns in your eyes, and as pricks in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land that you dwell in.

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"then shall be those that you let remain of them" - They shall be as an evil for you.

"as thorns in your eyes" – as 'pins' that pierce your eyes.

"and as pricks" – like a hedge of thorns that surrounds you, closing and restraining you from going or coming.

"and they shall harass you" – cause you troubles.

May I suggest that this is as true today as it was then.