

Deuteronomy 3:1-20 **Defeat of Og & Inheritance of Gilead**

Command of God concerning Og, his people, and their land

¹ "Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ² And the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.'

Defeat of Og, king of Bashan

³ "So the LORD our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. ⁴ And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. ⁵ All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns. ⁶ And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

Spoils of War

⁷ But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves. ⁸ And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon ⁹ (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir), ¹⁰ all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Last of the remnant of the Giants (Nephilim) east of the Jordan River

¹¹ For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

Inheriting Land of Gilead

¹² "And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites. ¹³ The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants. ¹⁴ Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called Bashan after his own name, Havoth Jair, to this day.) ¹⁵ And I gave Gilead to Machir. ¹⁶ And to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as the border, as far as the River Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon; ¹⁷ the plain also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

¹⁸ "And I commanded you at that time, saying: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel. ¹⁹ But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you, ²⁰ until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.'

Facts Revealed:

Approaching Og, king of Bashan

- ✧ Og, king of Bashan and all his people came out to war against Israel who were approaching his territory on the road, they met at Edrei for battle. [Numbers 21:33, Deuteronomy 3:1]
- ✧ God commanded the Children of Israel to have no fear of them, but to totally destroy Og and all his kingdom of the Amorites, just as they had done to Sihon the other king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon. [Numbers 21:21-34, Deuteronomy 3:2]
- ✧ God promised to deliver Og and his people into the hand of the Children of Israel. [Numbers 21:34, Deuteronomy 3:2]
- ✧ Og and his people were utterly destroyed, they eliminated men, women, and children, so there were no survivors remaining, just like they had done with Sihon. [Numbers 21:35, Deuteronomy 3:3-6]
- ✧ Israel took all the cities of the kingdom of Og, including 60 fortified cities with high walls, gates, and bars, and a great many rural towns. [Numbers 21:35, Deuteronomy 3:3-6]
- ✧ Israel took the land and all the spoils of war as booty. [Numbers 21:35, Deuteronomy 3:7-8]
- ✧ Thus they took all the land of the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan River, from the Arnon River to Mount Hermon. [Deuteronomy 3:8]
 - ◇ Mount Hermon was called Sirion by the Sidonians, and it was called Senir by the Amorites. [Deuteronomy 3:9]
 - ◇ The land included all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan. [Deuteronomy 3:10]
- ✧ Og was the last of the remnant of the Giants (Nephilim) east of the Jordan River. [Genesis 15:16, Numbers 21:21-32, Deuteronomy 2:24-37, 3:11]
 - ◇ As an example of the size of the Giants (Nephilim) the size of his iron bed which is described as being in Rabbah at the time of the recording of this text: It measured 4 cubits (6 feet) wide and 9 cubits (13.5 feet) long, measured by the standard cubit of 18 inches.

Inheriting Land of Gilead

- ✧ Moses gave to the tribes of Reuben and Gad, the land they possessed from the kingdom of Sihon, from Aroer by the River Arnon and to the River Jabbok on the border of Ammon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, and the valley along east side of the Jordan River from the Chinnereth (Sea of Galilee) to the East side of the Arabah (Salt Sea) below the slopes of Pisgah. [Numbers 21:21-31, 32:1-42, Deuteronomy 3:1-11]
- ✧ Moses gave the rest of Gilead to Mount Hermon and all Bashan the kingdom of Og to half the tribe of Manasseh. [Numbers 21:33-35, 32:1-42, Deuteronomy 3:8, 13-15]
 - ◇ All the region of Argob with Bashan the kingdom of Og was called the Land of the Giants.
 - ◇ Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region or Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites. He called Bashan after his own name, Havoth Jair. [Numbers 32:41, Deuteronomy 3:14]
 - ◇ Moses gave Gilead to Machir [Numbers 32:39-40, Deuteronomy 3:15]

Conditions for inheriting the land east of the Jordan River

- ✧ Moses said to the people to receive the land east of the Jordan River:
 - ◇ Yehowah Eloheykm has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren the Children of Israel. [Deuteronomy 3:18]
 - ◇ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you, until Yehowah has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the Land which Yehowah Eloheykm is giving them beyond the Jordan. [Deuteronomy 3:19-20]
 - ◇ Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you. [Numbers 32:29, Deuteronomy 3:20]