

# Deuteronomy 3:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

## Analysis

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The parenthetical note about Og's bedstead—'only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants'—highlights his exceptional size and the magnitude of Israel's victory. The iron bedstead measuring 'nine cubits... in length' (13.5 feet) was preserved in Rabbath as physical evidence. Archaeological detail grounds the narrative in history, showing this wasn't mythology but actual events. God's power over impressive physical obstacles testifies to His sovereignty.

## Historical Context

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The Rephaim (giants) were ancient peoples of exceptional stature mentioned throughout Scripture. Og represented the last significant remnant of these peoples. The iron bedstead's preservation in Rabbath (Ammon's capital) served as a physical monument to God's deliverance, much like Goliath's sword kept as a memorial (1 Samuel 21:9).

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What physical reminders of God's past victories can you preserve to strengthen future faith?
2. How do you respond when facing challenges that seem larger than life?

## Interlinear Text

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מִי תָר	נִשְׁאַר	הַבָּשָׁן	מֶלֶךְ	עֹג	רַק	כִּי
of the remnant	remained	of Bashan	king	For only Og		
H3499	H7604	H1316	H4428	H5747	H7535	H3588
הֲלֹא	בַרְזֶל	עֲרֹשׁ	עֲרֹשׁ	הִנֵּה	הַרְפָּאִים	
is it not	of iron	behold his bedstead	behold his bedstead		of giants	
H3808	H1270	H6210	H6210	H2009	H7497	
אָרְכָּהּ	בָּאַמָּת	תִּשְׁעַ	עַמּוֹן	בְּנֵי	בְּרַבָּת	וְהָ
was the length	cubits	nine	of Ammon	of the children	in Rabbath	
H753	H520	H8672	H5983	H1121	H7237	H1931
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of a man	cubits	the breadth	cubits	thereof and four		
H376	H520	H7341	H520	H702		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 14:5** (Kingdom): And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham, and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim,

**Jeremiah 49:2** (Parallel theme): Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

**2 Samuel 12:26** (Parallel theme): And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

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