

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

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

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 – Judging others

Study Questions

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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| מִן־תְּרִיבָה | בְּנֵי־אֶשְׁרָה | בְּנֵי־בָּשָׁן | מֶלֶךְ־օּג | וְעַד־בָּקָר | וְעַד־օּג | מִן־תְּרִיבָה |
| H3588 | H7535 | For only Og | king | of Bashan | remained | of the remnant |
| | | H5747 | H4428 | H1316 | H7604 | H3499 |
| כָּל־הַבָּرֶץ־לֹא | עַד־רְשָׁתָה | עַד־רְשָׁתָה | בְּרֶכֶת־הַגְּדוּלָה | בְּרֶכֶת־הַגְּדוּלָה | בְּרֶכֶת־הַגְּדוּלָה | כָּל־הַבָּרֶץ־לֹא |
| of giants | H2009 | behold his bedstead | H6210 | behold his bedstead | H6210 | of iron |
| H7497 | | | | | | H3808 |
| אַרְכָּה־הַבָּאָמָת | עַמְשׂוֹת־הַבָּאָמָת | בְּנֵי־עַמְשׂוֹת | בְּנֵי־עַמְשׂוֹת | בְּנֵי־עַמְשׂוֹת | בְּנֵי־עַמְשׂוֹת | אַרְכָּה־הַבָּאָמָת |
| H1931 | in Rabbath | of the children | of Ammon | nine | cubits | was the length |
| H7237 | | H1121 | H5983 | H8672 | H520 | H753 |
| וְאַרְכָּה־בְּאָמָת | בְּאָמָת־הַבָּרֶךְ | הַבָּרֶךְ־כָּל־אַרְכָּה | אַרְכָּה־בְּאָמָת | אַרְכָּה־בְּאָמָת | אַרְכָּה־בְּאָמָת | וְאַרְכָּה־בְּאָמָת |
| thereof and four | cubits | the breadth | cubits | of a man | | |
| H702 | H520 | H7341 | H520 | H376 | | |

Additional Cross-References

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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