

Deuteronomy 3:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.

Analysis

The description 'all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og' going to 'half the tribe of Manasseh' shows substantial inheritance for this half-tribe. The alternative names for the region ('Argob... called... the land of giants') connect geography with history. The naming 'after his own name, Bashanhavothjair' preserves Jair's legacy, showing that faithful service leaves lasting impact. God allows His people to be remembered for their contributions to His kingdom.

Historical Context

Jair, son of Manasseh, captured villages in Bashan and named them after himself (Numbers 32:41). This naming convention was common in ancient Near East to commemorate conquest. The region remained known as Havoth-jair centuries later, showing how faithful acts create enduring legacy.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What legacy are you building through faithful service to God?
2. How can you honor those whose faithful work has blessed your spiritual journey?

Interlinear Text

אַרְגּוֹב בְּכָל הַמִּנְשָׁה תָּקַח אֶת כָּל יְאֵר
Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob
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עַל אֶת מִזְבֵּחַ וְמִעֵדֶת וְגַשּׁוּר וְמַעֲכָת וְגַשְׁׁרִים
unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi and called
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עַד יְאֵר בָּשָׁן הַבְּשָׁן אֶת שְׁמֵךְ וְשֵׁם
them after his own name Bashanhavothjair
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בַּזְהָה הַיּוֹם
unto this day
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Additional Cross-References

Numbers 32:41 (Parallel theme): And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair.

Joshua 13:13 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwell among the Israelites until this day.

2 Samuel 13:37 (Parallel theme): But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.

2 Samuel 3:3 (Parallel theme): And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;

2 Samuel 10:6 (Parallel theme): And when the children of Ammon saw that they stank before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men.

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