

Numbers 21:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

Analysis

And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them—Og (אֹג) was the last of the Rephaim (Deuteronomy 3:11), the giant-race that terrified the earlier generation (Numbers 13:33). **He, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei** (עֲדְרֵי, Edre'i)—Og's aggression mirrors Sihon's: both attacked Israel, both were annihilated, both became examples of God's faithfulness.

Og represents unfinished business from Kadesh-barnea—the new generation defeats the giants that paralyzed their fathers. Deuteronomy 3:1-11 expands this narrative, emphasizing Og's size and the psychological terror he should have inspired. Israel's victory over the last Rephaim king proves the wilderness generation died for unbelief, not impossible odds.

Historical Context

Bashan was fertile plateau northeast of the Sea of Galilee, famous for cattle (Psalm 22:12) and oaks (Isaiah 2:13). Edrei was one of Og's royal cities. Archaeological surveys show significant late Bronze Age occupation in this region. Og's iron bed (Deuteronomy 3:11) suggests advanced metallurgy and exceptional physical size.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What 'Og' in your life represents unfinished fears from past failures that God now calls you to face?
2. How does the new generation's victory over giants encourage you regarding challenges that defeated previous attempts?
3. Where might God be positioning you to prove that earlier fears were failures of faith, not impossibility of task?

Interlinear Text

וּפָנוּ	וַיַּעַל ו	דֶּרֶךְ	הַבָּשָׁן	וַיֵּצֵא	עוֹג	מֶלֶךְ
And they turned	and went up	by the way	of Bashan	went out	and Og	the king
H6437	H5927	H1870	H1316	H3318	H5747	H4428
הַבָּשָׁן	לְקִרְיַת	הָזֶה	כָּל	עַם	לְמִלְחָמָה	
of Bashan	against	H1931	H3605	them he and all his people	to the battle	
H1316	H7125			H5971	H4421	
אֶדְרֵי						
at Edrei						
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Additional Cross-References

Joshua 13:12 (Kingdom): All the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out.

Deuteronomy 1:4 (Kingdom): After he had slain Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei:

Deuteronomy 29:7 (Kingdom): And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:

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