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The Amorites were lead by at least two kings. One was named Sihon and the other Og. Notice the message Moses sends to Sihon in *Numbers 21:21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, 22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders.*

The request was to go through on the highway just as it had been to Moab. The request was refused.

Numbers 21:23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. Instead of allowing them to pass, he attacked them. Bad mistake!

Numbers 21:24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon was strong. 25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof.

Now let's get our bearing geographically. We are on the east side of the Jordan River. They have not crossed the river into the Promised Land yet at this time. It says they are beginning to dwell in the land.

III- Significance of This and Defeat of Og:

To really understand the significance of the we need to see just who Sihon was with the introduction of Og. To this we turn to *Deuteronomy 3:8-10 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon; ... 10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.*

Again I emphasis the fear of the giants in prohibiting the first generation to enter the land. *Numbers 13:32-33 And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*

Notice the size of Og. *Deuteronomy 3:11 For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was*



Coordinates:

Numbers 21:1-25; 32:1-33

Sights to See:

- 1- Many times we have to conquer our fears, or should I say allow God to help us overcome them, in order to serve Him.
- 2- The enemies of God that stood before the people looked like giants but were in fact small in compassion to the might of God.
- 3- The failures of the past generations are easy to repeat and we must guard against them.
- 4- The successes God gives are preparation for the next time we need to trust Him.
- 5- When we make promises we are ultimately giving our promise not to men but to God. God watches our promises and sees our heart as we make them. *1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*
- 6- We should never settled down in our comfort while there is so much of the world that needs to be conquered for Christ. He has called us to go not setting down before the work is done.



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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.

The HCSB says, ... *His bed was made of iron... It is 13 feet six inches long and six feet wide by a standard measure.* May I use an old saying, the bigger they are the harder they fall.

God allowed the Children of Israel to fight against and conquer the giants that had been the generation before greatest fear. The battle is recorded in *Numbers 21:33-35* *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. 34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. 35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.*

God used the past victories to assure them of the next. Fausset Bible Dictionary says concerning the battle with Og.

The rocky fastnesses, on which Og's 60 cities were, almost impregnable, compensated by security for their inconveniences. Had Og remained in them, Israel could not have dislodged him. God therefore saw it needful to encourage Israel in facing such a foe, "fear him not"; and God sent hornets which, as well as infatuation, drove Og into the open field where he was overthrown (*Jos 24:12*).

Joshua 24:12 says *And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; but not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.*

This conquest was preparation for them to enter the land and overcome their fear.

IV- Request of Tribe of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh:

The nation is across the Jordan River from the land promised to Abraham, and reaffirmed to Isaac and Jacob, many generations before. They have conquered the land on this east side of the Jordan called the Tran-Jordan side of the river. The request comes now to Moses to allow some of the tribes to not cross but to settle permanently on this side of the river. The side some say was the wrong side of the river.

Numbers 32:1-5 *Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; 2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, ... 4 Even the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: 5 Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan.*

This land was idea for the purposes they had for raising cattle. They saw this as an opportunity to have the best for their herds.

The reply of Moses seems to drip with fear that this next generation will not follow God and fail like the last one had. *Numbers 32:6-8* *And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? 7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land.*

