

# Giants in the Old Testament...

## De 3:11-13

“For **only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim**. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? \_\_\_ cubits was its length, and \_\_\_ cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit. When we took possession of this land at that time, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory beginning at Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities. The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of **Rephaim**.)”

A common cubit is 18 inches. His bed was ( \_\_\_ x 18 ) = \_\_\_ x ( \_\_\_ x 18 ) = \_\_\_ !

## ‘rephaim’ -

רִפְּאִים, only pl. רִפְּאִים [Rephaim], gentile noun, *Rephaites*, i. q. הַרְפָּאִים 2 Sam. 21:16, 18, a very ancient nation of the Canaanites beyond Jordan, famous on account of their gigantic stature, Genesis 14:5; 15:20; Isaiah 17:5; compare Deuter. 3:11; the remains of which continued even to the age of David, 2 Sam. loc. cit. In a wider sense, this name appears to have comprehended the gigantic nations of Canaan (see אֲכַיִם, אֲנָכִים, אֲנָקִים), Deut. 2:11, 20.

רָפָה (“casting down,” “throwing down,” i. e. a hero, a champion, a giant) [Raphah], pr. n.—(1) of an ancient giant, whose descendants, who were also giants, were called הַרְפָּאִים and רִפְּאִים; see that word.—(2) 1 Ch. 8:37; for which there is 1 Ch. 9:43, רִפְּאִיָּה [Rephaiah], (“whom Jehovah healed”).

thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a **great stature**. And there we saw the giants, the **sons of Anak**, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as \_\_\_\_\_, and so we were in their sight”

## ‘great stature’ -

מְדוּה fem. (from the root מָדַד) —(1) *extension, length*. אִישׁ מְדוּה a man of tall stature, 1 Ch. 11:23; pl. אֲנָשֵׁי מְדוּה Isa. 45:14, and אֲנָשֵׁי מְדוּת (comp. as to the double plural of compounds Hebr. Gramm. § 106, 3). Jer. 22:14, בַּיִת מְדוּת “a large (ample) house.”

(2) *measure*, Ex. 26:2, 8. מְדוּלָּה a measuring cord, Zec. 2:5.

(3) i. q. מִדָּה No. 2, a *garment*, plur. מְדוּת Psalm 133:2.

(4) from the Chaldee usage, *tribute*, Neh. 5:4.

## Amos 2:9

“Yet it was I who destroyed the **Amorite** before them, whose height was like the height of the \_\_\_\_\_ and who was as strong as the \_\_\_\_\_; I destroyed his fruit above and his roots beneath.”

## Nu 13:32-33

“When Israel spied out the land, they brought an evil report “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

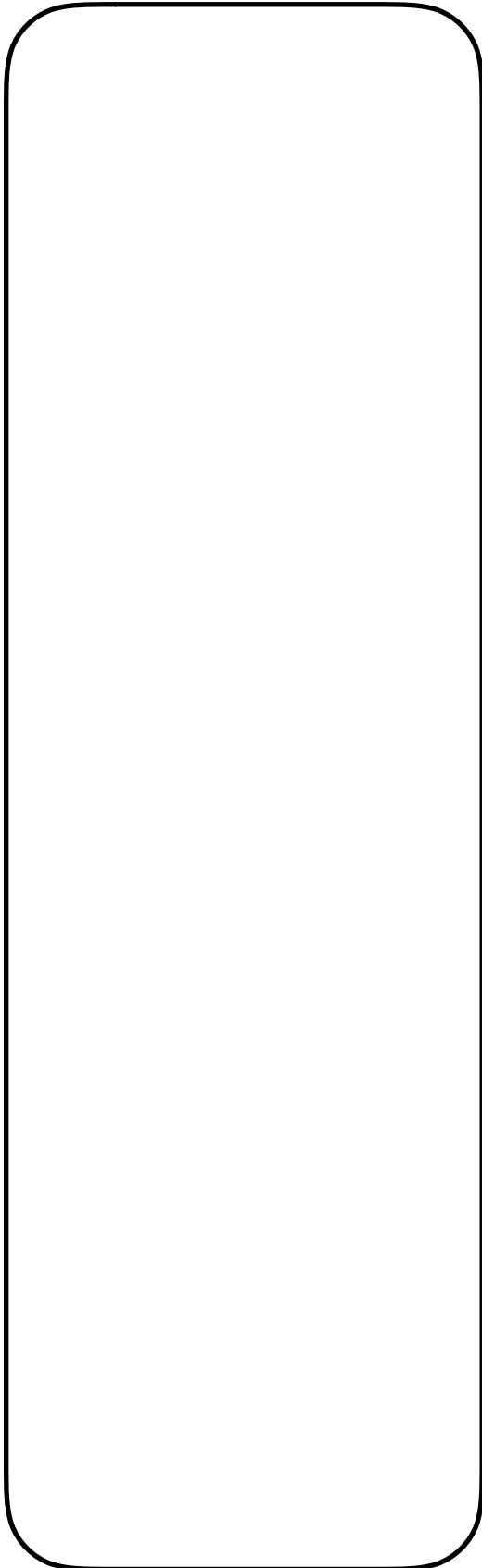
## Nu 13:33

“A people **great and tall**, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of *whom* thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of **Anak!**”

## 1 Sa 17:4

“And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named **Goliath**, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.” **(9 ft, 9 inches)**

# King Og of Bashan



Lived in \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deut 1:4

Asheroth was a religious city, where they worshipped a female goddess. She was represented by a limbless tree trunk planted in the ground. The trunk was usually carved into a symbolic representation of the goddess. Because of the association with carved trees, the places of Asheroth worship were commonly called “groves,” and the Hebrew word “asherah” (plural, “asherim”) could refer either to the goddess or to a grove of trees.

King Og ruled over 60 cities in Bashan, over all the region of the Argob. Today this is southwestern Syria.

King Og met Moses at the fortress of Edrei, the modern city of Daraa where the modern civil war in Syria started. The ancient ruins of Edrei have a fascinating underground city, with streets and marketplaces. Imagine King Og in his underground fortress challenging Moses to a fight!

How did Moses win the battle?

Josh 24:12 has the fascinating details:  
“And I sent the \_\_\_\_\_ 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.”

Can you imagine? Giant King Og and his people, safely underground, taunting Moses, and then..... running for their life from a swarm of \_\_\_\_\_!

