

Text: Deuteronomy 3

Title: "The LORD your God Himself fights for you" Deuteronomy 3:22

INTRODUCTION

1. There was a deep and latent fear felt by Israel
2. They were afraid of War
 - a) Afraid of defeat
 - b) Afraid of harm
 - c) Afraid of their enemies
 - d) Afraid of death
3. They had failed to enter into Canaan
 - a) Forty years ago
 - b) The new generation would have to decide how they would face the Canaanites

THE BATTLE AGAINST KING OG OF BASHAN

¹"Then we turned and went up the road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

²And the LORD said to me, 'Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.'

³"So the LORD our God also delivered into our hands Og king of Bashan, with all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining.

⁴And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

⁵All these cities *were* fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns.

⁶And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

⁷ But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

⁸ “And at that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who *were* on this side of the Jordan, from the River Arnon to Mount Hermon

⁹ (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir),

¹⁰ all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salcah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

¹¹ “For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the ^lgiants. Indeed his bedstead *was* an iron bedstead. (*Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?*) Nine cubits *is* its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

Deuteronomy 3:1-11

1. The Battle with Og, King of Bashan

- a) Og was a giant
- b) He was one of the remnant of a group of giants

2. Og had 60 fortified cities with high walls

3. God’s word to Moses

- a) “Do not fear him”
- b) “I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand”
- c) “You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.”

3. The children of Israel thoroughly defeated King Og of Bashan

OTHER BATTLES TO FIGHT

¹⁸ “Then I commanded you at that time, saying: ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valour shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel.

¹⁹ But your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall stay in your cities which I have given you,

²⁰ until the LORD has given rest to your brethren as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God is giving them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.'

²¹ "And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass.

²² You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.'

Deuteronomy 3:18-22

1. A Word of Encouragement to the mighty men of valour

- a) That God had given Canaan to Israel
- b) That the men of valour must conquer the whole land of Canaan

2. A Word of Encouragement to Joshua

- a) Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done
- b) So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms through which you pass
- c) You must not fear them
- d) The LORD your God Himself fights for you

OUR CHALLENGE

1. Consciousness of Battles to be fought

- a) Against sin
- b) Against self
- c) Against a hostile world

2. Cultivating a victorious mindset

- a) Battle fear
- b) Believe in the LORD's Presence and Power
- c) Be prepared to battle hard

3. Conquests over enemies

- a) Giants
- b) Great obstacles
- c) Grace and strength from God