

## Defeat of King Og of Bashan

The Lord is with us all the time. We just have to be open to His direction through faith. He will give us the strength to handle all trials and all difficulties, like the current quarantine. Trust Him and He will not let you down.

According to the [Torah](#), the Israelites invaded Bashan and conquered it from the [Amorites](#). [Deuteronomy 3:1–7](#) states:

Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ***And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand;*** and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So, the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time, there was not a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwallled towns a great many. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city. But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves.

In Deut. 3:11 and later in the book of Numbers and Joshua, Og is called the last of the [Rephaim](#). Rephaim is a [Hebrew](#) word for [giants](#). Deut. 3:11 declares that his "bedstead" (translated in some texts as "sarcophagus") of iron is "nine [cubits](#) in length and four cubits in width", which is 13.5 by 6 feet (4.1 by 1.8 m) according to the standard cubit of a man. It goes on to say that at the royal city of [Rabbah](#) of the [Ammonites](#), his giant bedstead could still be seen as a novelty at the time the narrative was written. If the giant king's bedstead was built in proportion to his size as most beds are, he may have been between 9 and 13 feet (2.7 and 4.0 m) in height.

### Question Time:

1. Was King Og really a giant? Yes, he was between 9 and 13 feet tall.
2. Why did the Israelites battle King Og? The land was promised to them by God and He delivered the cities to the Israelites to fulfill His Word.
3. What does threescore mean? 60 A score is 20.

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 3: 1 – 7 and 11.

Philippians 4:6-7 - *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Next Steps:** Take a tape measure and measure your bed from the headboard to the footboard. Then measure it from side to side. Think about your bed in relation to the bed of King Og. Sounds like he might be a cousin of Goliath. Probably not.