

DEUTRONOMY CHAPTERS 2 & 3 - The Desert Years; King Sihon Defeated; King Og Defeated; The Land East of the Jordan Divided; Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

The Desert Years:

Deu 2:1 "Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness of the Way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and we skirted Mount Seir for many days.

Deu 2:2 "And the LORD spoke to me, saying:

Deu 2:3 'You have skirted this mountain long enough; turn northward.

Deu 2:4 And command the people, saying, "You are about to pass through the territory of your brethren, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Therefore watch yourselves carefully.

Deu 2:5 Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as one footstep, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

Deu 2:6 You shall buy food from them with money, that you may eat; and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

Deu 2:7 "For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He knows your trudging through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have lacked nothing."

Deu 2:8 "And when we passed beyond our brethren, the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir, away from the road of the plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber, we turned and passed by way of the Wilderness of Moab.

Deu 2:9 Then the LORD said to me, 'Do not harass Moab, nor contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession.'

Deu 2:10 (The Emim had dwelt there in times past, a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim.

Deu 2:11 They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.

Deu 2:12 The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave them.)

Deu 2:13 "Now rise and cross over the Valley of the Zered." So we crossed over the Valley of the Zered.

Deu 2:14 And the time we took to come from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed over the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them.

Deu 2:15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp until they were consumed.

vs. 1-3 “You have skirted this mountain long enough.” Indeed they had. After spending one year at Mt. Sinai and thirty-eight years in the wilderness, it was time for the children of Israel to go north, time to get back to where they were supposed to be thirty-eight years earlier, time to go back to Kadesh-Barnea and into the Promised Land.

vs. 4-5 On their way toward the Promised Land, when the children of Israel passed through the region of Mt. Seir, they were not to engage in battle because God had given that particular piece of property to the Edomites, the descendants of Esau.

v. 6 That the Israelites were to buy meat and water signals a shift in God’s provision for them. In their wilderness wandering, God had fed them manna from the sky and water from the rock. Now that they’re ready to enter the Promised Land, however, although manna would fall seemingly sporadically (Joshua 5:12), after they celebrated their first Passover in the Promised Land, the manna would stop completely. The point is simple. God expects us to grow up, to move on. “You need to participate in the process not because I’m being mean to you or holding back from you but because I want to see maturity in you.” As we do with our own kids, God expected His children to participate in their own care.

v. 7 Each of us who has logged time in with the Lord must, in retrospect, join Moses in saying, “God has seen me through faithfully.” For me personally, yes, there were times of doubt and fear and tears, but as I look back over forty years, I have no other honest choice but to say, “God has been nothing but faithful to me.”

vs. 8-9 The Edomites were descendants of Esau; the Moabites along with the Ammonites, descendants of Lot and his incestuous relationship with his daughters following the destruction of Sodom.

vs. 10-12 Like the Anakims, the Emims and Horims were giant people, fearful, and terrible. Yet here Moses says that the Horims were beaten back by the descendants of Esau. In other words, because the Edomites wiped out the very giants of which God’s people were afraid (Numbers 13:31–33). **Cf. Deut. 1:28; Rom. 8:32**

vs. 13-15 Because God held only those who were twenty years old and older responsible for their unbelief (Numbers 14:29), I believe the age of accountability—the age at which a person’s eternal destiny is decided—is higher than we tend to think. God’s grace is great and His mercy amazing, for even if the eighteen- and nineteen-year-olds were murmuring, God gave them the opportunity to go into the Promised Land.

Chapters 2 & 3: The theme of this first sermon is obedience!

God is teaching obedience to the children of Israel, using their history. It’s been said that if man doesn’t learn from his past mistakes, he is doomed to repeat it!

In this sermon to the new generation, the point is very simple.

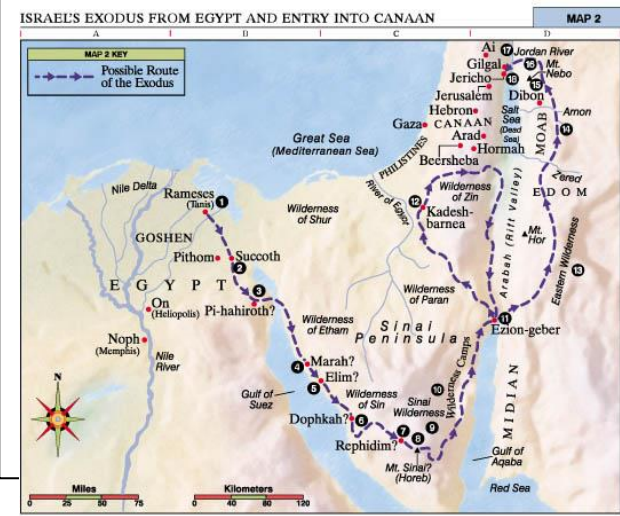
Every time we’ve obeyed the Lord, it’s been good! Every time we’ve disobeyed the Lord, bad things happen! SO let’s obey the Lord!!!

We will be looking at the **giants in the land** and how **prior to Israel**. God has led the Edomites, the Moabites and the Ammonites in victory over driving the giants out the land God had given to them.

When God gives the Promised Land to Israel, He didn’t give them different lands. Just the specific land of Israel.

Question, what giants are in your life? What is the greatest giant in your life that you ever faced? What is the present /s now in your life? – Possessions of all the OT & NT, giant promises - My God has a long history of displacing giants (including sins that plague us)! 1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Paul is writing that to the Corinthian church. We think that our culture is different?? In the last days! But Rome was place were Bacchus was worshipped, temple prostitutes. Multiple women. Rome was not that different from the world we live in!

There are things that the Corinthian can learn, how much more for us now in this age! Giants – sin - porn, forgiveness, alcohol. At Kadesh Barnea, their father’s unbelief, because of the giants and high walls, resulted in Self fulfilling prophecy.



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Deu 2:16 "So it was, when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,
Deu 2:17 that the LORD spoke to me, saying:
Deu 2:18 'This day you are to cross over at Ar, the boundary of Moab.
Deu 2:19 And when you come near the people of Ammon, do not harass them or meddle with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the descendants of Lot as a possession.' "
Deu 2:20 (That was also regarded as a land of giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,
Deu 2:21 a people as great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But the LORD destroyed them before them, and they
Deu 2:22 just as He had done for the descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them. They dispossessed them and dwelt in their place, even to this day.
Deu 2:23 And the Avim, who dwelt in villages as far as Gaza—the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt in their place.)
Deu 2:24 " 'Rise, take your journey, and cross over the River Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess it, and engage him in battle.
Deu 2:25 This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the nations under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.'
King Sihon Defeated:
Deu 2:26 "And I sent messengers from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,
Deu 2:27 'Let me pass through your land; I will keep strictly to the road, and I will turn neither to the right nor to the left.
Deu 2:28 You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on foot,
Deu 2:29 just as the descendants of Esau who dwell in Seir and the Moabites who dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the Jordan to the land which the LORD our God is giving us.'
Deu 2:30 "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass through, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that He might deliver him into your hand, as it is this day.

INTERPRETATION

vs. 16-21 “No temptation has taken you but that which is common to all men,” Paul writes (1 Cor.10:13). Therefore, I firmly believe everyone has it equally hard. You see, while I’ve gone through some hard experiences, I’ve also had great blessings in my life. On the other hand, others might not go through hard times, but neither do they have the blessings. It all equals out. May we not be a people who pout about the Horims and Zamzummims in our lives. Rather, may we be those who say, “On this journey, every step of the way, God has been with us. And how good He has been to us.”

v. 22 but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: In verse 12, we read that the descendants of Esau destroyed the Horims, but here in verse 22, we see that, in reality, it was God who destroyed them. Those who say, “I’m a self-made man. I don’t need Jesus or the Bible. I fight my own battles. I take on my own giants,” fail to understand that it is God who gave them the ability to succeed in business, to hit a baseball, to think technologically. Every good and perfect gift comes from God, James tells us (1:17). Therefore, foolish is the man who takes credit for his success.

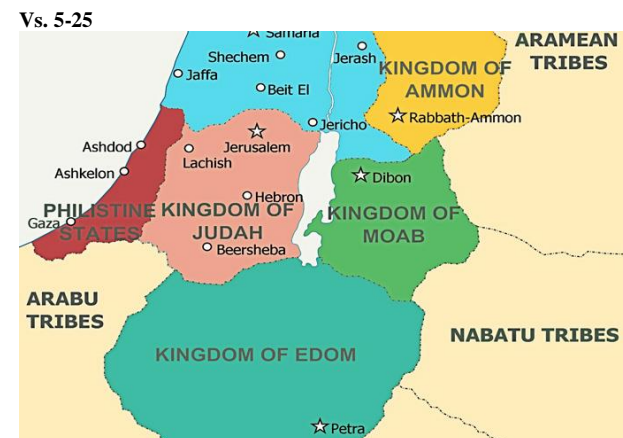
vs. 23-24 Although the Israelites were forbidden from fighting the Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites because of their relation to them, they were free to do battle against the Amorites.

v. 25 In waging war against the Amorites, God would bless Israel with such decisive victory that all of the surrounding nations would be in awe of them.

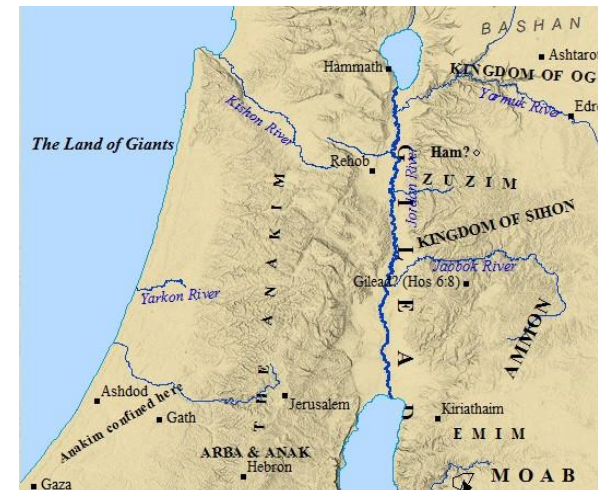
vs. 26-29 Even though they were permitted to do battle with the Amorites, the Israelites first asked permission of Sihon to pass through his land.

vs. 30-31 Sihon’s refusal to give safe passage to Israel set the stage for a battle he was unknowingly destined to lose. Maybe today you have a broken heart because of someone else’s obstinate heart. Most of us know what it’s like to be rejected by someone we care about. Yet happy is the man or woman who remembers God’s sovereignty. We can be happy if we don’t lose sight of the fact that God is in control. When someone has a hard heart toward me, I must remember that God is the One who causes all things to work out for His perfect, divine plan. A truly radical way to live is to realize that everything that happens is part of God’s plan to allow me to possess more of my possession, to be a bigger person, to gain new territory, to experience great victory

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Vs. 11-22



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Deu 2:31 "And the LORD said to me, 'See, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to possess it, that you may inherit his land.'

Deu 2:32 Then Sihon and all his people came out against us to fight at Jahaz.

Deu 2:33 And the LORD our God delivered him over to us; so we defeated him, his sons, and all his people.

Deu 2:34 We took all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed the men, women, and little ones of every city; we left none remaining.

Deu 2:35 We took only the livestock as plunder for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we took.

Deu 2:36 From Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, and from the city that is in the ravine, as far as Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the LORD our God delivered all to us.

Deu 2:37 Only you did not go near the land of the people of Ammon—anywhere along the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the mountains, or wherever the LORD our God had forbidden us.

King Og Defeated:

Deu 3:1 "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.

Deu 3:2 And 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.'

Deu 3:3 "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.

Deu 3:4 And 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

Deu 3:5 All these cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides a great many rural towns.

Deu 3:6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

Deu 3:7 But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

Deu 3:8 "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

Deu 3:9 (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir),

Deu 3:10 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.

vs. 32-37 Because of Sihon's obstinate heart, war did indeed break out. But the result was great victory for the children of Israel, just as God had promised. And through it, they gained their first foothold in the Land—the region east of the Jordan where Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh would eventually settle.

v. 1 Having heard what happened to Sihon, king of the Amorites, Og, king of Bashan, set out to do battle with Israel.

vs. 2-11 Israel's victory over Og was no small one—for not only did he rule over sixty cities, but he himself was so big that his “bedstead,” or, more likely, his casket measured thirteen by six feet.

Vs. 2:26-3:3 Sihon of Heshbon; Og of Bashan



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Deu 3:11 "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. 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.

The Land East of the Jordan Divided

Deu 3:12 "And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the River Arnon, and half the mountains of Gilead and its cities, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites.

Deu 3:13 The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with all Bashan, was called the land of the giants.

Deu 3:14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maachathites, and called Bashan after his own name, Havoth Jair, to this day.)

Deu 3:15 "Also I gave Gilead to Machir.

Deu 3:16 And to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave from Gilead as far as the River Arnon, the middle of the river as the border, as far as the River Jabbok, the border of the people of Ammon;

Deu 3:17 the plain also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

Deu 3:18 "Then I commanded you at that time, saying: 'The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All you men of valor shall cross over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel.

Deu 3:19 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,

Deu 3:20 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.'

Deu 3:21 "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.

Deu 3:22 You must not fear them, for the LORD your God Himself fights for you.'

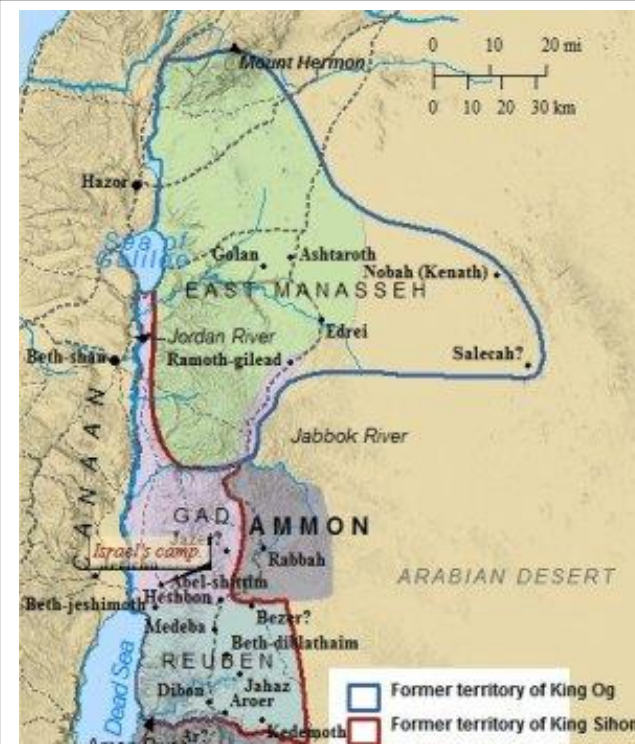
INTERPRETATION

vs. 12-17 The victory over both Og and Sihon left the territory east of the Jordan available to the Israelites. And, as seen in Numbers 32, the tribes of Gad and Reuben and half of the tribe of Manasseh asked Moses that it be given to them.

vs. 18-20 Although Reuben, Gad, and half of the tribe of Manasseh didn't have to go with the rest of the children of Israel, they nonetheless had to assist their brethren in battle. If you have a heart for missions or a desire to serve in ministry but feel unable to do so at this time, God would have you support those who do step up, who do claim territory, who do take their place on the front lines in the battle for men's souls. Pray for those in ministry; give financially to missionaries; do your part to help others be victorious. Don't miss the opportunity to fight alongside your brothers.

vs. 21-22 The children of Israel had seen miraculous victory over Sihon and Og—but that would be only a sneak preview of coming attractions, just a hint of how God would prove to be faithful to them in the Land of Promise.

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Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land

*Deu 3:23 "Then I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying:
Deu 3:24 'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?*

Deu 3:25 I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'

Deu 3:26 "But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.

Deu 3:27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.

Deu 3:28 But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'

Deu 3:29 "So we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

TRUST AND OBEY – John Sammis; (Maranatha Singers)

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.*

Refrain:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

*Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey. (Refrain)*

*But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)*

*Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)*

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vs. 23-26 Because Moses had misrepresented the Lord when he smote the rock at Meribah (Numbers 20), he was not allowed to go into the Land of Promise, until 1,500 years later when we see him talking with Jesus on the **Mount of Transfiguration**. I love our Lord! It's amazing to me how He has ways of making things happen that we could never imagine. And I believe Moses will be in the Promised Land again—one of the two witnesses of the Tribulation Period in Jerusalem (Revelation 11:3).

v. 27 Even though Moses couldn't go into the Land, the Lord gave him a supernatural sneak preview of it in its entirety.

vs. 28-29 The name Joshua in the Old Testament is Jesus in the New Testament. Moses couldn't go in to the Promised Land. Joshua would be the one to lead the people in. And Jesus does just that. Jesus is the One who leads us into the Promised Land, the place of salvation, the Spirit-filled life. Even as the Law prepares the way for us to see our need to receive Jesus (Galatians 3:24), Moses was to encourage Joshua to do that which Joshua alone could do then, which Jesus alone can do now.

APPLICATION

Does God always answer prayers? Yes, He does – “Yes”, “No” or “Wait”!

vs. 12 (Arnon River); 37 - Mt. Nebo (Pisgah)



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47 inch Human Femur

In the late 1950s, during road construction in south-east Turkey in the Euphrates Valley, many tombs containing the remains of Giants were uncovered.

At two sites the leg bones were measured to be about 120 cms "47.24 inches".

Joe Taylor, Director of the Mt. BLANCO FOSSIL MUSEUM in Crosbyton, Texas, was commissioned to sculpt this anatomically correct, and to scale, human femur.

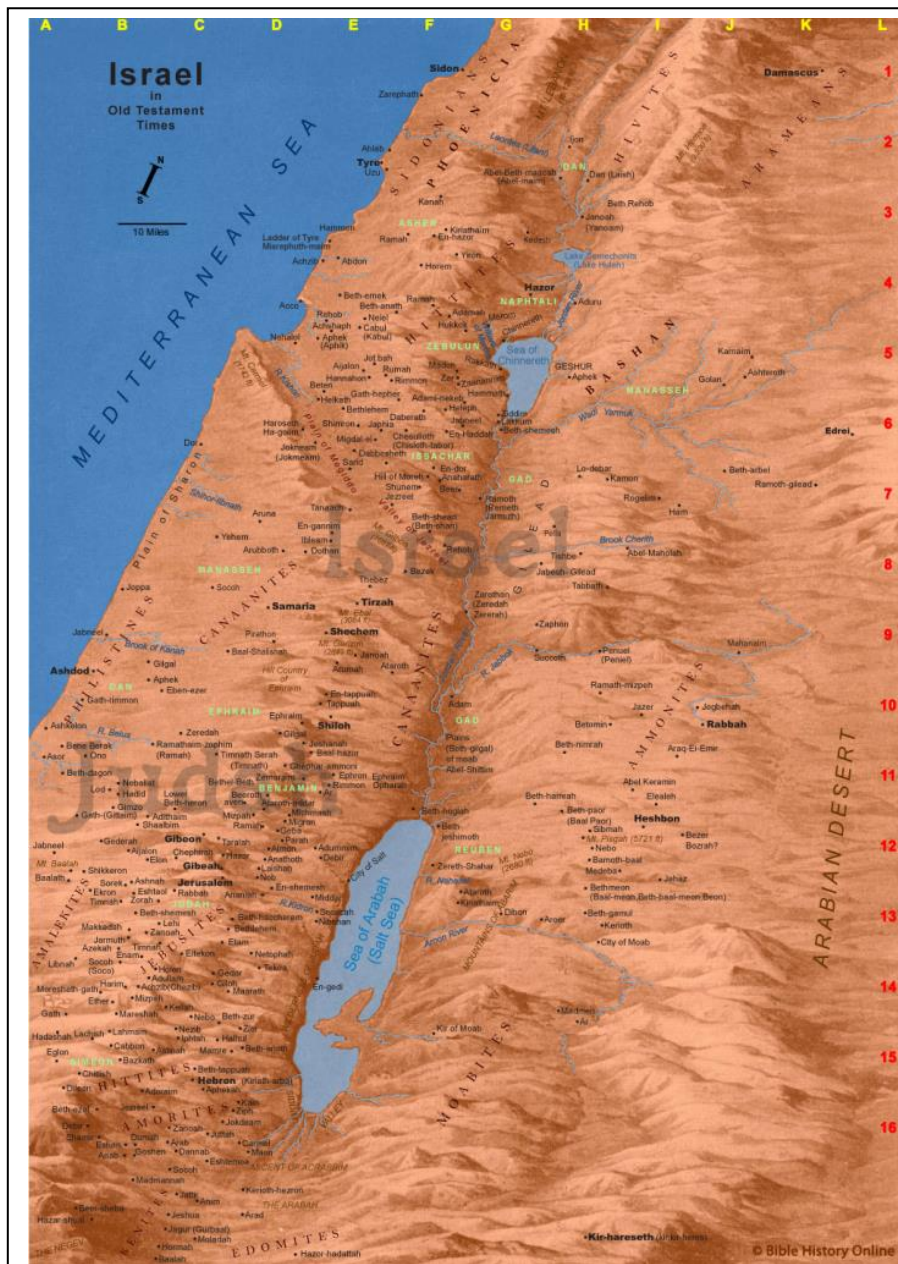
This "Giant" stood some 14-16 feet tall, and had 20-22 inch long feet. His or Her finger tips, with arms to their sides, would be about 6 feet above the ground.

The Biblical record, in Deuteronomy 3:11 states that the Iron Bed of Og, King of Bashan was 9 cubits by 4 cubits or approximately 14 feet long by 6 feet wide!

GENESIS 6:4

There were Nephilim (Giants) in the earth in those days; and also after that when the sons of God (Angels?) came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

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