

Deuteronomy 3

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Notes

3:11 Many scholars think the “bed” of King Og was a sarcophagus (burial slab). It measured about 14.5 feet by 6 feet.. Rephaim was the local name for a race of giants.

3:12 Gilead was a general name for the land east of the Jordan Valley.

3:14,15 Jair and Machir are clan leaders within the tribe of Manasseh.

3:17 The Arabah is the rift valley which includes the Jordan River, Dead Sea, and the arid land between the Dead Sea and Aqaba on the Red Sea.

3:17 Chinnereth or Kinnereth is the Old Testament name for the Sea of Galilee.

Questions:

1. Read Numbers 32:1-5. Why did the three tribes request the land east of the Jordan? How does this connect to the “bulls of Bashan” in Psalm 22? (Also see Eze. 39:18, Amos 4:1).



2. What was the condition for the three tribes to take immediate possession of their desired territory? Was there any friction later?

3. What does Moses say to Joshua to encourage him?
4. Is Moses commanded by the Lord to give the newly conquered territories east of the Jordan to the tribes of Manasseh, Gad, and Reuben? What do you think might be the purpose of this “pre-conquest”?
5. Why does the Lord not allow Moses to enter the land?
6. What differences are there between Moses and Joshua?
7. In verse 28, the Lord tells Moses to encourage and strengthen Joshua in the task that has been taken from Moses. Do we encounter any situations like this?