

~ARGOB 2 (56)
(Ar'gob) [Clod of Earth]

- A region of Bashan that was conquered while Israel was still East of the Jordan and that became part of the territory of the tribe of Manasseh. It appears to have been the seat of the kingdom of Og and is described as having 60 fortified cities besides very many rural towns.
- And we went capturing all his cities at that particular time. There proved to be no town that we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of **Argob**, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. (**Deuteronomy 3:4**)
- All these were cities fortified with a high wall, doors and bar, aside from very many rural towns. (**Deuteronomy 3:5**)
- And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan of the kingdom of Og I have given to the half tribe of Manasseh. All the region of **Argob** of all Bashan, is it not called the land of the Rephaim? (**Deuteronomy 3:13**)
- Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of **Argob** as far as the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and he proceeded to call those villages of Bashan by his own name, Havvoth-jair, to this day. (**Deuteronomy 3:14**)
- This was the land of the Rephaim, or land of giants.
- **Argob** lay East of the Sea of Galilee. Although the traditional site for **Argob** is that of **Al-Ledja**, a lava-covered area about 32 kilometers (20 miles) South of Damascus, the description in Deuteronomy of an area with rural towns would seem to favor the fertile plain to the West of **Al-Ledja** probably centered on the region between **Nahr al-Ruqad**, **Nahr al-`Alan**, and **Nahal Yarmuk**.
- On this broad tableland the cities had no natural defenses and would have need for the high walls mentioned in the Scriptures. There are ruins of such great cities studding the entire territory of Bashan.
- In King Solomon's time **Argob** was part of one of 12 districts placed under deputies responsible for providing food for the royal household.

- **And Solomon had twelve deputies over all Israel, and they provided the king and his household with food. It would devolve upon each one to provide the food one month in the year. (1 Kings 4:7)**
- **The son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead, he had the tent villages of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead, he had the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty large cities with wall and copper bar. (1 Kings 4:13)**