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Deuteronomy: Preparation for Conquest

Remember!

Deuteronomy 4:1–15

Then the Lord said to me, 'Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'

Deuteronomy 10:11

The New King James Version. (1982). (Dt 10:11). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- I. The Setting, Deuteronomy 1:1, 3:29, 4:46, 34:6
 - The Background, Numbers 33
 - 1. At Sinai, Deuteronomy 1:6; Numbers 33:9-15
 - 2. The Wilderness of Paran, "Nevertheless you would not go up ..."

Deuteronomy 1:26; Numbers 13–14

- 3. The Years of Wandering, Numbers 14–39–45
- 4. The Plains of Moab across from Jericho,

Deuteronomy 1:1, 5

"Now it came to pass ... Moses spoke to the

children of Israel according to all

that the LORD had given him ...

On this side of the Jordan

in the land of Moab."

Deuteronomy 1:3a, c, 5a

II. The "Now" or "And now," Deuteronomy 4:1

1. The Challenge:

"See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants." Deuteronomy 1:8

2. Three watershed events in their history:

(1) The establishment of a righteous judicial system,

Deuteronomy 1:9–18; Exodus 18

(2) The High Price of Disobedience,

Deuteronomy 1:19-46; Numbers 13-14

"Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God."

Deuteronomy 1:26; Numbers 14:1-4

"Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers." Deuteronomy 1:35; Numbers 14:21–39

"Moreover your little ones and your children ... they shall go in." Deuteronomy 1:39; Numbers 14:31

(3) Remember the Years of Wandering,

Deuteronomy 2:1–19

i. Pass through Seir (Edom) without "meddling" with them.

Deuteronomy 2:1-8; Numbers 20:14-21

ii. Pass through Moab and Ammon without meddling with them.

Deuteronomy 2:9-13; 18-19

iii. A parenthetical:

"... all the generation of the men of war was consumed from the midst of the camp, just as the LORD had sworn to them. For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them ..."

Deuteronomy 2:14b-15a

III. A prelude to Canaan, Deuteronomy 2:24–3:29

(1) God gave Sihon king of Heshbon to Israel.

Deuteronomy 2:24–37

(2) God gave Og king of Bashan to Israel.

Deuteronomy 3:1-11

(3) Moses' final plea, God's final answer.

Deuteronomy 3:23–27

(4) Joshua was commissioned to lead Israel into the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 3:28–29

IV. "Listen ..." "... Take Heed ..."

Deuteronomy 4:1–15

"Now O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you." Deuteronomy 4:1

- 1. Heed the word. Deuteronomy 4:1–8
 - Remember Baal Peor Deuteronomy 4:3-4
 - Remember Israel is exceptional. Deuteronomy 4:5–8

2. Remember the day at Mt. Sinai, Deuteronomy 4:9–15

"Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen ... especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said, 'Gather the people to Me ...'"

Deuteronomy 4:9a & 10a

