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## Deuteronomy 1.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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**INTRODUCTION:** Deuteronomy means, second law, it is a retelling by Moses of the teachings and events of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. It includes an extended review of the Ten Commandments (Deut. 4:44) to (Deut. 5:33) and Moses' farewell address to a new generation of Israelites as they stand ready to take possession of the Promised Land. Moses reminds them of God's faithfulness and love, but also of God's wrath on the previous generation of Israelites because of their disobedience.

In this book Moses repeatedly charges Israel to keep the Law, Deuteronomy is a solemn call to love and obey the one true God. There are blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (about 1405 B.C.).

**THE COVENANT:** Deuteronomy is basically Moses speaking to the generation that came out of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness and is soon to cross the River Jordan under the leadership of Joshua and enter the Promised Land. Moses is re-telling Israel of all the laws, commandments and statutes of the LORD their parents were given at Mount Sinai, because all of those about to cross the River Jordan except for Caleb and Joshua were only children when the LORD spoke from Mount Sinai and Israel agreed to the covenant.

After Moses finishes giving Israel all the LORD'S commandments, the entire nation of Israel once again enter into the covenant with the LORD to obey and do all the words that the LORD has spoken by Moses. This is not a new covenant but a re-commitment to the original covenant made at Mount Sinai by the parents of this new generation who have grown up with their fearful and unbelieving parents through the forty years of wilderness wanderings.

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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In the 40th year of Israel dwelling in the wilderness, on the 1st day of the 11th month, Moses tells the people they have stayed long enough at Mount Horeb. They have defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei on the Wilderness side of the Jordan River.

Moses tells the people it is now time to go to the hill country of the Amorites, and all their neighbours in the Arabah, the hill country and the lowland, the Negeb and by the seacoast to the land of the Canaanites and Lebanon as far as the Great River Euphrates. Before they leaving Moses retells the history of events that took place during the Exodus and the Wilderness. From Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-Barnea was only an eleven day journey.

- The LORD has set the Promised Land before Israel and tells them to go and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to their offspring after them (Deut. 1:7-8).

Moses told the people the LORD has multiplied Israel they are as numerous as the stars of heaven, so vast in number Moses could not bear the weight, the burden and strife of them by himself, so Israel chose wise, understanding and experienced men for their tribes and Moses established them as commanders over Israel's tribes and made them officers over thousand's, hundreds, fifties and tens, throughout Israel's tribes and they all agreed it was wise and good thing to do.

### **Moses reminds the Judges: -**

- To hear the peoples cases between each other and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him.
- Not to be partial in judgment and to hear the small (poor) and the great (rich and successful) alike.
- Not to be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's and if the case is too hard for them they were to take to Moses.

### **Moses re-tells the history of Israel's journey from Horeb (Mout Sinai).**

The unbelieving wilderness generation saw how the LORD went before them to seek out a place for them to pitch their tents and guided them by fire at night and by cloud during day to show Israel what way they should go, they Israel left Mount Sinai travelled through the wilderness and saw the hill country of the Amorites and came to Kadesh-Barnea, which the LORD had promised to give them.

The LORD carried them through the wilderness until they came to the edge of the Land He was to give them, He told them not to be in dread or afraid of the people in the Promised Land, because He would go before them and fight for them, just as he did in Egypt.

Moses took twelve men from each tribe and they spied out the Land. They brought back some fruit and said, it is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us," but they rebelled against the command of the LORD and would not go into the Land, they murmured in their tents and said, their children will become a prey to the inhabitants and that the LORD hated them and has brought them out of Egypt, to give them to Amorites, to destroy them.

In spite of the LORD'S word and all they had seen they did not believe the LORD their God, the spies made the people's hearts melt, saying, "the people are greater and taller than they are, the cities are great and fortified up to heaven and the sons of the Anakim dwell in the Land and in unbelief they turned back from entering the land the LORD their God was going to give them.

The LORD heard their murmuring and was angered, so He told the unbelieving generation and Moses on Israel's account to turn around and go back into the wilderness toward the Red Sea, because not one of them or would enter the good land that he swore to give to their fathers, except for Joshua and Caleb because they both wholly followed the LORD and wanted to take the people into the Promised Land and the little ones who had no knowledge of good or evil, and who the unbelieving people said would become a prey to the inhabitants of the land that the LORD had said He would give them.

Even after the LORD had told them to turn around and go back into the wilderness, they continued in their rebellion, and put on their weapons to go into the land and fight the inhabitants. The LORD through Moses warned Israel not to go because the LORD is not with them and their enemies will defeat them, but the people would not listen and they rebelled against the LORD and presumptuously went up into the hill country. The Amorites in the hill country went out against Israel and chased them to Seir as far as Hormah. Israel returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD did not listen to their voice or give ear to Israel, so Israel remained at Kadesh many days.

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