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Deuteronomy 1

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Deuteronomy 1.

(A brief overview of the main topics)

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 enters 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.

NOTICE: the numerous ceremonial and civil rules and the laws concerning social justice recorded throughout this book, were not given to the secular world, but to the government of Israel to implement throughout their nation.

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.

DEUTERONOMY 1 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

- **Deuteronomy 1:1-46** These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. ² It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. ³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them, ⁴ after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. ⁵ Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying, ⁶ "The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸ See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.' ⁹ "At that time I said to you, 'I am not able to bear you by myself. ¹⁰ The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as

numerous as the stars of heaven. ¹¹ May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! ¹² How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? ¹³ Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.’ ¹⁴ And you answered me, ‘The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.’ ¹⁵ So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes. ¹⁶ And I charged your judges at that time, ‘Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him. ¹⁷ You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’ ¹⁸ And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do. ¹⁹ “Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. ²⁰ And I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. ²¹ See, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’ ²² Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’ ²³ The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. ²⁴ And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out. ²⁵ And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, ‘It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us.’ ²⁶ “Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. ²⁷ And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸ Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.”’ ²⁹ Then I said to you, ‘Do not be in dread or afraid of them. ³⁰ The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ ³² Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the LORD your God, ³³ who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go. ³⁴ “And the LORD heard your words and was angered, and he swore, ³⁵ ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers, ³⁶ except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the LORD!’ ³⁷ Even with me the LORD was angry on your account and said, ‘You also shall not go in there. ³⁸ Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. ³⁹ And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. ⁴⁰ But as for you, turn, and journey into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.’ ⁴¹ “Then you answered me, ‘We have sinned against the LORD. We ourselves will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.’ And every one of you fastened on his weapons of war and thought it easy to go up into the hill country. ⁴² And the LORD said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’ ⁴³ So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the LORD and presumptuously went up into the hill country. ⁴⁴ Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah. ⁴⁵ And you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD did not listen to your voice or give ear to you. ⁴⁶ So you remained at Kadesh many days, the days that you remained there.

The 40th year

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 people's 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 (MOUNT 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.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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