

Deuteronomy

Lesson 1 Deuteronomy 1-3

Deuteronomy is the final of the five Books of Moses. The book is the recorded address Moses gives before his death, and the people enter the land under the leadership of Joshua. In this address Moses will move from focusing on the recent history of God's people, to their future blessings, and their need for faithful obedience to God as they enter the land He had promised to their father's. Before discussing their need for faithfulness to God Moses needed to illustrate their need to trust in Him and His promises.

To satisfy this need Moses begins by giving an address that reminds the people of their father's failure in the wilderness, what God had done for them in their wandering, and what God had done in providing for the descendants of Esau and Lot. As we read consider how this will set the tone for the rest of the book as Moses prepares to speak of the Law and the need for faithful obedience to God.

Notes

Homework:

Read through Chapters 1-3 a few times. After you have read the text, write down what you think the purpose or point of each chapter is and why Moses is making those points.

Questions:

1. What had God done for the people and Moses before commanding they depart Sinai? How was this beneficial for God's people and Moses?

2. What was the real motivation for the people refusal to enter the land at God's command?

3. Why were the people to not harass the peoples of Edom, Moab, and Ammon? What was Israel to learn from what God had done for their nations?

4. What do we learn about God and sin from Moses' request to enter the land?