
Life-shaping significance...

1. God keeps His promises; He always does! What shows you trust Him?
2. What will prevent you from entering your Promised Land, heaven?
3. How do you respond when God speaks His word to you?
 - a. How can you ensure you respond favourably to God's word?
 - b. What devastating consequences are there when you distrust God?
4. How can you imitate the good example set by Caleb and Joshua?
5. How have all your enemies been defeated?

Prayer points...

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Studies in Deuteronomy 1-11

Live life like this!



A second chance

Deuteronomy 1:1 - 2:1

The story so far...

God liberated the descendants of Abraham from slavery in Egypt after 400 long years in bondage. God redeemed them for Himself to be His people. At Horeb (also known as Mt Sinai) God spoke to them, instructing them how they ought to live as people belonging to Him. Now Moses gives his final address to the next generation to instruct them so that they don't repeat the mistakes of their parent's generation.

God spoke these words...

Moses speaks God's words once more to the Israelites after their lengthy wanderings through the wilderness (1-5).

1. What is the significance of the location where Moses spoke these words (1; 5)?
2. Why does the narrator mention this information (2-3)?
3. By what authority does Moses speak to the next generation of Israelites (3)? And why is this necessary?

Moses reflects on their past; he recalls the recent history of the first generation who were liberated from slavery in Egypt (6-18).

4. Why were they given instructions to move on from Horeb (6-8 [Genesis 12:1])?

5. What's the significance of their increased numbers (9-11 [Genesis 12:2])?

6. What role are these leaders to fulfil (12-18)? Why?

The Israelites are located at Kadesh Barnea, the east side of the Jordan river; they're outside the Promised Land but right on its border (19-25).

7. What does Moses command them to do (19-21)?
 - a. What does this request indicate (compare with Numbers 13:1-3)?

 - b. What does the verdict the spies reported about the land reveal (25)?

8. Why do they send spies into the land they're about to enter (21b-24)?

Moses informs the generation born during the wilderness wanderings why their parent's generation failed to enter the Promised Land (1:26-2:1).

9. Why did the that first generation rebel (26-28)?

10. Nevertheless, why will they possess the land despite their fears (29-31)?

11. Why should their parent's generation have trusted God (31-33 [see 4])?
 - a. What were the consequences of their distrust (1:34-2:1)?

12. Yet how did they respond when they realized their sin (1:41-2:1)?
 - a. And what did this response confirm?

New Testament connections...

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1. How can you ensure that history doesn't repeat itself?

Read Hebrews 3:7-19

2. What invaluable lesson/s can you learn from the rebellious Israelites of old?