

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 1

¹ These *are* the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the desert towards the west near the Red Sea, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, and Aulon, and the gold works. ² *It is* a journey of eleven days from Horeb to Mount Seir as far as Kadesh Barnea.

³ And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spoke to all the children of Israel, according to all things which the Lord commanded him for them; ⁴ after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan who dwelt in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. ⁵ Beyond the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying, ⁶ "The Lord your God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, 'You have dwelt *long* enough in this mountain. ⁷ Turn and depart, and enter into the mountain of the Amorites, and *go* to all that dwell near *the* Arabah, to the mountain and the plain and to the south, and the land of the Canaanites near the sea, and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. ⁸ Behold, *I* have delivered the land unto you; go in and inherit the land, which I swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; to give it to them and to their seed after them.'

⁹ "And I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I shall not be able by myself to bear you. ¹⁰ The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as the stars of heaven in multitude. ¹¹ *May* the Lord God of your fathers add to you a thousand times more numerous than you *already* are, and bless you, as He has spoken to you. ¹² How shall I alone be able to bear your labor, and your burden, and your complaints? ¹³ Take to yourselves wise and understanding and prudent men for your tribes, and I will set your leaders over you. ¹⁴ And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have told us *is* good.' ¹⁵ So I took wise and understanding and prudent men from among you, and I set them to rule over you as rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, rulers of tens, and officers to your judges. ¹⁶ And I instructed your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your brothers, and judge rightly between a man and *his* brother, and the stranger that is with him. ¹⁷ You shall not have respect to persons in judgment, you shall judge small and great equally; you shall not shrink from before the person of a man, for the judgment is God's; and whatsoever matter shall be too hard for you, you shall bring it to me, and I will hear it.' ¹⁸ And I gave to you at that time all the commandments which you shall perform.

¹⁹ "So we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which you saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite, as the Lord our God charged us, and we came as far as Kadesh Barnea. ²⁰ And I said to you, 'You have come as far as the mountain of the Amorite, which the Lord our God gives to you. ²¹ Behold, the Lord your God has delivered to us the land before you; go up and inherit it as the Lord God of your fathers said to you; fear not, neither be afraid.' ²² And you all came to me, and said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them go up to the land for us; and let them bring back to us a report of the way by which we shall go up, and of the cities into which we shall enter.' ²³ And the saying pleased me: and I took of you twelve men; one man from each tribe. ²⁴ And they turned, and went up to the mountain, and they

came as far as the Valley of the Cluster, and surveyed it. ²⁵ And they took in their hands of the fruit of the land, and brought it to you, and said, 'The land is good which the Lord our God gives us.'

²⁶ Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the words of the Lord our 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 deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸ Where can we go up?' And your brethren drew away your heart, saying, '*It is a great nation and populous, and mightier than we; and there are cities great and walled up to heaven. Moreover we saw the sons of the giants there.*' ²⁹ And I said to you, 'Fear not, neither be afraid of them; ³⁰ the Lord your God, who goes before your face, He shall fight against them together with you effectually, according to all that He did for you in the land of Egypt; ³¹ and in this wilderness which you saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite; how the Lord your God will bear you like a son, as if any man should carry his son, through all the way which you have gone, until you came to this place.' ³² And concerning this matter you did not believe the Lord our God, ³³ who goes before you in the way to choose you a place, guiding you in the fire by night, showing you the way by which you should go, and a cloud by day.

³⁴ 'And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and being greatly provoked, He swore an oath, saying, ³⁵ 'Not one of these men shall see this good land, which I swore to their fathers, ³⁶ except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it; and to him I will give the land on which he went up, and to his sons, because he attended to the things of the Lord.' ³⁷ And the Lord was angry with me for your sake, saying, 'Neither shall you by any means enter therein. ³⁸ Joshua the son of Nun, who stands by you, he shall enter in there; strengthen him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. ³⁹ And every young child who this day knows not good or evil, they shall enter therein, and to them I will give it, and they shall inherit it.' ⁴⁰ And you turned and marched into the wilderness, in the way by the Red Sea.

⁴¹ 'And you answered and said, 'We have sinned before the Lord our God; we will go up and fight according to all that the Lord our God has commanded us.' And everyone, having taken up their weapons of war, and being gathered together, went up to the mountain. ⁴² And the Lord said to me, 'Tell them, "You shall not go up, neither shall you fight, for I am not with you; lest you be destroyed before your enemies.'" ⁴³ "And I spoke to you, and you did not listen to me; and you transgressed the commandment of the Lord; and you forced your way and went up into the mountain. ⁴⁴ And the Amorite who dwelt in that mountain came out to meet you, and pursued you as bees do, and wounded you from Seir to Hormah. ⁴⁵ And you sat down and wept before the Lord our God, and the Lord would not listen to your voice, neither did He take heed to you. ⁴⁶ And you dwelt in Kadesh many days, as many days as you dwelt *there*.