

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 2

¹ 'Then we turned and departed into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and we circled around Mount Seir for many days. ² And the Lord said to me, ³ 'You have circled around this mountain for long enough; turn therefore toward the north. ⁴ And command the people, saying, "You are going through the territory of your brothers the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir; and they shall fear you, and dread you greatly. ⁵ Do not engage in war against them, for I will not give you of their land, *not* even enough to set your foot upon, for I have given Mount Seir to the children of Esau as an inheritance. ⁶ Buy food from them for money, and eat, and you shall receive water from them by measure for money, and drink. ⁷ For the Lord our God has blessed you in every work of your hands. Consider how you went through that great and terrible wilderness—behold, the Lord your God *has been* with you for forty years; you did not lack anything."'

⁸ 'And we passed by our brothers the children of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, by the way of *the* Arabah from Elath and from Ezion Geber; and we turned and passed by the way of the desert of Moab. ⁹ And the Lord said to me, "Do not quarrel with the Moabites, and do not engage in war with them; for I will not give you of their land for an inheritance, for I have given Ar to the children of Lot, to inherit." ¹⁰ Formerly the Emim dwelt in it, a great and numerous nation and powerful, like the Anakim. ¹¹ These also shall be accounted as Rephaim, like the Anakim; and the Moabites call them Emim. ¹² And the Horites dwelt in Seir before, and the sons of Esau destroyed them, and utterly consumed them from before them; and they dwelt in their place, as Israel did to the land of his inheritance, which the Lord gave to them. ¹³ "Now then, arise and depart, and cross over the Valley of Zered." ¹⁴ 'And the days in which we traveled from Kadesh Barnea, till we crossed over the Valley of Zered, *were* thirty-eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war had failed, dying out of the camp, as the Lord God had sworn to them. ¹⁵ And the hand of the Lord was upon them, to destroy them out of the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

¹⁶ 'And it came to pass when all the men of war dying out of the midst of the people had fallen, ¹⁷ that the Lord spoke to me, saying, ¹⁸ "You shall pass over this day the borders of Moab, to Ar; ¹⁹ and you shall draw near to the children of Ammon: do not quarrel with them, nor wage war with them; for I will not give you of the land of the children of Ammon for an inheritance, because I have given it to the children of Lot for an inheritance." ²⁰ (It shall be accounted a land for the Rephaim, for the Rephaim dwelt there before, and the Ammonites call them Zamzummim. ²¹ A great nation and populous, and mightier than you, as also the Anakim; yet the Lord destroyed them from before them, and they inherited *their land*, and they dwelt *there* instead of them until this day. ²² As they did to the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, even as they destroyed the Horite from before them, and inherited their country, and dwelt *therein* instead of them until this day. ²³ And the Avim who dwell in Asedoth to Gaza, and the Cappadocians who came out of Cappadocia, destroyed them, and dwelt in their place.)

²⁴ "Now then arise and depart, and pass over the valley of Ar; behold, I have delivered into your hands Sihon the king of Heshbon the Amorite, and his land.

Begin to inherit *it*; engage in war with him this day. ²⁵ Begin to put your terror and your fear on the face of all the nations under heaven, who shall be troubled when they have heard your name, and shall be in anguish before you."

²⁶ 'And I sent ambassadors from the Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with peaceable words, saying, ²⁷ 'I will pass through your land; I will go by the road, I will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ²⁸ You shall give me food for money, and I will eat; and you shall give me water for money, and I will drink; I will only go through on my feet: ²⁹ as the sons of Esau did to me, who dwelt in Seir, and the Moabites who dwelt in Ar, until I have passed the Jordan, into the land which the Lord our God gives us.' ³⁰ And Sihon king of Heshbon would not allow us to pass by him, because the Lord our God hardened his spirit, and made his heart stubborn, that he might be delivered into your hands, as it is this day. ³¹ And the Lord said to me, 'Behold, I have begun to deliver before you Sihon the king of Heshbon the Amorite, and his land: begin to inherit his land.' ³² And Sihon the king of Heshbon came forth to meet us, he and all his people to war at Jahaz. ³³ And the Lord our God delivered him before our face, and we struck him, and his sons, and all his people. ³⁴ And we took possession of all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed every city in succession, and their wives, and their children; we left no living prey. ³⁵ Only we took the livestock captive, and took the spoil of the cities. ³⁶ From Ar, which is by the brink of the brook of Arnon, and the city which is in the valley, and as far as the mount of Gilead; there was not a city which escaped us: the Lord our God delivered all of them into our hands. ³⁷ Only we did not draw near to the children of Ammon, even all the parts bordering on the brook Jabbok, and the cities in the mountain country, as the Lord our God commanded us.