

# Deuteronomy

## Lesson #3, Chapter 1

Before you begin your lesson, ask the Lord for His help and insight into His Word.

1. Find the approximate area where Moses and the children of Israel are now camped on the map provided (verses 1, 5). The map will help you roughly figure out places, but it doesn't list every place recorded in these chapters. It might be helpful to consult another map or two. Read verse 2 and try to find the route Moses talks about.
2. Deuteronomy refers to Mt. Sinai as Horeb. What is significant about the journey to Kadesh-Barnea? See Numbers 10:11-12 and 13:25-26. How long did that journey take (verse 2)?
3. What contrast to that short journey is provided in verse 3?
4. Note on the map where the 2 kings of verse 3 live. Where is Israel camped (verse 5)? As Israel is waiting to enter the land what does Moses do in verse 5 and verses 6-8?
5. Consult the map as you read the names of the places Israel was to inhabit from verse 7. What do you learn about their inheritance?
6. Review the covenant God made with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; Chapter 15; 17:1-8; and 22:16-18.

7. Who is the initiator of the covenant?
  
8. What role did Abraham play in the making of the covenant?
  
9. What are the particulars of the covenant?
  
10. At what point in the 40 year wandering do verses 6-18 take place? See verse 6 and Numbers 10:11.
  
11. Why wasn't Moses alone able to take care of the needs of the people (verses 10-11)?
  
12. How does he solve the problem (see verses 13-15 and Exodus 18:13-27)?
  
13. What responsibilities were the judges charged with in verses 16-18?
  
14. Verses 19-46 recount the story of the 12 spies sent to scout out the Promised Land. Answer the following questions after reading Deut. 1:19-46 and Numbers 13 and 14. What does God promise Israel as they stand ready to enter Canaan in this account?

15. What do the 12 spies report?
  
16. How do the people respond to the report?
  
17. How do Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb encourage and exhort the people?
  
18. How do the people respond to the encouragement from Moses and the others?
  
19. What does God do in response to the people's rebellion?
  
20. After God chastens the people how do they try to make things right? What was wrong with that plan?
  
21. What heart attitudes do you see manifested by Israel throughout this narrative?
  
22. Think about how you have responded to new and different situations in your life. Did you respond like Joshua and Caleb with faith and trust in God's promises or did you respond like the Israelites in rebellion and unbelief?

23. What did you learn about God from this lesson that will help you to trust Him better the next time you are faced with entering a new land?

Ladies, we are as unfaithful as the Israelites if we read, *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians. 4:6-7) and yet we are still anxious. If we read, *To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit: not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing* (1 Pet. 3:8-9), and yet we continue to give insults or little digs, then we respond no better than Israel did when it came time for them to enter the land. We deceive ourselves if we don't think that the Lord intended for us to believe and obey His word.

God means for His children to trust Him, to obey Him. The first time. All the way. With a humble heart. How are you responding to God? He hasn't changed from Israel's time to ours. He's still the same. *I am the Lord your God. Do not fear or be dismayed.*

Faith, though it has a trembling hand,  
it must not have a withered hand,  
it must stretch.  
– Thomas Watson

