

Deuteronomy Lesson #4, Chapter 2

Before you begin your lesson read chapter 2 and ask the Lord for His help and insight into His Word.

1. As Israel approaches Canaan, after the years of wandering in the wilderness, God specifically tells Israel who to conquer and who to pass by. Who are the peoples God desires Israel to pass by and why (verses 4-6, 9, 19)?
2. What warning did God give to the Israelites concerning the sons of Esau and the sons of Lot (verses 4-5, 9, 19)?
3. In the land of Moab Moses describes another group of people. Who were they? What was unusual about them? What happened to them? See verses 10-12.
4. Locate the Zered River on the map. What did its crossing signify in the Israelite camp (verses 13-16)?
5. Verses 20-23 contain information about a people who used to live in the land of Moab. What do you learn about them? What happened to them?

6. What words of courage did God have for Moses and the nation in verses 24-25?

7. Fortified with those words, how does Moses proceed (verses 26-29)?

8. How does the King of Heshbon respond? Why (verses 30-31)?

9. Two reasons are given in Deuteronomy for the destruction of all the people in the cities they were to possess. What do you learn from 7:1-4; 9:4; and 20:16-18?

10. God wanted no mercy shown to anything that might turn the hearts of the Israelites away from God. God has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. How would He want you to respond to anything that would turn your heart away from the Lord?

11. What are some specific ways you can kill the sin that entangles you and keeps you from following the Lord? Write down your commitment to the Lord in going after that sin when it crops up.

12. Note the contrast between this generation and the previous generation who died in the wilderness. Note the differences in how they responded to the challenge of fighting the Amorites (verses 32-36 and 1:27).

13. So, now what? What do we learn from this chapter out of Israel's history? Why would God make sure that this information was preserved for us today? What reasons could there be for Him communicating these events to us?
 - a. What does God want us to know about Him?

 - b. What does God want us to know about how He wants us to live?

 - c. What was the Lord bringing to mind for you to think on and/or deal with as you worked through this study?

