

## Deuteronomy

### Lesson #5, Chapter 3

Read chapter 3 before you begin your lesson. Be sure to seek the Lord's help as you study His Word.

1. According to verse 1, after defeating Sihon, the king of Heshbon, who did Moses and the people encounter and where? See if you can locate these places on your map.
2. How did God encourage and command the people in verse 2?
3. How did the people respond and what did God do for them in verses 3-10?
4. Review again what you learned last time about the need for the nation to live in the land without the distraction and defilement of the idol worshipping nations. See 7:1-4; 9:4; 20:16-18.
5. Without a doubt, the command of God to destroy all the inhabitants of the land they were entering was a difficult one to carry out; yet they trusted in the Lord's judgment and obeyed His command. What lesson(s) can you observe from this that they had learned?
6. What do you learn about King Og's bed (verse 11)? Remember what the 10 fearful spies said about the inhabitants of the land 38 years previously? Take a peek at Numbers 13:32.

7. What is happening in verses 12-17?
  
8. Numbers 32:1-5, 33 records why the 3 tribes take possession of the land on the east side of the Jordan. What do you learn? What conditions does Moses place upon them if they are to possess the land across the river (Deuteronomy 3:18-22 and Numbers 32:6-32)?
  
9. What is Moses pleading with God about in verses 23-25?
  
10. How does God respond to that request in verses 26-29?
  
11. Read Numbers 20:2-13 to understand the events that led up to Moses being denied entrance into the Promised Land. Chronicle the events here.
  
12. In Numbers 20:8 what did God tell Moses to do? What did Moses do instead (Numbers 20:9-11)?
  
13. How did God view Moses' little breach in obedience? See Numbers 20:12-13; 27:14; Deuteronomy 32:51-52; Psalm 106:32-33.

14. In case you haven't noticed Pisgah, Nebo, and Abarim are all referring to the same mountain, which Moses is to ascend to see the land. In Deuteronomy 3 it is not clear when that event takes place. What do you learn about its timing from Numbers 27:12-13; Deuteronomy 32:48-50; and 34:1-8?
  
15. God is God and He will be treated as holy. What lessons do you learn from this event in Moses' life?
  
16. What do you learn from the following verses about guarding your lips? See Job 42:7-8; Psalm 39:1; 141:3.
  
17. What do you learn about regarding God as holy from these verses? See Leviticus 10:3; Psalm 119:38; 1 Peter 1:15-16.
  
18. Note what Luke 12:47-48; Hebrews 13:17; and James 3:1-2 says about the responsibility a leader is to maintain.
  
19. The key to understanding the events of this chapter is to see it through the lens of God's *holiness*. His *holiness* requires judgment for sin, as in the case of the idolatrous nations who reside in the land. His *holiness* brings consequences for sin upon His servant Moses. He is not a god like the nations, but holy and righteous and perfect in all His ways. He desires those who are His children to be like Him. What did want Moses to learn from these events? And in similar fashion, what does God want you to learn during those times when you find yourself facing the consequences of your own sin? How can you learn to be thankful for God's wise training of your soul, even when that training may include His chastisement?

