

*In the New Covenant, what is the mission that God has given to his people and what is their responsibility in this mission?*

**Read Deuteronomy 1:1-46**

**Read Deuteronomy 1:1-5 (Prologue)**

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*In V.1 it says, "These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel," what gives Moses the authority to speak to all Israel?(cf. Ex 3:7-15, 4:10-12, Deu 18:15-19)*

*Moses, in V.3, speaks of what the Lord "had given him in commandment to them." This has in view all that the Lord has taught Moses and Israel through the Covenants that God made with his people.*

- I. *What is a Covenant?*
- II. *What are the two covenants God has made with Israel, (Cf. Genesis 15:1-18 and Ex 20:1-17, 24:1-8)*
- III. *What was God's purpose in giving these covenants to the nation?(Cf. Genesis 12:1-3 and Lev 19:2, Ex 19:1-8, Gal 3:19, Deu 6:1-3)*

**Read Deuteronomy 1:6-18 (From Horeb)**

*Around Mt. Sinai*

*Out of God's promises and commands came a mission (V.5), what has God commanded the Israelites to do at this point in redemptive history, and what had been achieved so far (V.4-5)? (Cf. Deu 1:6-8) How is the Abrahamic Covenant in view? (Cf. V. 8-11)*

*Before they take the Land, Moses reorganizes Israel's military and national administration. What does this organization look like? (V.9-18)*

**Leader's Recap (1:1-18)**

**Read Deuteronomy 1:19-46 (From Kadesh-Barnea)**

*The Outskirts of Canaan*

*In V. 19-22, what has the Lord promised to the people of Israel on their mission, and what are your thoughts on Israel's response in V.22?*

*In V.29-33, summarize Moses' speech, does this speech reveal anything about Moses' character as a leader? What did Moses think the success of Israel's mission rested on, and how does that contrast with why the people didn't attempt to take the Land?*

*Reflection: A) What similarities or differences are there between their mission and ours today? B) What similarities do you see of Israel's heart and ours in completing our missions? C) How can we personally avoid acting like rebellious Israel? (Cf. Hebrews 3:12-15)*

*In V. 34-40, what is the penalty of Israel's sin?*

*How did Israel respond to God's judgement in V.41-46, and why did it go wrong when they tried to take the Land after the judgement had been announced?*

**Leader's Recap (1:19-46)**

**Deuteronomy 1 shares the history of the relationship of God and his people. The people continually rebel against Him and do not trust in His promises, while God continually reassures them, and because of their disobedience, He must bring down judgement. This picture is indicative of the ongoing relationship of God and Israel throughout the Old Testament. For Christians today, this is a cautionary tale of how not to follow after God in our own lives, because God is a sovereign God and it is on His Word that we experience successes and failures. Christians should take the advice found in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."**