

In Deuteronomy 1 the people of Israel were finally at the outskirts of the Promised Land, Canaan. God had given the Israelites the mission to take this land and He promised that He would be with them and fight for them. However, the people of Israel acted in unbelief and they did not take the land as they were told. Now we will see how this new generation will fare.

Awaiting a New Generation – Read Deuteronomy 2:1-23

Reminder: In v.1, why is Israel traveling around Mount Seir, and who is commanding them? (cf. Deut 1:34-2:1)

What is the relationship between the Israelites to the Edomites (sons of Esau) and Moabites (sons of Lot), and Ammonites (sons of Lot)? (Genesis 25:19-26, Genesis 12:5, Genesis 19:37-38) What did God command them to do in Deu 2:2-12 when passing through their territories?

How long did Israel spend between Kadesh-Barnea to the brook of Zered, why did this journey take so long? (cf. Deu 1:46) What were they waiting for? (cf. Deu 1:35, 2:14-15)

How is God shown to be faithful to his promises and judgements?

Defeat of King Sihon and King Og– Read Deuteronomy 2:24-:3:11

In v.24-25, what does God command them to do, and how will God aid them in their mission? (cf. Ex 15:14-16, Josh 2:8-11)

In v. 2:24-37, Moses sends emissaries of peace to King Sihon requesting that Israel be allowed to pass through. How does King Sihon respond, and how is God shown to be in control of this entire situation?

In 2:31-3:11, Israel battles it out with King Sihon and King Og. Summarize the battles. Why is Israel victorious from the author's standpoint?

Apologetic: Was it wrong for God to command Israel to destroy all the people?

Many in our secular society think that if there is a God then he is uninvolved in human affairs. How is the Bible's view of God's interaction in history fundamentally different than the secular view? How does this give us confidence in our mission?

Assignment of the Lands – Read Deuteronomy 3:12-22

In 3:12-17, the kingdom of King Sihon is given to Reuben and Gad and the Kingdom of King Og is given over to the half tribe of Manasseh

Notes: More details in Num 32 on about the division of this land. The half tribe of Manasseh are the ones who conquer the land of Og and Moses allots them this land. Machir, throughout the Bible, will be synonymous with Manasseh as a whole. As can be seen in Numbers 32:39

In 3:18-20, Moses gives a speech to the people. What is Moses trying to convey to the Reubenites, Gadites, and Manassites? In 3:20, when could people return to the land they had taken?

In 3:21-22, Moses speaks to Joshua reminding him all that God has done to these kings, and how God will do that to the rest of the kings of Canaan. How does v.22 connect what we read in Deuteronomy 1?

Moses' Request – Read Deuteronomy 3:23-29

Summarize Moses' request and God's response in 3:23-27

From 3:28-29, why is Joshua significant, and what is Moses' responsibility to him?

Our God is sovereign! He controls the boundaries of nations, he controls the hearts of people, and he is the ultimate cause of victory. In these chapters we can see God is at work in the lives of his people, and it is because of him that they succeed in their mission. As Christians today with a mission of our own to "Go and make disciples of all nations" our hearts should be encouraged as we read these chapters, because we are reminded that no mission is impossible because our God reigns, and we should not be afraid because the Lord our God is the one working through and for us.