

## The Book of Deuteronomy

### Lesson 1 ~ The Penalty of Rebellion

Men have dulled their eyes with sin,  
And dimmed the light of heaven with doubt,  
And built their temple-walls to shut thee in,  
And framed their iron creeds to shut thee out.  
[Henry van Dyke](#) (1852–1933) (US Clergyman)

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First, imagine that you are a Hebrew around the year 1220 B.C. Your parents escaped from slavery in Egypt. You were born in the wilderness. For years you have heard that God has promised you a homeland, fertile and temperate.

But you have known nothing but the hot, dry desert. Now, however, you have come to the border of that Promised Land.

The Israelites stood on the edge of the Jordan (see map) and looked to Moses. The fabled Promised Land was within sight, and out of Moses' reach. The words that Moses spoke on that day must have the least expected in history. Moses wasn't there for a pep rally. He did not say, "Way to go! We made it!"

He starts their new life with "You better listen, or else!"

1. **What is significant in Deut. 1:1,3?**
2. **What does Moses do in verses 5-8?**
3. **Read Deut.1:9-16. Why do you think that Moses reminds them of the appointment of Judges here?**
4. **What does the Lord tell the Israelites to do in verse 21?**
5. **What was their response? Deut. 1:22,23**
6. **What was Moses' sin?**
7. **After they spies returned with good fruit of the land, how did they further rebel against the Lord? Deut. 1:26**
8. **What was the result of their disbelief? Deut.1: 35-40**

*Deuteronomy- Everything that you wanted to know about the Law but were afraid to ask!*

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9. Why then in verse 41, the Israelites then decide to go up against the Amorites?
  
10. And why do you think that God did not reverse his Judgment?
  
11. Deut.2:24-37. We read that God hardens Sihon's heart. As with Ramses, we see this taking place. Why?