

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

The Lessons of History Deuteronomy 1-3

Book of Deuteronomy

Review

- *Occasion* – the new generation was about to enter the promised land; Moses was about to die
- *Purpose* – covenant renewal; Moses expounded the Law to the people and they pledged allegiance to it
- *Form* – a “covenant”; emphasized God’s kingship and the people’s loyalty

Historical Prologue

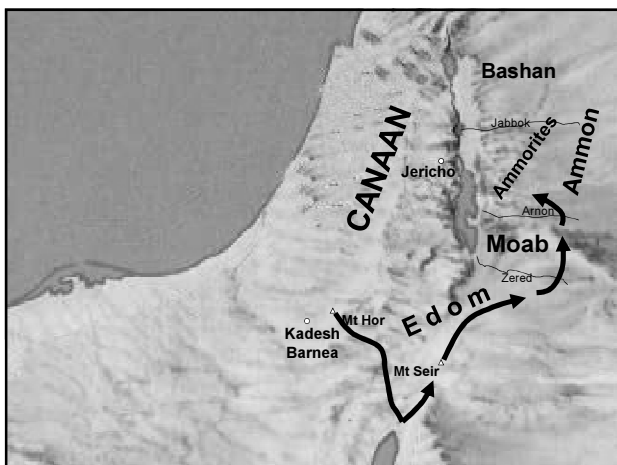
Historical Survey

1. Rebellion at Kadesh-barnea
 - Failure to enter the land because of unbelief; God’s subsequent judgment
 - Failed attempt to enter the land on their own, without the Lord’s presence or blessing

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2. Journey to Moab
 - Israel was not allowed to harass or take land from Edom, Moab or Ammon



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3. Conquest of the Transjordan
 - Israel defeated Sihon, the Amorite king of Heshbon, and conquered all his land
 - Israel defeated Og, the (giant) Amorite king of Bashan, and conquered all his land
 - Israel took possession of these lands as part of the Lord’s inheritance to them

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Overarching Lesson

- "...the Lord your God is the one fighting for you"
- Positively – God's sovereign power is on behalf of His covenant people as they trust and obey Him
 - Negatively – apart from following the Lord, they are defenseless and will surely be defeated

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Application

1. Do not trust in yourself...apart from Him we can accomplish nothing
2. Do not fear...God exercises His sovereign power on your behalf

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Romans 8:31-32

"What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"