

# Midrash *D'Varim* ("Words") Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22

**הָאֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים** *Ha-Ele Ha-D'varim* "these are the words"

Greek mis-translation of Deut 17:18: (*deuteronomion*) meaning "Copy", not "Second Law"

Entire book takes place in Moab – on the east side of the Jordan – directly across from Jericho

Moses delivers 3 messages to the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation:

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| 1) Review of Israel's history               | 1:6 – 4:40 |
| 2) Foundations of the "Law"                 | 4:41 – 26  |
| 3) Consequences of Obedience / Disobedience | 27 – 30    |

More than just "re-telling" of the Law - of the 200 Laws mentioned, over 70 are "new"

This is not that First Generation! Some "New" instructions are given here to that Second Generation!

Moses used some pretty obscure events in his history as a reminder for this next generation...why??

## All of Torah was given to Israel outside The Land!

### God's Guidance to Moses

**Deuteronomy 1:1-8**

170 miles from Sinai to *Kadesh Barnea* = An 11 Day Journey by foot or camel-back

But it took 38 years ... due to Israel's disobedience

### It took 4 days to get Israel out of Egypt, but 40 years to get Egypt out of Israel

Deuteronomy starts on 1<sup>st</sup> day of 11<sup>th</sup> month of 40<sup>th</sup> year

Deuteronomy 1:3

Tradition says Moses died on 7<sup>th</sup> of Adar ⇨ about 5 weeks later

Joshua crossed Jordan on 10<sup>th</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> month ⇨ about 10 weeks later

Joshua 4:19

God spoke (thru Moses) to possess the Land ... and the people should hear

Spies (at *Kadesh*) saw giants & the people heard the words of the 10 spies

The result: Unbelief "*He that has ears, let him hear.*"

Matthew 13:13-16

Territory mentioned here not the same as Numbers 34

.....Not until Messiah returns!

### The Choice of Leaders

**Deuteronomy 1:9-18**

Starts with reminder of the destruction of *Sihon & Og*

Moses required assistance in leading the people:

Judges suggested by *Jethro*

Exodus 18

70 Elders

Numbers 11:16

"Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes...."

verse 13

**Wisdom**

חֲכָמִים

*chachamim*

**Understanding**

בָּנִים

*bonim*

**Knowledge**

יְדָעִים

*y'da'im (da'at)*

} Forms the acrostic "**Chabad**"

These are the leaders of the people

Moses also appointed judges "*to hear the small and the great...*"

verse 17

No distinction between rich or poor; great or common

No distinction between matters, great or small

Matters too hard for the judges go to Moses to decide

### Report of the Ten Spies & Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land

**Deuteronomy 1:19-33**

"....*great and terrible* wilderness...."

verse 19

Rabbinic sources say they saw the dead bodies of snakes & scorpions

...."destroyed by God as "*He went before them.*"

They were to search how to go into the Land, not if they were to go

“You murmured in your tents and said, ‘because the LORD hates us.....’

verse 27

Murmured among each other, not to God’s Face

Viewed God as harsh and ruthless

Yeshua’s Parable of the Pounds

Luke 19:11-27

### Israel’s Penalty for Rebelling

Deuteronomy 1:34-46

Because of unbelief:

1<sup>st</sup> Generation would die in the wilderness

If we flee to wildness to avoid persecution, will God take us also??

Rev 12:6

Children whom they feared would be prey would live and enter the Land

We are to come to Him as little children

Matthew 18:3-4

Firstborn of Egyptian Exodus were saved by obedience!

Israel became vagabonds & wanderers ... just like Cain

Genesis 4:15-16

### The Years in the Wilderness

Deuteronomy 2:1-25

1<sup>st</sup> Chapter: Israel’s reward for doubt, fear & rebellion – **40 Years, & Death**

2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter: Israel’s reward for repentance & obedience – **Redemption & Victory!**

Do not engage Edom because it is Esau’s possession

Numbers 20:14

Do not engage Moab because it is Lot’s possession

Numbers 21:28

**מוֹאָב** *Moav* “From the Father”

They defeated *Nephilim*’s descendants: *Emims* (also known as *Anakim*)

Do not engage Ammon because it is also Lot’s possession

Genesis 19:38

They defeated *Nephilim*’s descendants: *Zamzummim*

This path traveled by Israel is part of Islam’s Hajj

Is Islam trying to cover up Israel’s footsteps???

Joshua 1:3-4

### Victory Over *Sihon* (also one of the *Nephilim* descendants)

Deuteronomy 2:26–37

Same request to pass thru his land as given to Edom & Moab

God hardened *Sihon*’s heart....but Israel (God) defeated him

....and killed all the men, women & children

But could not engage Ammon

### Victory Over *Og* (also one of the *Nephilim*)

Deuteronomy 3:1-11

Moses didn’t ask this time!

Israel was victorious over *Og*, just as they were with *Sihon*

*Og* was the last of the *Nephilim* descendants

...and all the land east of the Jordan was in the hands of the Children of Israel

“bedstead” **עֶרֶשׂ** *eres* has the Aramaic meaning of “coffin”

### Distribution of the Land

Deuteronomy 3:12-22

*Sihon* & *Og*’s land was taken by Reuben, Gad & partial Tribe of Manasseh

Provided they continue to fight with their brothers to possess all of Canaan

Joshua saw how God defeated these two *Nephilim* kings:

And he would not fear them

For God shall fight for him!

**Haftarah:**

Isaiah 1:1–27

Israel’s Doom (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading during The Dire Straits)

**Brit Chadashah:**

Matthew 13:10-17

Yeshua’s “Words” in Parables