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HELPFUL STUDY TOOLS

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The Complete Word Study Old Testament

Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 1994.

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The Complete Word Study Dictionary, Old Testament

Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 2003

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Expository Dictionary of Bible Words

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1985

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The Bible Knowledge Commentary: Old Testament

Wheaton, Illinois: Victor Books, 1983-c1985

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Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries: Deuteronomy

Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 1974

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LESSON ONE

Chapters One through Four

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Deuteronomy 1–4
“Deuteronomy at a Glance”
Map
“The Land Promised to Israel”
“Insights on God from Deuteronomy”

O Beloved, what a spiritual journey lies before you. You are about to study a book that is frequently quoted in the New Testament. Jesus quoted from the book of Deuteronomy more than any other book, and that certainly helps you appreciate its significance, doesn’t it?

Deuteronomy is significant in that it not only summarizes some of the truths set forth in the first four books of the Torah, it also gives you greater insights into some of the truths laid out in those books. In the midst of it all, Deuteronomy gives you awesome insights into the character and ways of God and, consequently, speaks to your heart in quieting and sobering ways.

In the writing, teaching, and studying of the first four books of the Old Testament, lives have been touched in unexpected ways. Students have literally gasped as both the Old and the New Testaments have taken on new depths of understanding. Cooling embers of commitment and passion were rekindled, fanned by the personal insights gained through these studies. The desire for greater holiness and a more disciplined lifestyle has been revived as faithful men and women observed their God in a setting different from that provided for us in the New Testament.

The study of the book of Deuteronomy holds the promise of even more . . . more for those who will discipline themselves for the sake of godliness and the approval of their God and Father.

DAY
ONE

O Beloved, as you open your Father's Book, remember that's what it is—His Book, His Book written for you, truth revealed by His Spirit. So ask God to open the eyes of your understanding, to speak to your heart. Tell Him that you want to know truth that you might fear Him, love Him, and obey Him.

1. In the Appendix of this workbook you will find the entire text of Deuteronomy. Read Deuteronomy 1 on these Observation Worksheets and simply observe the text by seeking out the answers to the 5 Ws: who, what, when, where, and why.

In other words, see if the text tells you who is speaking to whom, where they are, what is being said, is there any reason why it is being said, and when this is occurring.

Doing this will help you grasp the context of Deuteronomy. By the way, there is a map located in the Appendix that will help you with the geographical context. If some of the places mentioned in Deuteronomy aren't on the map, it is because the location of these cities is not known at the writing of this study.

List your observations below.

2. It would be good for you to look at several other verses that confirm Moses' authorship of the book of Deuteronomy. Look up the following and record your insights next to each verse.
 - a. Deuteronomy 29:1
 - b. Deuteronomy 31:1-9, 24-26

- c. Deuteronomy 34:1-8—As you read these verses, note where the children of Israel mourn for Moses and compare it to where they are in Deuteronomy 1:5 when the book opens.
 - d. 2 Kings 14:6—This verse quotes Deuteronomy 24:16.
 - e. Matthew 19:1-8—Read this passage and note who affirms that Moses commanded something and who did not contradict that statement. (By the way, this command for a “certificate of divorce” is found in Deuteronomy 24 which we will study later.) Record your insights.
3. Now, let’s see how all this fits with the book of Numbers. Read Numbers 36:13 and compare it with what you have just read in the opening verses of Deuteronomy 1. Record your insights.
 4. If you haven’t studied Numbers, then read Numbers 14:26-40. Note below to whom Moses is speaking and why.
1. Read Deuteronomy 1 and 2 using your Observation Worksheets or if you have an Inductive Study Bible, you may prefer to use it for your observations.
 - a. Mark the words and references listed below. Make a **Key Word Bookmark** and list these key words the way you intend to mark and/or color-code them throughout this study. On the back cover of your workbook is a bookmark with suggested markings for some of the words used frequently throughout the Bible.

DAY
TWO

- 1) Mark references to time with a green clock or green circle.
 - 2) Mark references to geographical locations. One suggestion is to double underline all locations in green. If it is a reference to the land promised by God to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, then double underline it in green and color the word or its pronoun in blue, the color on the Israeli flag.
 - 3) Mark the word *command*, *commandment*, or *commanded*. You might want to color it purple since purple is the color of royalty. Just do not mark it the same way you mark the Law.
 - 4) Mark references to the Lord being angry. You could color it yellow and put a rough jagged red line around it.
 - 5) Mark each reference to *heart*, but distinguish whether it is a reference to God's heart or to man's heart. Suggestions: for God's heart you could draw a red heart and color it yellow; for man's heart, draw a red heart and color it orange.
- b. In the margin note anything you learn about God from the text. You might want to draw a purple triangle in the margin as a symbolic code and then record your insights next to it.
2. When you finish your observations of these chapters, stop and meditate on all the text reveals about God. What have you learned about Him that you can apply to your own life? If you did apply these truths, Beloved, what would you do? Write at least three specific actions you might take or areas that these truths could influence or impact.

3. Finally, bring this day's study to a close in a time of worship. You may want to simply be quiet before God in prayer, or you may want to write a prayer or compose a song or a poem that you could share with others.

DAY
THREE

1. Do your observations of Deuteronomy 3, following the same guidelines that you used yesterday. Consult the map so you will have an idea of where these events took place.
2. When you finish observing chapter 3, go back and review the content of chapters 1–3. Write down the main events, subject—the content, the theme of the chapter. The object of this assignment is to have a chart that will give you an overview of the content of Deuteronomy, a chart that will help you recall or locate specific events, truths, or instructions covered in its thirty-four chapters. You will find a chart for this, “Deuteronomy at a Glance,” located in the Appendix.

DAY
FOUR

1. Now observe Deuteronomy 4. Mark the same key words that you marked in the first three chapters, but add the very important word *covenant* to your bookmark.
 - a. When you mark *covenant*, make sure that you don't miss any pronouns or related words. The bookmark on the back cover of this book suggests a marking. Covenant is colored red and boxed with yellow. To make a covenant is to cut a covenant, thus the red. Yellow is a color (along with purple, at times) that we use for God, thus covenant is encased in yellow since God is the sovereign administrator of all covenants.
 - b. Also mark any word such as *observe*, *keep*, or *do* if it refers to an act of obedience. Choose a particular color or symbol for marking these words since you will want to mark them throughout Deuteronomy.
 - c. As you observe the text, watch references to the people. Note whether Moses is referring to the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob), to people who died during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, or to the people to whom he was talking.
 - d. Mark or underline the admonitions to *watch yourselves* and *beware*.
2. Now list below what they are to watch and beware of. Then next to each one, write how these would apply today. It might help to look up Colossians 3:5-6.

3. When you finish, record what is happening in the book of Deuteronomy at this point. How do the first three chapters relate to the fourth chapter? Or, is there no relationship? What do you think Moses is doing? Why? Think it through and write down your insights.

How are you doing, Beloved? If you have studied the first four books of the Bible with us—the other books of the Torah (the Pentateuch)—then you will find a lot of repetition of what you have already studied. However, you have to know that if God had Moses record these things again, then it is not without purpose. Review is a critical phase of learning and retaining what you learn. So go about your task joyfully with a holy sense of purpose, and know this: you are going to be so thankful for what God does, what you learn, and how it will grow you up more and more into His likeness.

Finish what you have begun. It will strengthen you spiritually. You have only eight weeks of labor, yet it will yield eternal dividends!

DAY
FIVE

1. Let's begin today by looking again at Deuteronomy 4:44-46; 5:1. Compare this with Deuteronomy 1:1-6. Do you see any similarities? List them below.

- Now turn to Deuteronomy 29:1 and mark geographical references as you have done previously. Deuteronomy is comprised basically of three addresses by Moses to the people of Israel. These are introduced in Deuteronomy 1:1-5; 4:44-5:1; and 29:1-2. You may want to color-code or mark them in a distinctive way, even in your Bible.

You may want to chain reference Moses' addresses to the people of Israel by writing "cf. 4:44-5:1" next to Deuteronomy 1:1-5, and then next to Deuteronomy 4:44-46 write "29:1-2." This will then give you a segment division of Deuteronomy to record on your "Deuteronomy at a Glance" chart.

- Let's take a few moments to see what we can learn from marking the following key words. Look at each place they were marked and then summarize below what you learn from marking them. Record anything that answers one of the 5Ws and an H: who, what, when, where, why and how. Also record the chapter and verse where you found your information.

| Command(ment) | The Land Given to Israel |
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4. Now think about what you have learned about the land in just these four chapters! Does this give you insight into the continual conflict over the land of Israel? How? In the Appendix there is a chart called “The Land Promised to Israel.” On that chart, record pertinent insights on the land. You’ll use that chart throughout the course.
5. Record the main theme of Deuteronomy 4 on the “Deuteronomy at a Glance” chart.
6. Finally, faithful one, lest we wear you out, we will bring this week to a close by having you either mark in the margin of the text or list all that you learned about God from these first four chapters on the chart “Insights on God from Deuteronomy,” located in the Appendix. Then meditate on what you have learned about God and how these truths can help you live a life of faith, one pleasing to Him. How can they practically impact your life?

Record your insights below.

7. If you have time, you may want to check what commentaries say about Deuteronomy 1–4.

If there were one verse you would want to hide in your heart from this week’s lesson, what would it be? You might want to write it on a 3x5 card and read it aloud three times, three times a day—maybe three times in the morning, three times at noon, and three times before bed. What a way to begin and end your day!

DEUTERONOMY 1
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THESE are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.
- 2 It is eleven days' *journey* from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.
- 3 In the fortieth year, on the first *day* of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel, according to all that the LORD had commanded him *to give* to them,
- 4 after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei.
- 5 Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law, saying,
- 6 "The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain.
- 7 'Turn and set your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.
- 8 'See, I have placed the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to them and their descendants after them.'
- 9 "I spoke to you at that time, saying, 'I am not able to bear *the burden* of you alone.
- 10 'The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are this day like the stars of heaven in number.
- 11 'May the LORD, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand-fold more than you are and bless you, just as He has promised you!
- 12 'How can I alone bear the load and burden of you and your strife?
- 13 'Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'
- 14 "You answered me and said, 'The thing which you have said to do is good.'

- 15 “So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes.
- 16 “Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear *the cases* between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him.
- 17 ‘You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s. The case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’
- 18 “I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.
- 19 “Then we set out from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, just as the LORD our God had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.
- 20 “I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites which the LORD our God is about to give us.
- 21 ‘See, the LORD your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’
- 22 “Then all of you approached me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may search out the land for us, and bring back to us word of the way by which we should go up and the cities which we shall enter.’
- 23 “The thing pleased me and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe.
- 24 “They turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the valley of Eshcol and spied it out.
- 25 “Then they took *some* of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought us back a report and said, ‘It is a good land which the LORD our God is about to give us.’
- 26 “Yet you were not willing to go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God;
- 27 and you grumbled in your tents and said, ‘Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.
- 28 ‘Where can we go up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there.”’
- 29 “Then I said to you, ‘Do not be shocked, nor fear them.

- 30 ‘The LORD your God who goes before you will Himself fight on your behalf, just as He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
- 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, in all the way which you have walked until you came to this place.’
- 32 ‘But for all this, you did not trust the LORD your God,
- 33 who goes before you on *your* way, to seek out a place for you to encamp, in fire by night and cloud by day, to show you the way in which you should go.
- 34 ‘Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying,
- 35 ‘Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,
- 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and to his sons I will give the land on which he has set foot, because he has followed the LORD fully.’
- 37 ‘The LORD was angry with me also on your account, saying, ‘Not even you shall enter there.
- 38 ‘Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it.
- 39 ‘Moreover, your little ones who you said would become a prey, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good or evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall possess it.
- 40 ‘But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.’
- 41 ‘Then you said to me, ‘We have sinned against the LORD; we will indeed go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.’ And every man of you girded on his weapons of war, and regarded it as easy to go up into the hill country.
- 42 ‘And the LORD said to me, ‘Say to them, “Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; otherwise you will be defeated before your enemies.” ’
- 43 ‘So I spoke to you, but you would not listen. Instead you rebelled against the command of the LORD, and acted presumptuously and went up into the hill country.
- 44 ‘The Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do, and crushed you from Seir to Hormah.
- 45 ‘Then you returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD did not listen to your voice nor give ear to you.
- 46 ‘So you remained in Kadesh many days, the days that you spent *there*.

DEUTERONOMY 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- “THEN we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir for many days.
- 2 “And the LORD spoke to me, saying,
- 3 ‘You have circled this mountain long enough. *Now* turn north,
- 4 and command the people, saying, “You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful;
- 5 do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even *as little as* a footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.
- 6 “You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.
- 7 “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing.” ’
- 8 “So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road, away from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.
- 9 “Then the LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab, nor provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land as a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot as a possession.
- 10 (The Emim lived there formerly, a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim.
- 11 Like the Anakim, they are also regarded as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.
- 12 The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave to them.)
- 13 ‘Now arise and cross over the brook Zered yourselves.’ So we crossed over the brook Zered.

- 14 “Now the time that it took for us to come from Kadesh-barnea until we crossed over the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until all the generation of the men of war perished from within the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.
- 15 “Moreover the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from within the camp until they all perished.
- 16 “So it came about when all the men of war had finally perished from among the people,
- 17 that the LORD spoke to me, saying,
- 18 ‘Today you shall cross over Ar, the border of Moab.
- 19 ‘When you come opposite the sons of Ammon, do not harass them nor provoke them, for I will not give you any of the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession.’
- 20 (It is also regarded as the land of the Rephaim, *for* Rephaim formerly lived in it, but the Ammonites call them Zamzummin,
- 21 a people as great, numerous, and tall as the Anakim, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they dispossessed them and settled in their place,
- 22 just as He did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them; they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day.
- 23 And the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)
- 24 ‘Arise, set out, and pass through the valley of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession and contend with him in battle.
- 25 ‘This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you upon the peoples everywhere under the heavens, who, when they hear the report of you, will tremble and be in anguish because of you.’
- 26 “So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying,
- 27 ‘Let me pass through your land, I will travel only on the highway; I will not turn aside to the right or to the left.
- 28 ‘You will sell me food for money so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink, only let me pass through on foot,
- 29 just as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I cross over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God is giving to us.’

- 30 “But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing for us to pass through his land; for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand, as *he is* today.
- 31 “The LORD said to me, ‘See, I have begun to deliver Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to occupy, that you may possess his land.’
- 32 “Then Sihon with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz.
- 33 “The LORD our God delivered him over to us, and we defeated him with his sons and all his people.
- 34 “So we captured all his cities at that time and utterly destroyed the men, women and children of every city. We left no survivor.
- 35 “We took only the animals as our booty and the spoil of the cities which we had captured.
- 36 “From Aroer which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon and *from* the city which is in the valley, even to Gilead, there was no city that was too high for us; the LORD our God delivered all over to us.
- 37 “Only you did not go near to the land of the sons of Ammon, all along the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, and wherever the LORD our God had commanded us.

DEUTERONOMY 3

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- “THEN we turned and went up the road to Bashan, and Og, king of Bashan, with all his people came out to meet us in battle at Edrei.
- 2 “But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his people and his land into your hand; and you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’
- 3 “So the LORD our God delivered Og also, king of Bashan, with all his people into our hand, and we smote them until no survivor was left.
- 4 “We captured all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
- 5 “All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many unwallled towns.
- 6 “We utterly destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women and children of every city.
- 7 “But all the animals and the spoil of the cities we took as our booty.
- 8 “Thus we took the land at that time from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon
- 9 (Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir):
- 10 all the cities of the plateau and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
- 11 (For only Og king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bedstead was an iron bedstead; it is in Rabbah of the sons of Ammon. Its length was nine cubits and its width four cubits by ordinary cubit.)
- 12 “So we took possession of this land at that time. From Aroer, which is by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead and its cities I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.
- 13 “The rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, all the region of Argob (concerning all Bashan, it is called the land of Rephaim.
- 14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called it, *that is*, Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, *as it is* to this day.)

- 15 “To Machir I gave Gilead.
- 16 “To the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even as far as the valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley as a border and as far as the river Jabbok, the border of the sons of Ammon;
- 17 the Arabah also, with the Jordan as a border, from Chinnereth even as far as the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah on the east.
- 18 “Then I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it; all you valiant men shall cross over armed before your brothers, the sons of Israel.
- 19 ‘But your wives and your little ones and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in your cities which I have given you,
- 20 until the LORD gives rest to your fellow countrymen as to you, and they also possess the land which the LORD your God will give them beyond the Jordan. Then you may return every man to his possession which I have given you.’
- 21 “I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings; so the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms into which you are about to cross.
- 22 ‘Do not fear them, for the LORD your God is the one fighting for you.’
- 23 “I also pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,
- 24 ‘O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?’
- 25 ‘Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’
- 26 “But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me; and the LORD said to me, ‘Enough! Speak to Me no more of this matter.
- 27 ‘Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes to the west and north and south and east, and see *it* with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.
- 28 ‘But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he will give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.’
- 29 “So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.

DEUTERONOMY 4
Observation Worksheet

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- “NOW O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform, so that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
- 2 “You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
- 3 “Your eyes have seen what the LORD has done in the case of Baal-peor, for all the men who followed Baal-peor, the LORD your God has destroyed them from among you.
- 4 “But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.
- 5 “See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.
- 6 “So keep and do *them*, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’
- 7 “For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?
- 8 “Or what great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this whole law which I am setting before you today?
- 9 “Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.
- 10 “*Remember* the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.’
- 11 “You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the *very* heart of the heavens: darkness, cloud and thick gloom.

- 12 “Then the LORD spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form—only a voice.
- 13 “So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, *that is*, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.
- 14 “The LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it.
- 15 “So watch yourselves carefully, since you did not see any form on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,
- 16 so that you do not act corruptly and make a graven image for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,
- 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky,
- 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth.
- 19 “And *beware* not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.
- 20 “But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession, as today.
- 21 “Now the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.
- 22 “For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land.
- 23 “So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything *against* which the LORD your God has commanded you.
- 24 “For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- 25 “When you become the father of children and children’s children and have remained long in the land, and act corruptly, and make an idol in the form of anything, and do that which is evil in the sight of the LORD your God *so as* to provoke Him to anger,
- 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will surely perish quickly from the land where you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You shall not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed.

- 27 “The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.
- 28 “There you will serve gods, the work of man’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.
- 29 “But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find *Him* if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.
- 30 “When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the LORD your God and listen to His voice.
- 31 “For the LORD your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them.
- 32 “Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and *inquire* from one end of the heavens to the other. Has *anything* been done like this great thing, or has *anything* been heard like it?
- 33 “Has *any* people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard *it*, and survived?
- 34 “Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within *another* nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
- 35 “To you it was shown that you might know that the LORD, He is God; there is no other besides Him.
- 36 “Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire.
- 37 “Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great power,
- 38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in *and* to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today.
- 39 “Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.
- 40 “So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am giving you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”
- 41 Then Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the east,

- 42 that a manslayer might flee there, who unintentionally slew his neighbor without having enmity toward him in time past; and by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:
- 43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.
- 44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the sons of Israel;
- 45 these are the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out from Egypt,
- 46 across the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel defeated when they came out from Egypt.
- 47 They took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, *who were* across the Jordan to the east,
- 48 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, even as far as Mount Sion (that is, Hermon),
- 49 with all the Arabah across the Jordan to the east, even as far as the sea of the Arabah, at the foot of the slopes of Pisgah.



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