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*Lesson 1, Chapters 1–4*

## 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.**







- 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 (take care)* 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.



2. 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.

3. 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



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!*



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## DEUTERONOMY 1

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

**THESE** are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, 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 people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment 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 in Edrei.
- 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying,
- 6 "The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain.
- 7 'Turn and take 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 Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.
- 8 'See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.'
- 9 "At that time I said to you, 'I am not able to bear you by myself.
- 10 'The LORD your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven.
- 11 'May the LORD, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you!



- 12 ‘How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife?’
- 13 ‘Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.’
- 14 “And you answered me, ‘The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.’
- 15 “So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.
- 16 “And I charged your judges at that time, ‘Hear the cases between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the alien who is with him.
- 17 ‘You shall not be partial in judgment. You shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God’s. And the case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’
- 18 “And 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 terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea.
- 20 “And I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us.
- 21 ‘See, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’
- 22 “Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’
- 23 “The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe.



- 24 “And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out.
- 25 “And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, ‘It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us.’
- 26 “Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God.
- 27 “And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the LORD hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.
- 28 ‘Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” ’
- 29 “Then I said to you, ‘Do not be in dread or afraid of them.
- 30 ‘The LORD your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
- 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.’
- 32 “Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the LORD your God,
- 33 who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.
- 34 “And the LORD heard your words and was angered, and he swore,
- 35 ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers,
- 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the LORD!’
- 37 “Even with me the LORD was angry on your account and said, ‘You also shall not go in there.



- 38 ‘Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.
- 39 ‘And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.
- 40 ‘But as for you, turn, and journey into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.’
- 41 “Then you answered me, ‘We have sinned against the LORD. We ourselves will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.’ And every one of you fastened on his weapons of war and thought it easy to go up into the hill country.
- 42 “And the LORD said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’
- 43 “So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the LORD and presumptuously went up into the hill country.
- 44 “Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah.
- 45 “And you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD did not listen to your voice or give ear to you.
- 46 “So you remained at Kadesh many days, the days that you remained there.



## DEUTERONOMY 2

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

“**THEN** we turned and journeyed into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as the LORD told me. And for many days we traveled around Mount Seir.

2 “Then the LORD said to me,

3 ‘You have been traveling around this mountain country long enough. Turn northward

4 and command the people, “You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful.

5 “Do not contend with them, for I will not give you any of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on, because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

6 “You shall purchase food from them with money, that you may eat, and you shall also buy water from them with money, that you may drink.

7 “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” ’

8 “So we went on, away from our brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road from Elath and Ezion-geber.

And we turned and went in the direction of the wilderness of Moab.

9 “And the LORD said to me, ‘Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession.’

10 (The Emim formerly lived there, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim.

11 Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim.



- 12 The Horites also lived in Seir formerly, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the LORD gave to them.)
- 13 ‘Now rise up and go over the brook Zered.’ So we went over the brook Zered.
- 14 “And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the LORD had sworn to them.
- 15 For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.
- 16 “So as soon as all the men of war had perished and were dead from among the people,
- 17 the LORD said to me,
- 18 ‘Today you are to cross the border of Moab at Ar.
- 19 ‘And when you approach the territory of the people of Ammon, do not harass them or contend with them, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.’
- 20 (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim—
- 21 a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before the Ammonites, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place,
- 22 as he did for the people of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites before them and they dispossessed them and settled in their place even to this day.
- 23 As for the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and settled in their place.)
- 24 ‘Rise up, set out on your journey and go over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of



Heshbon, and his land. Begin to take possession, and contend with him in battle.

25 ‘This day I will begin to put the dread and fear of you on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’

26 “So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon the king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

27 ‘Let me pass through your land. I will go only by the road; I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the left.

28 ‘You shall sell me food for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink. Only let me pass through on foot,

29 as the sons of Esau who live in Seir and the Moabites who live in Ar did for me, until I go over the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God is giving to us.’

30 “But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day.

31 “And the LORD said to me, ‘Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land over to you. Begin to take possession, that you may occupy his land.’

32 “Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Jahaz.

33 “And the LORD our God gave him over to us, and we defeated him and his sons and all his people.

34 “And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted to destruction every city, men, women, and children. We left no survivors.

35 “Only the livestock we took as spoil for ourselves, with the plunder of the cities that we captured.

36 “From Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, as far as Gilead, there was not a city too high for us. The LORD our God gave all into our hands.

37 “Only to the land of the sons of Ammon you did not draw near, that is, to all the banks of the river Jabbok and the cities of the hill country, whatever the LORD our God had forbidden us.







## DEUTERONOMY 3

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- “**THEN** we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
- 2 “But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’
- 3 “So the LORD our God gave into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people, and we struck him down until he had no survivor left.
- 4 “And we took all his cities at that time—there was not a city that we did not take from them—sixty cities, the whole region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
- 5 “All these were cities fortified with high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled villages.
- 6 “And we devoted them to destruction, as we did to Sihon the king of Heshbon, devoting to destruction every city, men, women, and children.
- 7 “But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as our plunder.
- 8 “So we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, from the Valley of the Arnon to Mount Hermon
- 9 (the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, while the Amorites call it Senir),
- 10 all the cities of the tableland and all Gilead and all Bashan, as far as Salecah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
- 11 (For only Og the king of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Rephaim. Behold, his bed was a bed of iron. Is it not in Rabbah of the Ammonites? Nine cubits was its length, and four cubits its breadth, according to the common cubit.)



- 12 “When we took possession of this land at that time, I gave to the Reubenites and the Gadites the territory beginning at Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead with its cities.
- 13 “The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, that is, all the region of Argob, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh. (All that portion of Bashan is called the land of Rephaim.
- 14 Jair the Manassite took all the region of Argob, that is, Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called the villages after his own name, Havvoth-jair, as it is to this day.)
- 15 “To Machir I gave Gilead,
- 16 and to the Reubenites and the Gadites I gave the territory from Gilead as far as the Valley of the Arnon, with the middle of the valley as a border, as far over as the river Jabbok, the border of the Ammonites;
- 17 the Arabah also, with the Jordan as the border, from Chinnereth as far as the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah on the east.
- 18 “And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘The LORD your God has given you this land to possess. All your men of valor shall cross over armed before your brothers, the people of Israel.
- 19 ‘Only your wives, your little ones, and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) shall remain in the cities that I have given you,
- 20 until the LORD gives rest to your brothers, as to you, and they also occupy the land that the LORD your God gives them beyond the Jordan. Then each of you may return to his possession which I have given you.’
- 21 “And I commanded Joshua at that time, ‘Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing.
- 22 ‘You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.’
- 23 “And I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying,



- 24 ‘O Lord GOD, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your mighty hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as yours?’
- 25 ‘Please let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon.’
- 26 “But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not listen to me. And the LORD said to me, ‘Enough from you; do not speak to me of this matter again.’
- 27 ‘Go up to the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and look at it with your eyes, for you shall not go over this Jordan.’
- 28 ‘But charge Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he shall go over at the head of this people, and he shall put them in possession of the land that you shall see.’
- 29 “So we remained in the valley opposite Beth-peor.





## DEUTERONOMY 4

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- “AND now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
- 2 “You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.
- 3 “Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor.
- 4 “But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today.
- 5 “See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
- 6 “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will 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 the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?
- 8 “And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?
- 9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children—
- 10 how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my



words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’

- 11 “And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom.
- 12 “Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice.
- 13 “And 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 “And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.
- 15 “Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,
- 16 beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved 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 air,
- 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth.
- 19 “And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that 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, out of Egypt, to be a people of his own inheritance, as you are this day.
- 21 “Furthermore, the LORD was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I should not cross the Jordan, and that I should not enter the good land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance.
- 22 “For I must die in this land; I must not go over the Jordan. But you shall go over and take possession of that good land.



- 23 “Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you.
- 24 “For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- 25 “When you father children and children’s children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what 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 soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed.
- 27 “And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.
- 28 “And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that 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 after him with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 30 “When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice.
- 31 “For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.
- 32 “For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of.
- 33 “Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live?
- 34 “Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which 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 is God; there is no other besides him.



- 36 “Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.
- 37 “And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power,
- 38 driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,
- 39 know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.
- 40 “Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time.”
- 41** Then Moses set apart three cities in the east beyond the Jordan,
- 42 that the manslayer might flee there, anyone who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without being at enmity with him in time past; he may flee to one of these cities and save his life:
- 43 Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.
- 44** This is the law that Moses set before the people of Israel.
- 45 These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the rules, which Moses spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt,
- 46 beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the people of Israel defeated when they came out of Egypt.
- 47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og, the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan;
- 48 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon),
- 49 together with all the Arabah on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.









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