

Parashah 44 D'varim - דְּבָרִים
"Words"



Torah: D'varim (Deuteronomy) 1:1-3:22

Aliyah 1 - 1:1 - 11	Isra'el at the Yarden; day 1, month 11, year 40; people as the stars in the sky
Aliyah 2 - 1:12 - 21	Leadership structure reviewed; first approach to The Land described
Aliyah 3 - 1:22 - 38	Description of scouts, people's fear, lack of trust, except Kalev and Y'hoshua
Aliyah 4 - 1:39 - 2:1	People rebel, try on their own, fail; barred from The Land; circle the mountain
Aliyah 5 - 2:2 - 30	38 yrs later, generation has passed; descendants of Lot protected
Aliyah 6 - 2:31 - 3:14	Israel victorious over Sichon, Bashan; land given to Re'uven, Gad, M'nasheh
Aliyah 7 - 3:15 - 22	Borders of The Land defined; Y'hoshua encouraged: Adonai will fight for you

Haftarah: Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 1:1-27

B'rit Hadashah: Yochanan (John) 15:1-11; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 3:7-4:11

1. (1:5-6) What is the purpose of this book? Where does Moshe's recounting of history begin? Why does Moshe not start his history with the exodus from Egypt?
2. How does the ministry of Yochanon the Immerser parallel this scene in D'varim?
3. (1:10) To what does Moshe compare the number of "all Israel?" Why is this important?
4. (1:12) How does Moshe describe the people? What did he do to help "bear" his responsibility? What were the qualities of his appointments?
5. Traditionally, what day did the people reject God's instruction to possess the land? Who is it that actually takes possession of the land?
6. The people knew they would have to fight for the land. How do we know when God will fight for us and when he won't?
7. What is significant about the people and lands that the children of Israel were not to fight?

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8. What is different about the nation of Israel when compared to those surrounding nations? Ultimately, why will they prevail?
9. (3:22) What warning is given that is key to success or failure?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (1:6) What has God entrusted to you? Is it time to share it with others? (Deu 7:7-9, Rom 11:29, Rom 3:1-2, Rom 9:3-5, Mat 28:19-20, 2Co 4:6-7)
2. (1:12) How do you view “God’s people?” Are you willing to work through the “muck” to reap a great harvest? It can only be done as a team! (Pro 14:4, Luk 17:1, Eph 4:11-13, 1Co 12:12-31, 1Ki 19:14-18)
3. (1:22) Do you follow the crowd, or do you listen for God’s still, small voice among the clamor of those around you? (1Sa 8:4-7, Joh 6:14-15, Mat 26:47, 1Ki 19:11-13, Zec 4:6)
4. (1:39) Too much knowledge and information can muddy the waters of a simple choice between good and evil. Are you making the right choices today? (Deu 30:15-19, Jer 2:34-35, 1Jo 1:6, Jam 4:17, Joh 9:39-41)
5. (2:3) God told the people twice to enter the land - the second time almost 40 years after the first time! Is “now” the time for a decision to move on in your spiritual life? (Deu 1:6-7, Deu 2:2-4, Isa 50:5-7, Luk 9:51, Luk 9:62)
6. (2:31) God is always preparing the way ahead of us. Do you see what he has begun for you so that you can move on in Him? (Deu 2:25, Jos 2:9-11, Luk 17:21, Heb 11:1, Joh 4:35, Phil 1:6, 2Th 1:11, Hab 2:14, 2Ki 6:15-17, Phil 1:9-11)
7. (3:18) God’s purposes go far beyond our individual world. Has He revealed your greater role in His Kingdom? Have you asked Him about this? (Gen 15:16, Lev 18:25, Ecc 3:11, Gal 5:1, Joh 20:31, Luk 9:22, Act 2:23, Mat 10:29-31, Deu 32:4, Rom 1:18-20, Isa 43:1-2)