

Deuteronomy 1

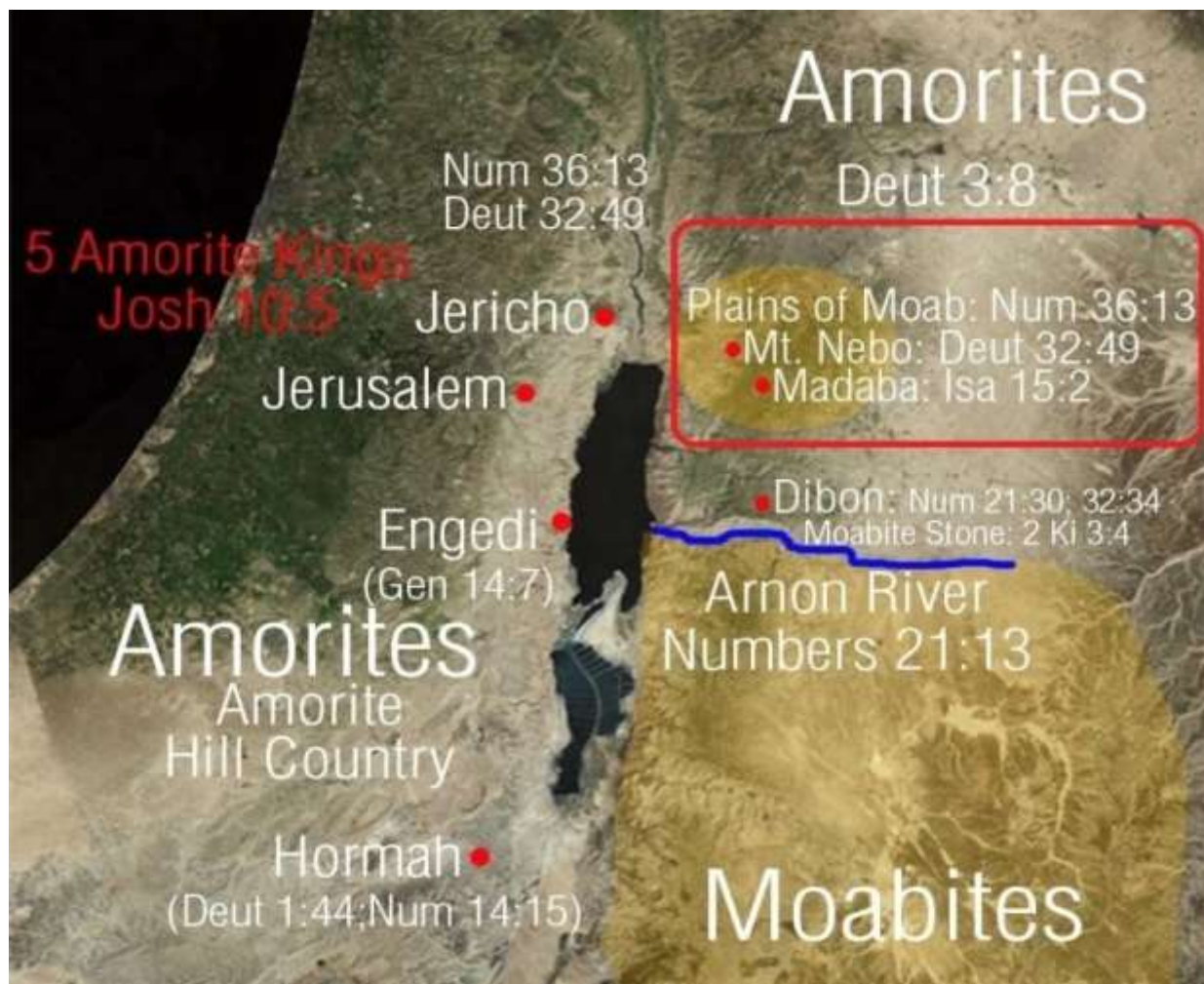
Verse 1

These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, and Dizahab

Across the Jordan in the wilderness

In the last verse of the book of Numbers Israel was in the plains of Moab across from Jericho

See Map 105 Plains of Moab



In the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab

We don't know the exact location of these places but they are probably the boundaries of the plains of Moab.

Verse 2

² It is eleven days' *journey* from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

The journey from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea is about 110 miles.

(Horeb is 5 miles NW of Mount Sinai)

A day's journey was about 20 miles if traveled on foot, 30 miles by camel.

But for a nation of 2.5 million people it was about 10 miles per day

See map 110



Israel left Sinai on 2-20-02 and arrived at Kadesh-barnea on 3-2-02

Verses 3 – 4

³In the fortieth year, on the first *day* of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, in accordance with everything that the Lord had commanded him *to declare* to them, ⁴after 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.

In the fortieth year, on the first *day* of the eleventh month, after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Bashan

The date is 11-1-40

See chart 115

Ch.	Event	Year 40 - 1407	Place
1	Moses begins history lesson	11-1	Plains of Moab
1 - 33	Events of the last 39 years		Plains of Moab
34	Moses Dies	month 11	Moab
34	Grieve for Moses 30 days	month 12	Plains of Moab

Moses mentions two military victories that had just been won over the Amorites and the people of Bashan.

See Numbers 21

Moses now begins recounting the events of the last 39 years which are recorded in chapters 1 thru 33.

In verse 2 Moses mentioned how long it took to get from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea

So Moses is starting this history lesson with the journey from Sinai which began on 2-20-02.

Moses will die in the 11th month of year 40, so this talk will cover the last 39 years of Israel's journey in the wilderness.

Verses 5 – 8

⁵ Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain 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 out on your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country, in the lowland, in the Negev, 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 take possession of the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, and their descendants after them.’

Across the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this Law

Israel has been in the plains of Moab for 4 months now and will remain there for the next two months.

The Lord our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain’

See chart 120 About 11 months at Sinai

Exodus time line			
Exodus	Event	Year 1 - 1446	Place
12:37	The Exodus from Egypt	1-15-01	Rameses
14:21-22	Crossing of the Red Sea		Red Sea
15:27	12 springs and 70 palm trees		Elim
17:1	no water, Amalekites defeated		Rephidim
19:1	Camped in front of the mountain	4th month	The Desert of Sinai
19 thru 39	Law & the Tabernacle	9 months	The Desert of Sinai
		Year 2 - 1445	
40:1	Set up the Tabernacle	1-1-02	The Desert of Sinai

Numbers time line			
Numbers	Event	Year 2 - 1445	Place
9	Passover	1-14-02	The Desert of Sinai
1:1	Census	2-1-02	The Desert of Sinai
10:11	Leave Sinai	2-20-02	Sinai to the wilderness
11	Quail / 70 Elders		Kibroth-hattaavah
12	Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses		Hazereth

They came to the desert of Sinai in the 4th month of year one and left on 02-20-02.

They had been there for almost 11 months.

Go to the hill country of the Amorites in the Arabah, in the Negev, by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, Lebanon , as far as the river Euphrates

See Map 125 The Promise Land boundaries



All of the land that God directed them to conquer was not taken until the reign of Solomon (970 to 930 BC).

Israel first entered Canaan in 1406 BC about 450 years before the time of Solomon.

Go in and take possession of the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, and their descendants

God had promised the land of Canaan to Abraham when he was 75. (1921 BC)

This promise was repeated a number of times during his life.

Verses 9 – 18

⁹ “And I spoke to you at that time, saying, ‘I am not able to endure 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 times more than you are, and bless you, just as He has promised you!

¹² How can I alone endure the burden and weight of you and your strife? ¹³ Obtain for yourselves men who are wise, discerning, and informed from your tribes, and

I will appoint them as your heads.’ ¹⁴ And 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 informed men, and appointed them as heads over you, commanders of

thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, and officers for your tribes. ¹⁶ “Then I ordered your judges at that time, saying, ‘Hear *the cases* between your fellow countrymen and judge righteously between a person and his fellow countryman, or the stranger who is with him. ¹⁷ You are not to show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You are not to be afraid of any person, for the judgment is God’s. The case that is too difficult for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.’ ¹⁸ At that time I commanded you all the things that you were to do.

How can I alone endure the burden and weight of you and your strife? ¹³ Obtain for yourselves men who are wise, discerning, and informed from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads

This event took place in Exodus 18

When Jethro visits Moses he discovers that Moses is the only judge for 2.5 million people. No wonder Jethro said, what you are doing is not good.

He advises Moses to select capable men to hear the disputes of the people.

In verse 26 it say:

Then they judged the people at all times; they would bring the difficult matter to Moses, but they would judge every minor matter themselves.

We know when this took place based on specific dates before and after this event.

See Chart 130 Judges appointed

Exodus time line

Exodus	Event	Year 1 - 1446	Place
12:2	New Calendar	1-1-01	Egypt
14:21-22	Crossing of the Red Sea		Red Sea
15:23	Bitter water		Marah
15:27	12 springs and 70 palm trees		Elim
16:1	Manna and quail	3-15-01	The Desert of Sin
17:1	no water, Amalekites defeated		Rephidim
18	Judges appointed		Near the Mountain of God
19:1	Camped in front of the mountain	4th month	The Desert of Sinai
20	The ten commandments		The Desert of Sinai

11 months later 70 elders were appointed in Numbers 11

See chart 135

Numbers time line

Numbers	Event	Year 2 - 1445	Place
9	Passover	1-14-02	The Desert of Sinai
1:1	Census	2-1-02	The Desert of Sinai
10:11	At Sinai for almost a year	2-20-02	Leave Sinai
11	Quail / 70 Elders		Kibroth-hattaavah
12	Miriam and Aaron oppose Moses		Hazereth
12:16	Arrive at Kadesh-barnea	3-2-02	At Kadesh
13	Explore Canaan	40 days	At Kadesh
14	The people rebel	4th month	At Kadesh
14:44-45	Defeated by Amorites	4th month	Hill country

The judges were appointed to help bear the burden of settling legal disputes among the 2.5 million people.

The elders were appointed one year later to help bear the leadership burden that was becoming too much for Moses to bear.

Verses 19 - 25

¹⁹ “Then we set out from Horeb, and went *through* all that great and terrible wilderness that 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 And 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, just 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 ahead of us, so that they may spy 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 should enter.’ ²³ The plan pleased me, and I took twelve of your men, one man for each tribe. ²⁴ Then they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. ²⁵ And they took *some* of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us. They also brought us back a report and said, ‘The land that the Lord our God is about to give us is good.’

Then we set out from Horeb, and we came to Kadesh-barnea

See Map 140 Horeb to Kadesh-barnea



All that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites

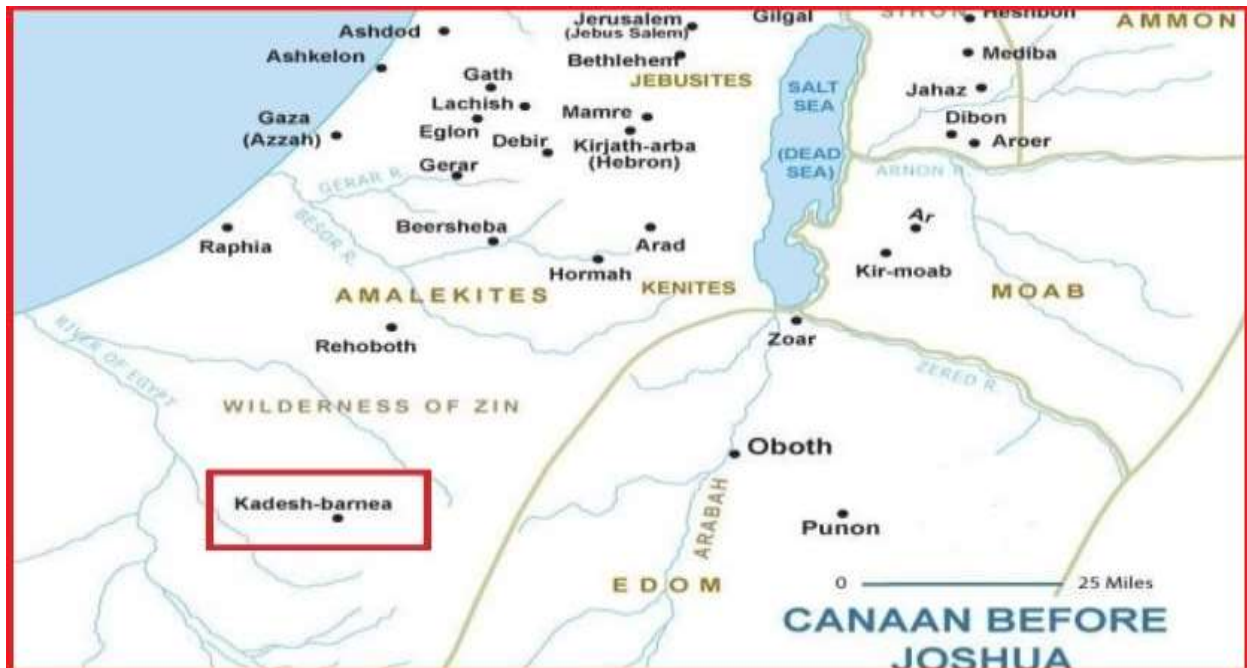
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See, the Lord your God has placed the land before you; go up, take possession

Originally, in year two, they would have entered Canaan from the south.

See map 150



God had prepared Israel to live in the Promised Land.

He had given them the Law, the Tabernacle, and the Priesthood.

They had everything they needed to be successful in a new land.

Moses had told them, do not fear or be dismayed because God was their leader but they decided to send some spies out first.

Then all of you approached me and said, 'Let us send men ahead of us, so that they may spy out the land for us

This took place in Numbers 13

See chart 155

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The plan pleased me

Moses thought this was a good idea? Really!

It was God who made the promise to Abraham.

It was God who made Joseph 2nd in command in Egypt and kept Israel alive.

It was God who ruined Egypt with 10 plagues and provided a way for Israel to cross the Red Sea on dry ground.

And now they want to make their own plans on how to invade Canaan?

Verses 26 - 33

²⁶ “Yet you were unwilling to go up; instead you 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 hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us. ²⁸ Where can we go up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, *by* saying, “The people are bigger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified *up* to heaven. And besides, we saw the sons of the Anakim there.”’ ²⁹ But I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, nor fear 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 saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as a man carries his son, on all of the road which you have walked until you came to this place.’ ³² Yet in spite of 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 make camp, in the fire by night to show you the way by which you should go, and in the cloud by day.

This event took place in Num. 14

See chart 160

Numbers time line

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²⁶ “Yet you were unwilling to go up; instead you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God;

It may sound like Moses is directing these comments toward the people he is currently addressing but in actual fact he is recalling things that he spoke to their parents.

Their parents rejected God’s will for them and spent 38 more years in the wilderness.

Because the Lord hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us

Their fear came from a lack of trust in God.

Let’s see, so God destroyed Egypt with 10 plagues in order to hurt Israel?

They crossed the Red Sea on dry ground because God hated Israel?

God provided Manna, quail, and water because he wanted to hurt Israel?

Their parents’ thinking was irrational at best.

Yet in spite of all this, you did not trust the Lord your God

We must remember that the previous generation had seen more signs than any other generation in the history of mankind and yet they would not trust in God.

Verses 34 - 40

³⁴ “Then the Lord heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and swore 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 I will give the land on which he has set foot, and to his sons, 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, shall himself enter there; encourage him, for he will give it to Israel as an inheritance. ³⁹ Moreover, your little ones who, you said, would become plunder, and your sons, who this day have no knowledge of good and evil, shall enter there, and I will give it to them and they shall take possession of it. ⁴⁰ But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.’

³⁵ Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers

Why was God so angry?

See pic 165

Deut. 1:26-27

²⁶ “Yet you were unwilling to go up; instead you 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 hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us.

Their response to his love and blessings was to say he hates them.

³⁷ The Lord was angry with me also on your account, saying, ‘Not even you shall enter there

Is Moses correct in blaming the people for his exclusion from Canaan?

See Pic 170

Numbers 20:12

¹² But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Since **you did not trust in me, to treat me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, for that reason you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”**

In verse 37 when Moses says, on your account, is he still talking about their parents?

The event mentioned in verse 37 took place in year 40 of the wilderness.

See chart 175

Numbers	Event	Year 40 - 1407	Place
20:1	Miriam dies	1st month	At Kadesh
20:12	Moses & Aaron sin	1st month	At Kadesh
20:14	Do not Harass them	4th Month	Seir (Edom)
20:22	Aaron dies	5-1-40	Mount Hor

Since this took place in year 40 and nearly everyone that had rebelled in year 2 had already died, Moses had to be directing this toward the new generation.

Take note of what this new generation said to Moses

See pic 180

<p>Then the people argued with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord! ⁴Why then have you brought the Lord's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our livestock to die here? ⁵Why did you make us come up from Egypt, to bring us into this wretched place? It is not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, nor is there water to drink!"</p>

This sounds a lot like the 1st generation but at least they don't accuse God of hating them.

But as for you, turn around and set out for the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

There were only two choices.....**The Promised Land** or **the wilderness**.

The 1st generation had rejected the Promised Land leaving the other alternative.

Verses 41 - 46

⁴¹ “Then you replied to me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord; we ourselves will go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us.’ And every man of you strapped on his weapons of war, and you viewed it as easy to go up into the hill country. ⁴² But 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 by 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 And the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do, and they scattered you from Seir to Hormah. ⁴⁵ Then you returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord did not listen to your voice, nor pay attention to you. ⁴⁶ So you remained at Kadesh for many days, the days that you spent *there*.

Then you replied to me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord;

They finally realized the huge mistake they had made but it was too late.

The blessing of living in the Promised Land was no longer available to them.

Those who reject Jesus in this life will find themselves in the same dilemma.

But 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 by your enemies

When they found themselves in a hole, they should have quit digging.

True repentance would have involved listening to what Moses said but they did not listen and tried to win a battle without God.

Going to war without God is a big mistake.

And the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do, and they scattered you from Seir to Hormah

Those who went to war suffered the sting of defeat. 😊 😞

Then you returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord did not listen to your voice, nor pay attention to you. ⁴⁶ So you remained at Kadesh for many days, the days that you spent *there*.

Perhaps the Lord let them remain there for a fair amount of time so they would reflect on the decision they had made and how it was about to affect the rest of their life.

They could still repent of their unbelief. It wouldn't change the punishment God had determined for them but it would make them right with God as far as their soul was concerned.