Week 1: Israel refuses to Enter the Land

Objective:

- Events are now happening after the 40 years in the wilderness
- Appointing leaders to each tribe
- Moses tells the story of Israel's refusal to enter the land and the punishment of the Lord to them
- Moses is forbidden to enter the land
- Review the commandments in chapter 4 and give practical applications

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary

Reading:

- Deuteronomy 1
- Deuteronomy 2 and 3:1-21: skip but briefly remind the youth about its events (covered in the previous couple of weeks)
- Deuteronomy 3: 23-end
- Deuteronomy 4

Key verse(s):

- “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live" Deuteronomy 4:1

Comments:

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Review/recap questions:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. Who was the only person from the evil generation permitted to enter the Promised Land and why?

2. List the judgment responsibilities given to the judges by Moses
3. What does the word “Deuteronomy” means?
4. “The Lord your God carried you as a man carried his son.” Explain giving proof
5. The Lord had given the descendants of Esau (Edomites) and Lot (Moabites and Ammonites) their land.
6. What were the Israelites to do when they passed through these territories?
7. Why did God ask the Israelites not to meddle with the descendants of Esau?
8. Why did God harden the heart of Sihon, King of Heshbon?
9. Does Moses ask to be allowed to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land? What does he say?
10. Moses pleaded to see “the good land beyond the Jordan.” What was the Lord’s response?
11. Moses was sent to the top of Mount Pisgah to look “west and north and south and east” and view the Promise Land.
12. Where is something similar in the Old Testament?
13. What does Moses’ prayer reveal about his relationship with God?
14. Name happenings that the Israelites were shown that they might know the LORD IS GOD.
15. Obedience was commanded. “Do not add to or subtract from” the given commands. This was very
specific. Why?
16. What two reasons does Moses give for the necessity of God’s law to the new nation?
17. What verse tells us of Moses total and uncompromising belief in ONE God?

Homework:
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1. Who would lead the Israelites into the Land of Canaan?
a) Joshua b) Moses c) Caleb d) Aaron
2. _____ was not permitted to cross the Jordan River and enter into the Promised Land.
2. What territory did the Lord give to Esau’s descendants?
a) Hormah b) Seir c) Kadesh Barnea d) Valley of Eshcol
2. The Israelites conquered Sihon, King of Heshbon and all his army. Who was completely destroyed in all
the towns?
a) all menb) all women c) all children d) all of these
3. The Israelite army marched against Og, King of Bashan at the Battle of Edrei. Who survived?
a) unmarried girls b) small children c) women and children d) no survivors
2. What plunder was carried away from the battles?
a) gold b) silver c) bronze d) livestock
4. Keeping the Lord’s commandments meant to the Israelites:
a) Adding to them b) subtracting from them c) following them exactly d) nothing
2. We are near to God when we _____.

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