

## Session 29

### Deuteronomy I

Deuteronomy – second law or copy of the Law.

Dated just as the people are to enter the Promised Land. Covenant renewal-most people who were at Sinai were dead.

Moses writes a commentary on the Law. Wants people to be instructed before going into the Land.

Reminds them of the Covenant with God. They are going into a land of pagans – importance of the **Shema**.

**Ch 1:** Moses speaks across the Jordan – plains of Moab. The 40<sup>th</sup> year in the 11<sup>th</sup> month. It is 11 days journey from Mt Sinai to where they are camped now.

V5-8: Go and possess the Land. Go straight to it. Land that I swore to your fathers. I have set the land before you.

V10: God has multiplied you to where you are today.

Recounts the spies and the unbelief of 10 and the people. Led to the wanderings. All the adults will die except Caleb and Joshua. The children will inherit the land.

Recounts the wanderings; and that the LORD was always with them. Other land were conquered and nothing will stand in the way of the conquest of the Land – because the LORD fights for them.

**Ch 3:** <sup>24</sup>O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god *is there* in heaven or on earth who can do *anything* like Your works and Your mighty *deeds*?

3:26 LORD angry with Moses. Can see the land but not enter in. Joshua will take the people in. God's decision is irreversible.

**Ch 4:** follow Law and statutes and you will live and possess the Land. Cannot add to or subtract from the Word. They saw what happened to those who worshipped Baal.

V5-6 these will make you wise and understanding. Distinguished from other people.  
<sup>4:7</sup>“For what great nation *is there* that has God *so* near to it, as the LORD our God *is* to us, for whatever *reason* we may call upon Him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation *is there* that has *such* statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?

Teach your children the Law ; hear My words ; fear the LORD. The people heard God's Word at Sinai.

<sup>11</sup>“Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but **saw no form**; *you only heard* a voice. <sup>13</sup>So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. Cannot try to replicate the Form of God.

V15-24 (read): no form of anything. Do not be tempted to worship the sun, moon, stars.

You are an inheritance. Do not forget statutes; no images. He is a consuming fire. Idolatry is seductive.

If they follow idols they will be scattered among the nations.

Idols are made by men; wood and stone; cannot see hear or smell. People will be scattered. They will find the LORD if they seek HIM.

<sup>32</sup>“For ask now concerning 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 *any* great *thing* like this has happened, or *anything* like it has been heard. <sup>33</sup>Did *any* people *ever* hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? <sup>34</sup>Or did God *ever* try to go *and* take for Himself a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for

you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself *is* God; *there is* none other besides Him. <sup>32</sup>For ask now concerning 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 *any* great *thing* like this has happened, or *anything* like it has been heard.

Voice from heaven, signs and wonders; chose you, delivered you, gives you a Land of inheritance.

Moses set all the Law before the Israelites. Recounting. About to enter the Land.

Ch 5: God made a covenant with the people on Sinai. Spoke it through the Fire. Moses was the priest who stood between God and the people; the people were afraid.

Re-states the Decalog (Ten Commandments).

<sup>26</sup>For who *is there* of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived? <sup>27</sup>You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do *it*.’

<sup>29</sup>Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

God tells Moses to hear Him and Moses will teach the people.

