

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 1

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Deuteronomy chapter one brings us to the last leg of a 41-year journey from Egypt to entrance into the Promised Land. Moses and the entire nation are camped in the great Syrian African rift valley at the lowest point on the planet, across from the ancient City of Palms, Jericho. Moses will die soon; God will not allow Him to lead the people into the land of promise because of His disobedience before God and the people. Moses will rehearse the Torah, instructions of God to the people before his death and their entrance into the land.

The entire book is called in the Greek Septuagint, Deuteronomy. Deutero is the Greek word for "Second" and Nomos is the Greek word for "Law or Instruction" and the two together mean the "Second Law." This doesn't mean second in the sense of different or another, but the second telling of the law or what we would call a, repeat or rehearsal of the law already given. This was a reminder to a nation that had strayed from God during their wanderings in the wilderness, and there was a new generation that grew up not observing the law.

During the period of wandering through the wilderness the people had not even kept the remembrance of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage by observing the Passover each year. They also had not kept the commanded circumcision of all male children. The first two things that had to be done when they finally crossed the Jordan and entered the land was to circumcise all the men and observe the Passover for the first time in forty years. The book of Deuteronomy is Moses getting a new generation acquainted with the requirements of obtaining the blessing of God and their responsibilities before Him. Every new generation must be taught the words of God. This was not only true for the Israelites on the plains of Moab, but true for each family who are followers of Jesus today.

Prayer and Action Steps

God desires for parents to pass on the truth of God to the children and teach them to love God with all their heart. This is the most important legacy and gift we can give to children. Pass it on!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

