

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 2

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Deuteronomy two is the recounting of the beginning of the wilderness wandering from Kadesh-Barnea to the plains of Moab. God guided the people along a route that brought them to the northern-most tip of the Red Sea. One day in the future, hundreds of years beyond this time, King Solomon would launch a fleet of ships into those waters at Etzion Geber, modern day Eilat on the Red Sea. Moses rehearsed how God had led them by way of the King's Highway from the plains of Eilat, through the mountain passes of the red granite mountains of the Land of the Edomites.

This path crosses north to south the famous Wadi Ram that you can see in the epic film *Lawrence of Arabia*. The territory of the descendants of Esau was to be left alone and their land not harmed or confiscated, as God had given that land to Esau as an inheritance. Remember Esau had despised being the oldest with the responsibilities that accompanied that position, so he sold it to Jacob for a bowl of lentil soup. The ancient capital of the Edomites, descendants of Esau, was modern day Petra in the country

of Jordan. This is a stronghold of epic proportions. Today, Petra, old Edom, is recognized as a "World Heritage Site" that draws people from around the globe to see this natural wonder, an entire city carved from the rose red rock. Chapter two rehearses the crossing of the Brook of Zered. This is a major divide in the natural geography and topography and divided land and people. This was such a major event because it recorded the crossing from the land of the Edomites to a new terrain and entering a new jurisdiction controlled by the descendants of Lot, the Moabites.

Prayer and Action Steps

Today stop and take time to thank God for the journey you have been on with God or begin the journey now. There may have been days of wandering for you. Has God sustained you? Has God provided for you, even when you have been disobedient to his will? Begin to mark your own walk with God and make today a day of renewal and new beginning. God is waiting for you.

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? _____
