

Prologue to First Mosaic Speech (1 Shebat [January/February] 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 1:1–5

- 1 These *are* the words that Moses spoke to all of Israel on the other side of the Jordan in the desert, in the desert plateau opposite Suph, between Paran and between Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab.
 2 It is a *journey of* eleven days from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir up to Kadesh Barnea.
 3 And it was in the fortieth year, on the eleventh month, on *the first day* of the month, Moses spoke to the Israelites according to all that Yahweh had instructed him *to speak* to them.
 4 *This happened* after defeating Sihon king of the Amorites, who *was* reigning in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who *was* reigning in Ashtaroth in Edrei.
 5 On the other side of the Jordan in the land of Moab Moses began to explain this law, saying:

First Mosaic Speech: Remembering the Past – Part 1 (1 Shebat [January/February] 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 1:6–2:37

Departure from Horeb/Sinai (see Numbers 10:11)

- 1:6 “Yahweh our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain.
 7 Turn *now* and move on, and go *into* the hill of the Amorites and to all *of* the neighboring regions in the Jordan Valley in the hill country and in the Negev and in the coastal area along the sea, *into* the land of the Canaanites and *into* the Lebanon, as far as the great river Euphrates.
 8 Look, I have set the land before you; go and take possession of the land that Yahweh swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give *it* to them and to their offspring after them.’

Leaders for the Tribes (see Numbers 11:10–30)

- 9 “And I spoke to them at that time, saying, ‘I am not able to bear you alone.
 10 Yahweh your God has multiplied you, and look; you *are* today as the stars of the heaven in number.
 11 Yahweh, the God of your ancestors, may he add to you as you are *now* a thousand times, and may he bless you just as he promised you.
 12 How can I bear you by myself, your burden and your load and your strife?
 13 Choose for yourselves wise and discerning and knowledgeable men for *each of* your tribes, and I will appoint them as your leaders.’
 14 “And you answered me, and you said, ‘The thing you have said to do is good.’
 15 And so I took the leaders of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and *then* I appointed them as leaders over you *as* commanders of *groups of* thousands and commanders of *groups of* hundreds and commanders of *groups of* fifties and commanders of *groups of* tens *as* officials for your tribes.
 16 And at that time I instructed your judges, saying, ‘hear out your fellow men, and *then* judge fairly between a man and between his brother and between his opponent who is a resident alien.
 17 You must not be partial in your judgment; hear *out* the small *person* as *also* the great *person*; do not be intimidated by any person, because the judgment *is* God’s; and the case that is too difficult for you, bring *it* to me, and I will hear it *out*.’
 18 And so I instructed you at that time *concerning* all *of* the things that you should do.

Rebellion at Kadesh-barnea (see Numbers 13–14)

- 19 “Then we set out from Horeb, and we went *through* the whole *of* that great and terrible desert that you saw *on* the way *to* the hill country of the Amorites as Yahweh our God had commanded us, and *so* we came up to Kadesh Barnea.
 20 I said to you, ‘You have reached the hill country of the Amorites that Yahweh our God *is* giving to us.
 21 See, Yahweh your God has set before you the land; go up and possess *it* as Yahweh the God of your ancestors said to you; do not fear and do not be dismayed.’
 22 “Then all of you approached me, and *you* said, ‘Let us send men before us, and let them explore the land for us, and let them bring back a report to us *concerning* the way that we should take *and concerning* the cities that we shall come to.’
 23 The plan was good in my opinion, and *so* I took from *among* you twelve men, one from each tribe.
 24 And they set out and went up into the hill country, and they went up to the wadi of Eschol, and they spied out *the land*.
 25 They took in their hands some of the fruit of the land, and they brought *it* down to us, and they brought to us back a report, and they said, ‘The land that Yahweh our God *is* giving to us *is* good.’
 26 But you were not willing to go up, and you rebelled against the command of Yahweh your God.
 27 And you grumbled in your tents, and you said, ‘Because of the hatred of Yahweh *toward* us he has brought us out from the land of Egypt to give us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.
 28 Where *can* we go up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we are, *and there are* great fortified cities *reaching* up to heaven, and we saw the sons of the Anakites *living* there.”’
 29 “And so I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, and do not fear them.

30 Yahweh your God, who is going before you, will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,
31 and *just as he did* in the wilderness when you saw that Yahweh your God carried you, just as someone carries his son, all *along* the way *that* you traveled until you reached this place.’
32 But through all of this you did not trust in Yahweh your God,
33 who goes before you on your way, seeking a place for your encampment, in fire at night and in a cloud by day, to show you the way that you should go.
34 “Then Yahweh heard the sound of your words, and he was angry, and he swore, saying,
35 ‘No one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land that I swore to give to your ancestors,
36 except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh; he himself shall see it, and to him I will give the land upon which he has trodden and to his sons because he followed Yahweh unreservedly.’
37 Even with me Yahweh was angry because of you, saying, ‘Not even you shall enter there.
38 Joshua, the son of Nun, your assistant, will go there; encourage him because he will cause Israel to inherit it.
39 And your little children, who you thought shall become plunder, and your sons, who do not today know good or bad, shall themselves go there, and I will give it to them, and they shall take possession of it.
40 But you turn and set out *in the direction of* the wilderness by way of the Red Sea.’
41 “You replied and said to me, ‘We have sinned against Yahweh, *and now* we will go up and fight according to all that Yahweh our God commanded us’; and so each man fastened on his battle gear, and you regarded *it* as easy to go up *into* the hill country.
42 So Yahweh said to me, ‘Say to them, “You shall not go up, and you shall not fight because I am not in your midst; you will be defeated before your enemies.”’
43 So I spoke to you, but you did not listen; you rebelled against the command of Yahweh; you behaved presumptuously, and you went up into the hill country.
44 The Amorites living in the hill country went out to oppose you and chased you as *a swarm of* wild honey bees do; and so they beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah.
45 So you returned and wept before Yahweh; but Yahweh did not listen to your voice and did not pay *any* attention to you.
46 You stayed in Kadesh many days; such were the days that you stayed *there*.

Setting Out Toward Canaan After the Wilderness Wanderings (see Numbers 20:14–21)

2:1 “*Then* we turned and set out *toward* the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as Yahweh told me, and we went around Mount Seir *for* many days.
2 Yahweh spoke to me, saying,
3 ‘*Long* enough you have been skirting this mountain; turn yourselves north,
4 and instruct the people, saying, “You *are* about to cross *through* the territory of your brothers, the descendants of Esau, who are living in Seir; they will be afraid of you, and *so* be very careful.
5 Do not get involved in battle with them, for I will not give you any of their land, not even a foot’s breadth *of it*; since I have given Mount Seir *as* a possession for Esau.
6 You shall buy food from them so that you may eat; and also you shall purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.
7 The fact of the matter is, Yahweh your God has blessed you in all the work you have done; he knows your travels *with respect to* this great wilderness; forty years Yahweh your God *has been* with you; you have not lacked a thing.”’
8 And so we passed by our brothers, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir, past the road of the Arabah, from Elath and Ezion Geber, and we turned and traveled along the route of the desert of Moab.

Journey Through Moab Toward the Amorites (see Numbers 21:10–20)

9 And Yahweh said to me, ‘You shall not attack Moab, and you shall not engage in war with them, for I will not give you any of his land *as* a possession; I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot *as* a possession.’
10 (The Emim previously lived in it, a people large, numerous, and tall, like the Anakites.
11 They were reckoned also *as* Rephaim as the Anakites *were*; but the Moabites called them Emim.
12 The Horites previously lived in Seir, but the descendants of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from among themselves, as Israel did with respect to the land of their possession that Yahweh gave to them.)
13 So *now* arise and cross over the wadi of Zered yourselves; and *so* we crossed the wadi of Zered.
14 Now the length of time that we had traveled from Kadesh Barnea until *the time when* we crossed the wadi of Zered *was* thirty-eight years, until the perishing of all of that generation; *that is*, the men of war from the midst of the camp as Yahweh had sworn to them.
15 The hand of Yahweh was against them to root them out from the midst of the camp until they perished completely.
16 “And then when all the men of war had died from among the people,
17 Yahweh spoke to me, saying,
18 ‘You *are* about to cross over the boundary of Moab today at Ar.
19 When you approach the border of the Ammonites, you shall not harass them, and you shall not get involved in battle with them,

for I have not given the land of the Ammonites to you as a possession; because I have given it to the descendants of Lot *as* a possession.

20 (It is also considered the land of Rephaim; Rephaim lived in it previously, and the Ammonites called them Zamzumim, 21 a people great and numerous and as tall as the Anakites; Yahweh destroyed them from before them, and they dispossessed them and settled in place of them,

22 just as he did for the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them and dispossessed them, and *then* they settled in their place up to this day.

23 And *also* the Avvites, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, *and the* Caphtorim, who came out from Caphtor, destroyed them and *then* settled in their place.

24 Arise, set out and cross *over* the wadi of Arnon. Look! I have given Sihon the Amorite, the king of Heshbon, and his land into your hand; begin to take possession of *it*, and engage with him in battle.

25 This day I will begin to place the dread of you and the fear of you before the peoples under all the heavens. *They* will hear the report about you, and *so* they will shake and tremble because of you.'

Victory Over King Sihon of Heshbon (see Numbers 21:21–32)

26 "So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king of Heshbon; *I sent* terms of peace, saying,

27 'Let me cross through your land *and* only along the road I will go; I will not turn aside to the right or *to the* left.

28 Food for money you shall sell me, so that I may eat, and water for money you will give to me, so that I may drink; just let me cross on foot.

29 *Just as* the descendants of Esau did for me, who live in Seir, and the Moabites, who live in Ar, until I cross the Jordan into the land that Yahweh our God is giving to us.'

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon was not willing to let us cross through his *territory* because Yahweh your God hardened his spirit and made him obstinate in order to give him into your hand, just as he has now done.

31 Yahweh said to me, 'Look! I have begun to give over to you Sihon and his land; begin to take possession of his land.'

32 Then Sihon and all his people came out to meet us for battle at Jahaz.

33 And so Yahweh our God gave him over to us, and we struck him down, and his sons and all of his people.

34 So we captured all of his cities at that time, and we destroyed each town *of* males and the women and the children; we did not leave behind a survivor.

35 We took only the livestock as spoil for ourselves, and *also* the booty of the cities that we had captured.

36 From Aroer, which *is* on the edge of the wadi of Arnon and the city that *was* in the wadi on up to Gilead, *there* was not a city that was inaccessible to us; Yahweh our God gave everything to us.

37 Only the land of the Ammonites you did not approach, *all along* the whole upper region of the Jabbok River and the towns of the hill country, *according to all* that Yahweh our God had instructed.

Scripture quotations are from the [Lexham English Bible](#) (LEB). Copyright 2012 [Logos Bible Software](#). Lexham is a registered trademark of [Logos Bible Software](#).