

First Mosaic Speech: Remembering the Past – Part 2 (1 Shebat [January/February] 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 3

Victory Over King Og of Bashan (see Numbers 21:33–35)

- 1 “Then we turned, and we went up the road to Bashan, and Og the king of Bashan came out to meet us, he and all of his army for the battle at Edrei.
- 2 And Yahweh said to me, ‘You should not fear him, for I have given him and all of his army and his land into your hand. And so you will do to him as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorites, who *was* reigning in Heshbon.’
- 3 And so Yahweh our God also gave Og the king of Bashan, and all of his army into our hand, and we struck him down until not a survivor remained to him.
- 4 And we captured all of his towns at that time; *there was* not a city that we did not take from them.
- 5 All of these *were* fortified towns with high walls, gates, and bars, apart from very many of the villages of the open country.
- 6 And so we destroyed them just as we had done to Sihon the king of Heshbon; *we destroyed* utterly each town of males, the women, and the little children.
- 7 But all of the livestock and the booty of the towns we kept as spoil for ourselves.
- 8 “And so we took at that time the land from the control of *the* two kings of the Amorites who *were* on the other side of the Jordan, from the wadi of Arnon up to Mount Hermon.
- 9 (The Sidonians called Hermon ‘Sirion,’ and the Amorites called it ‘Senir.’)
- 10 All of the towns of the plateau and the whole of Gilead and all of Bashan up to Salecah and Edrei, the towns of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.
- 11 (For only Og, king of Bashan, was left from the remnant of the Rephaim. Indeed, his bedstead—it *was* a bedstead of iron. It is in Rabbah of the Ammonites. Nine cubits *is* its length, and four cubits *is* its width according to the cubit of a man.)

Reuben and Gad Settle on the East Side of Jordan (see Numbers 32)

- 12 And so we took possession of this land at that time, from Aroer, which *is* on the *edge of the* wadi of Arnon, and *also* half of the hill country of Gilead and its towns I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.
- 13 And the remainder of Gilead and all of Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half-tribe of Manasseh, the whole region of Argo. All of that *area of* Bashan was called *the* land of the Rephaim.
- 14 Jair the descendant of Manasseh acquired the whole region of Argob, up to the boundary of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and he called it, *that is* Bashan, after his *own* name, Havvoth Jair, as it still is today.
- 15 And *also* I gave Gilead to Makir.
- 16 And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave, from Gilead up to the wadi of Arnon, the middle of the wadi *as a* boundary and up to the Jabbok River, the boundary of the Ammonites.
- 17 And the Jordan Valley *with* the Jordan River *as its* boundary, from Kinnereth up to the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, *with* the slopes of Pisgah toward the east.
- 18 “And I charged you *all* at that time *when I* said, “Yahweh has given you—to *all of* you—this land to possess. All the warriors shall cross over, ready to fight, before your brothers, the Israelites.
- 19 Only your wives and your little children and your livestock (I know that you have much livestock) must stay in your towns that I have given you,
- 20 until Yahweh shall give rest to your brothers as *he did* to you, and also they take possession of the land that Yahweh your God *is* giving to them beyond the Jordan; then they may return, each *one* to his possession that I have given to them.
- 21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes see all that Yahweh your God has done to these two kings; so Yahweh will do to all of the kingdoms where you are about to cross over to.
- 22 You shall not fear them, for Yahweh your God is the *one* fighting for you.

Moses Pleads With Yahweh to Enter Canaan

- 23 “And I pleaded with Yahweh at that time, saying,
- 24 ‘Lord Yahweh, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand, for what god *is there* in the heaven or on the earth who can do according to your works and according to your mighty deeds?
- 25 Let me cross over, please, and let me see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, this good hill country and Lebanon.’
- 26 But Yahweh was very angry with me because of you, and he would not listen to me, and Yahweh said, ‘Enough of that from you! You shall not speak to me *any* longer about this matter!
- 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and look around you toward the west, toward the north, and toward the east, and view *the land* with your eyes, for you will not cross this Jordan.
- 28 Now instruct Joshua and support him and encourage him because he himself will cross over before this people and enable them to inherit the land that you will see.’
- 29 So we remained in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

First Mosaic Speech: Exhortation to Obey Yahweh (1 Shebat [January/February] 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 4:1–40

The Responsibilities and Privileges of the Covenant

- 1 “Now, Israel, listen to the rules and to the regulations that I *am* teaching you to do, in order that you may live and you may go *in* and you may take possession of the land that Yahweh, the God of your ancestors, *is* giving to you.
- 2 You must not add to the word that I *am* commanding you, and you shall not take away from it *in order* to keep the commands of Yahweh your God that I *am* commanding you *to observe*.
- 3 Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did with *the case of* Baal Peor, for each man that followed after Baal Peor Yahweh your God destroyed from your midst.
- 4 But you, the *ones* holding fast to Yahweh your God, *are* all alive today.
- 5 See, I now teach you rules and regulations *just* as Yahweh my God has commanded me, to observe *them just* so in the midst of the land where you *are* going, to take possession of it.
- 6 And you must observe them diligently, for that *is* your wisdom and your insight before the eyes of the people, who will hear all *of* these rules, and they will say, ‘Surely this great nation *is* a wise and discerning people.’
- 7 For what great nation *has* for it a god near to it as Yahweh our God, whenever we call *upon* him?
- 8 And what *other* great nation has for it just rules and regulations just like this whole law that I *am* setting before you today?

Pass On the Memories of Mount Sinai

- 9 “However, take care for yourself and watch your inner self closely, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen, so that they do not slip from your mind all the days of your life; and you shall make them known to your children and to your grandchildren.
- 10 *Remember* the day that you stood before Yahweh your God at Horeb when Yahweh said to me, ‘Summon for me the people so that I can tell them my words, that they may learn to fear me *all of* the days they *are* alive on the earth and so *that* they may teach their children.’
- 11 And *so* you came near, and you stood under the mountain, and the mountain *was* burning with fire up to the heart of the heaven, dark with a very thick cloud.
- 12 And Yahweh spoke to you from the midst of the fire; you heard a sound of words, but you did not see a form—only a voice.
- 13 And he declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he charged you to observe, and he wrote them on *the* two tablets of stone.
- 14 And Yahweh charged me at that time to teach you rules and regulations for your observation of them in the land that you *are* about to cross into to take possession of it.

The Nature of Yahweh

- 15 “So you must be very careful for yourselves, because you did not see any form on the day Yahweh spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire,
- 16 so that you *do* not ruin yourselves and make for yourselves a divine image *in* a form of any image, a replica of male or female,
- 17 a replica of any animal that *is* upon the earth, a replica of any winged bird that flies in the air,
- 18 a replica of any creeping thing on the ground, a replica of any fish that *is* in the water below the earth.
- 19 And do this so that you do not lift your eyes *toward* heaven and observe the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of the heaven, and be led astray and bow down to them and serve them, things that Yahweh your God has allotted to all *of* the peoples under all *of* the heaven.
- 20 But Yahweh has taken you and brought you out from the furnace of iron, from Egypt, to be a people of inheritance to him, as it is this day.
- 21 “And Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and he swore that I would not cross the Jordan and that I would not go to the good land that Yahweh your God is giving you as an inheritance.
- 22 For I *am* going to die in this land; I am not going to cross the Jordan, but you *are* going to cross, and you are going to take possession of this good land.
- 23 Watch *out* for yourselves so that you do not forget the covenant of Yahweh your God that he had made with you and make for yourselves a divine image *of* the form of anything that Yahweh your God has forbidden,
- 24 for Yahweh your God *is* a devouring fire, a jealous God. [[Heb 12:28–29](#)]

Warnings of Future Exile for Disobedience

- 25 “When you have had children and grandchildren and you have grown old in the land and you act corruptly and you make a divine image *of* the form of anything and you do evil in the eyes of Yahweh your God, *thus* provoking him to anger,
- 26 I call to witness against you today the heaven and the earth, that you will perish soon and completely from the land that you *are* crossing the Jordan into it to take possession of it; you will not live long on it, but you will be completely destroyed.
- 27 And Yahweh will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations to where Yahweh will lead you.

28 And you will there serve gods made by human hands, *of* wood and stone, *gods* that cannot see and cannot hear and cannot eat and cannot smell.

29 But from there you shall seek Yahweh your God and will find him, if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

30 In your distress when all these things have found you in the latter days, then you will return to Yahweh your God, and you will listen to his voice.

31 For Yahweh your God is a compassionate God; he will not abandon you, and he will not destroy you, and he will not forget the covenant of your ancestors that he swore to them.

Meditate on the Marvels You Have Seen and the Uniqueness of Yahweh

32 “Yes, ask, please, about former days that preceded you from the day that God created humankind on the earth; *ask even* from *one* end of the heaven up to the *other* end of heaven whether anything ever happened like this great thing or whether anything like it was ever heard.

33 Has a people *ever* heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, *just* as you heard *it*, and lived?

34 Or has a god *ever* attempted to go to take for himself a nation from the midst of a nation, *using* trials and signs and wonders and war, with an outstretched arm and with great and awesome deeds, like all that Yahweh your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

35 You *yourselves* were shown *this wonder* in order *for you* to acknowledge that Yahweh *is* the God; there is no other *God* besides him. [[Mark 12:32](#)]

36 From heaven he made you hear his voice to teach you, and on the earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from the midst of the fire.

37 And because he loved your ancestors he chose their descendants after them. And he brought you forth from Egypt with his own presence, by his great strength,

38 to drive out nations greater and more numerous than you from before you, to bring you *and* to give to you their land *as an* inheritance, *as it is* this day.

39 So you shall acknowledge today, and you must call to mind that Yahweh *is* God in heaven above and on the earth beneath. There is no other *God*.

40 And you shall keep his rules and his commandments that I am commanding you today, *so* that it may go well for you and for your children after you, and so that you may remain a long time on the land that Yahweh your God *is* giving to you *during* all *of* those days.”

Moses Designates Three Cities of Refuge East of Jordan (February 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 4:41–43

41 Then Moses set apart three cities on the other side of the Jordan, toward the east,

42 *in order for* a manslayer to flee there *who* has killed his neighbor without intent and was not hating him previously, and so he could flee to one of these cities and be safe.

43 *He set apart* Bezer in the wilderness in the land of the plateau of the Reubenites; Ramoth in Gilead of the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan of the Manassites.

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