

# Deuteronomy 1-3 – 11 February 2021

## “How To Apply God’s Word”

### Introduction

\*We’ve completed the chronology of the Exodus in Exodus, Leviticus & Numbers, so what’s Deut?

\*Exo, Lev, Num is what happened, Deut is the discussion of what happened. It’s Moses heart about what happened, his sermons

\*Chap 1-3 is a recap of some important events of their 40 years in the wilderness that we should learn from

\*I Cor 10:1-11 – Paul tells this heathen culture that they can learn from Exo, Lev, Num & Deut

\*We need to actually & literally apply God’s truth

\*But how do we do that?

\*Today, this recap of their 40 years will show us a **four-step process for applying God’s Word**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Step For Applying God's Word is to Learn It (Chap 1:1-18)

Read Chap 1:1-5

1. Vs 1 – “These be the words...” – These are the heartfelt sermons of Moses wanting the people to hear from God.
2. Deut is a book of words, thoughts, expressions
3. We should learn from the teaching of others that care about us so we don't have to learn from experiences
  - a. Some learn when you say, “don't bang your head on the wall”
  - b. Others learn by smashing their head on the wall and getting up off the floor
4. Read Rom 15:4 – God's wants to teach us into a hopeful, bright future
5. But we have to put in the effort to learn
  - a. Read II Tim 2:15

## Read Chap 1:6-8

1. Stayed at Horeb (Mt Sinai) for 2 years b4 being called to go into land promised to Abe in Gen 15
2. Mt. Sinai was where they received the Law
3. The principle is, they had to learn before they could live
  - a. Would you like to be handed a suit of armor & crossbow, but never be taught how to use it?
  - b. It's God's grace that He taught them first!

## Read Chap 1:9-18 – *Appointing Judges To Help Moses*

1. Appointing Judges for leadership in managing the needs of the people
2. We fully reviewed this in Exodus 18
3. Very important that thru the daily situations of life, they know how to hear from and learn from God's Word thru these judges
4. God would not leave them as sheep with a shepherd
5. He gave them every resource to hear & learn from His truth

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Step For Applying God's Word is to Believe It** **(Chap 1:19-46) – *Sending the Spies to the land***

Read Chap 1:19-21

1. “Go possess the land now”
  - a. Always right time to believe God & do it
2. God told them to “fear not”
  - a. That's the choice...fear of faith

Read Chap 1:22-25

1. This proved that God is doing good things
2. But will they believe that God is not only good, but, He's powerful enough to have them conquer?

Read Chap 1:26-28

1. Didn't believe they could conquer these great cities and great giants
2. Unbelief is the same as rebellion
3. It does no good to hear and learn God's Word if you don't believe it

## Read Chap 1:29-33

1. They had experiential reasons to believe, but didn't
2. God's *previous actions* should make His *present words* valuable
  - a. Same for us today – Read John 20:31
  - b. Jesus previous miracles should make His present claims to be the Messiah valuable

## Read Chap 1:34-40

1. The punishment is for all those who didn't believe they could take the land, not to go in.
2. Those 20 & younger weren't accountable to believe b/c they had “no knowledge of good & evil”.

## Read Chap 1:41-46

1. Repented / wanted God's original plan, but too late.
2. They got slaughtered b/c God wasn't in it now.
3. The lesson:
  - a. Obey God's plan of today, not yesterday.
  - b. Accept God's punishment & redirection
  - c. Believe for blessing, don't suffer great setback

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Step For Applying God's Word is to Use It (Chap 2:1-3:11)

Read Chap 2:1-7

1. Asking to pass thru *Edom* was a reminder that they lacked nothing
  - a. Shouldn't steal but act brotherly
2. This was a chance to use what God had been teaching them
  - a. Laws about money, kindness, justice

Read Chap 2:8-12

1. Israel was not to contend w/ Lot's kid Moab, God also gave them their land.
2. Israel would have to use their believe that God gave them their land to act rightly toward them
3. Lots of good books you can read - these giants

Read Chap 2:13-15

1. Took 38 years to get to this point
2. All the time needing to choose to use God's Law in their interactions with foreign nations

## Read Chap 2:16-23

1. Israel was not to contend w/ Lot's other kid Ammon, God gave them their land
2. Note – the Caphtorim are the Philistines who originally came from Cyprus

## Read Chap 2:24-25

1. The Lord is moving nations & giving Israel glory for it!
2. Why? B/c they're obeying & using His Word!

## Read Chap 2:26-30

1. Israel – asking for peace but ready for war
2. So Israel has been a living example of using God's Word as a “lamp unto their feet & a light unto their path” from Psalm 119:105
3. They're using God's Word to know where to go

## Read Chap 2:31-37

1. Vs 36 – “For the Lord.... delivered”
2. There's protection in staying of the path of God

Read Chap 3:1-7

1. Og of Bashan suffered the same fate for the same hard-heartedness against Israel
2. Not b/c Israel was stronger than they, but b/c they were obedience to follow God's Word

Read Chap 3:8-11

1. This was the defeat of the final giant kings
2. Israel was victorious all b/c they believed God and acted on His truth!

**4<sup>th</sup> Step For Applying God's Word is to Impart It (Chap 3:12-29)**

Read Chap 3:12-17

1. Vs 12 – This land went to Reuben & Gad
2. Vs 13-15 – This land went to Manasseh
3. Vs 16 – Wen to Reuben & Gad
4. Vs 17 – Lists the seas and the Jordan as the western boundary of these 2.5 tribes



## Read Chap 3:18-20

1. 2.5 tribes were to help all tribes war & settle before going to their requested land east of Jordan
2. All this b/c they wanted to protect their young and have a legacy to pass God's Law onto.

## Read Chap 3:21-22

1. Moses knowing he will die wants to impart what he knows of God to Joshua
2. Joshua you've seen it, soon you'll be tested on whether you believe, whether you will use it

## Read Chap 3:23-27

1. Moses is 120 yrs old & he says that God "has begun to show" him God's greatness! Wow!
2. Read Heb 13:7 - There's a lot to pass!

## Read Chap 3:28-29

1. Impart all you can of God to Joshua, as you would your kids
2. Charge (commission), strengthen & stabilize

## Conclusion

So when we talk about applying God's Word to your life, this is how you do it

1. **First, you have to learn it**
  - a. You can never please God w/o taking it in
  - b. All else breaks down w/o taking it in
  - c. Sadly, this is the problem w/ America today
2. **Second, you have to believe it**
  - a. Does no good to have a knowledge of God's will but not believe it
  - b. Would be better to not know, than to know, which makes you accountable to believe
3. **Third, you have to use it**
  - a. Using the Word of God will grow your faith
  - b. Just like using armor grows your reliance on it b/c you trust it more and more
4. **Finally, you have to impart it to others**
  - a. Don't let the truths you've learned of God die with you....pass it on and spread it around!