

“Beware, lest you forget”

Deuteronomy

Second telling of the law

Chapter 1 - 4: Moses speaks about the events of the last 40 years.

Final conquest before the entrance into Canaan. (Ch. 3 & 4)

DESTRUCTION OF SIHON AND OG

The next generation has the opportunity to be obedient and responsible. It was visible proof that the LORD is with them. Og was the last Rephaim (tribe of giants), he had an iron bed 14 by 6. These lands were distributed among different tribes. East of Jordan toward Moab was where Moses stayed and finally died in Moab. (Numbers 32)

MOSES PLEADS WITH GOD AFTER GOD’S DEMONSTRATION

God in His grace shows the new generation His greatness and strong hand as a testimony of the one who goes before them and fights for them. God denies Moses' request but allows him to see the land that the children will go in and possess. Not to tease Moses but to confirm to Moses that his work will have fruit.

GOD ASK MOSES TO COMMISSION AND ENCOURAGE JOSHUA

Joshua is to be built up and strengthened to lead Israel in Canaan. God finishes what he starts and gives fresh encounters at the right place and time. Joshua will have to face new cities and new enemies but will have these fresh memories to think back on when he is in doubt.

KEEP THE STATUES, JUDGEMENTS AND COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD (THEME)

Preserve and complete the words I say. (Galatians: Preserve & Proclaim). To enter the land, keep the land, live, build and become a great nation. The key to building a nation or government is the wisdom and understanding given by God. Preserving a nation and blessing generations.

KEEP WATCH OVER YOURSELF, REMEMBER, TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

These words will be seen over and over in the coming chapters. They were young kids at Sinai. The reason is so that they don't give into corruption like their parents.

KEEP AWAY FROM IDOLS NOR WORSHIP THE CANAAN IDOLS

No idols after human likeness, nature nor the heavens. For our LORD God is a consuming fire. Moses tells them if they give in to idols they will receive that same judgement as their parents. Verses 29 - 31 are prophetic.

GOD CARES FOR MOSES AND THEIR PARENTS WITH ASSISTED LIVING CITIES

God does not neglect the beloved children. As He provided in the wilderness, He still provides for Moses. (Numbers 35)