

Deuteronomy 1

1. What does the word “Deuteronomy” mean?
 - a. Given this meaning, what does this tell us about the nature of the information given in this book?

2. Generally speaking, where was Moses when he gave these instructions to Israel? (vs. 1 & 5)
 - a. Where were they (finally) about to go?

3. Verse 3 mentions “the 40th year.” The “fortieth year” since what?

4. What nations did Israel defeat *before* entering Canaan?

5. Verses 12-17 describe the appointment of what officials?
 - a. Thought question: Since this is historical information, to what original event does this refer? (hint: its in Exodus)

 - b. What characteristics were they to possess?

6. To what terrifying “wilderness” does verse 19 refer?

7. Numbers 13 tells the original story of the sending out of the spies. What additional information does Moses give in Deut. 1:22, 23 about whose idea this originally was?

- a. Be prepared to explain the harmony between these two accounts:
8. Deuteronomy 1:26-46 gives the account of the spying of Canaan and the various reports and consequences (Numbers 13 and 14):
- a. Why is this history so significant for Israel at this point?
 - b. How many spies gave a bad (negative) report?
 - c. What did these doubtful spies say about the land?
 - d. Who gave a good report?
 - e. What did these faithful spies say about the land?
 - f. What punishment did God give for the doubters and rebels?
 - g. Who was permitted to later enter the promised land?
 - h. What did the people presume to do after hearing their punishment?
 - i. What did God tell them regarding their plans?
 - j. What happened to them when they tried to do this?
9. In verse 37, what observation did Moses insert about himself? What was the reason for his punishment?