

Deuteronomy 1:1-5 **Setting for the book of Deuteronomy**

¹ These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. ² It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. ³ Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him as commandments to them, ⁴ after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei. ⁵ On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The words of this book were spoken by Moses on the east side of the Jordan River in the plains of Moab across from Jericho from which location the last of the Book of Numbers is also given. [[Numbers 22:1 through 36:13](#), [Deuteronomy 1:1, 5, 34:1-3](#)]
- ✧ Moses began to explain the Law, On the first day, of the eleventh month, of the fortieth year after they left Egypt, while they were on the East side of the Jordan River in the land of Moab. [[Deuteronomy 1:3, 5](#)]
- ✧ The story begins when they left the Wilderness of Sinai and traveled opposite the wilderness of Suph (the Red Sea) [[Exodus 13:8](#), [Numbers 14:25](#)] on the way to Kadesh Barnea where they spent 40 years in the wilderness.
- ✧ From Horeb the Mountain of God at Sinai, going by way of Mount Seir, to Kadesh Barnea is an eleven day journey. [[Deuteronomy 1:2](#)]
- ✧ Moses began to speak to the Children of Israel according to all Yehowah had given him as commandments to them, after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei. [[Deuteronomy 1:4](#)]