

Deuteronomy 1:5-46 **Go and Possess the Promised Land**

Command to go and inherit the Promised Land

⁵ On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, ⁶ "The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. ⁸ See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers--to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob--to give to them and their descendants after them.'

Moses had asked for help with the people from the Elders to help judge

⁹ "And I spoke to you at that time, saying: 'I alone am not able to bear you. ¹⁰ The LORD your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. ¹¹ May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you! ¹² How can I alone bear your problems and your burdens and your complaints? ¹³ Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you.' ¹⁴ "And you answered me and said, 'The thing which you have told us to do is good.' ¹⁵ "So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and knowledgeable men, and made them heads over you, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for your tribes. ¹⁶ Then I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear the cases between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. ¹⁷ You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man's presence, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, bring to me, and I will hear it.' ¹⁸ "And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

From Horeb to Kadesh Barnea – The Land is before you, go up and possess it

¹⁹ "So we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw on the way to the mountains of the Amorites, as the LORD our God had commanded us. Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. ²⁰ And I said to you, 'You have come to the mountains of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. ²¹ Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.'

Request for Spies to spy out the land

²² "And everyone of you came near to me and said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.' ²³ "The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve of your men, one man from each tribe. ²⁴ And they departed and went up into the mountains, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. ²⁵ They also took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought back word to us, saying, 'It is a good land which the LORD our God is giving us.'

Fearful rebellion at report of the spies

²⁶ "Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God; ²⁷ and you complained in your tents, and said, 'Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. ²⁸ Where can we go up?

Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there." ' 29 "Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or be afraid of them. 30 The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.' 32 "Yet, for all that, you did not believe the LORD your God, 33 who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.

Those forbidden to enter the Promises Land because of their sin

34 "And the LORD heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying, 35 'Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the LORD.'

37 "The LORD was also angry with me for your sakes, saying, 'Even you shall not go in there; 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.'

Too late the people decided to go up and fight, but were defeated because Yehowah was not with them

41 "Then you answered and said to me, 'We have sinned against the LORD; we will go up and fight, just as the LORD our God commanded us.' And when everyone of you had girded on his weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the mountain. 42 And the LORD said to me, 'Tell them, "Do not go up nor fight, for I am not among you; lest you be defeated before your enemies." ' 43 "So I spoke to you; yet you would not listen, but rebelled against the command of the LORD, and presumptuously went up into the mountain. 44 And the Amorites who dwelt in that mountain came out against you and chased you as bees do, and drove you back from Seir to Hormah. 45 Then you returned and wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not listen to your voice nor give ear to you. 46 So you remained in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you spent there. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ At the Horeb the Mountain of God, in the wilderness of Sinai, God had commanded the Children of Israel to go and inherit the Promised Land. [Deuteronomy 1:6-8]
- ✧ 1 year, 1 month and 5 days after they had departed from Egypt, that God had said; [Numbers 10:11-12, Deuteronomy 1:6-8]
 - ✧ You have dwelt long enough at this mountain.
 - ✧ Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. (that is the extent of the Promised Land).
 - ✧ I have set the Land before you; go in and possess the land which Yehowah swore to your fathers – to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – to give to them and their descendants after them.
- ✧ Moses said,

- ✧ Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God) has multiplied you like the stars of Heaven in multitude. [\[Genesis 15:1-6, 22:15-17, 26:2-4\]](#) The prophecy was thus fulfilled.
- ✧ May Yehowah Elohey (Lord God of) your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you.
- ✧ Because Moses was overwhelmed by the number of people, Moses had called for leaders to assist him as judges to be appointed to help serve the people. The people had agreed.
- ✧ Moses had appointed wise and knowledgeable heads of the tribes to serve as judges. [\[Exodus 18:13-27, Deuteronomy 1:9-18\]](#)
 - ✧ Moses had instructed them to judge righteously without partiality, the judgment is God's. [\[Exodus 23:3, Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 1:16-17\]](#)
 - ✧ Cases that are too hard for them will be brought to Moses. [\[Exodus 18:13-26\]](#)
- ✧ It took 11 days to reach Kadesh Barnea from the Wilderness of Sinai. [\[Deuteronomy 1:2\]](#)
- ✧ Moses commanded them to go up and possess the Land which God has set before them that He is giving them, "Do not fear or be discouraged." [\[Deuteronomy 1:19-21\]](#)
- ✧ Spies had been sent to spy out the Promised Land. [\[Numbers 13:1-33, Deuteronomy 1:22-25\]](#)
 - ✧ This was done **at the people's** request. [\[Deuteronomy 1:22\]](#)
 - ✧ **At the command of God.** [\[Numbers 13:1-2\]](#)
 - ✧ **By the hand of Moses.** [\[Numbers 13:17, Deuteronomy 1:23\]](#)
 - ✧ They returned bearing of the fruit of the land and saying, "It is a good land which Yehowah Eloheynov (the Lord our God) is giving us." [\[Numbers 13:27, Deuteronomy 1:24-25\]](#)
- ✧ The thing that discouraged the people was the part of the report regarding the fortification of the cities and the strength of the people of the land. [\[Numbers 13:28-33\]](#)
 - ✧ The people are strong and of great stature, giants (Nephilim) descendants of Anak (the Anakim) are there, and we were like grasshoppers by comparison. [\[Numbers 13:28-29, 31-33, Deuteronomy 1:28\]](#)
 - ✧ The cities fortified up to heaven and very large. [\[Numbers 13:28, Deuteronomy 1:28\]](#)
- ✧ Caleb, Moses, and Joshua encouraged the people to go in and take the land trusting in God Who had done such great things bringing them out of the land of Egypt. [\[Numbers 13:30, 14:5-9, Deuteronomy 1:29-31\]](#)
- ✧ The people rejected the encouragement and wanted to stone them. [\[Numbers 14:1-4, 10, Deuteronomy 1:26-28, 32-33\]](#)
- ✧ Yehowah was angry because they had not learned they could trust in Him, especially after all He had done in their sight, bringing them out of Egypt to this place, and condemned them to die in the wilderness, all except Caleb because Caleb fully followed Yehowah. [\[Numbers 14:20-35, Deuteronomy 1:34-40\]](#)
 - ✧ The spies died immediately. [\[Numbers 14:36-38\]](#)
 - ✧ The rest were sentenced to spend 40 years in the wilderness until the entire generation died who were 20 years old and above. [\[Numbers 14:26-35, Deuteronomy 1:34-35, 40\]](#)
 - ✧ Those age 19 and under were considered as the little ones and children who **have no knowledge of good and evil**, and it is they who will actually enter the Promised Land and inherit it. [\[Numbers 14:29, 31, Deuteronomy 1:39\]](#)
- ✧ The people decided to go it alone when God said He would not go with them, they were defeated by the Amorites. [\[Numbers 14:39-45, Deuteronomy 1:41-45\]](#)
- ✧ Yehowah was angry with Moses, and Moses is not allowed to enter the Promises Land, because of the Children of Israel's contention at Meribah when Moses struck the rock when he was told to speak to the rock to provide water for the congregation. [\[Numbers 20:2-13, Deuteronomy 1:37\]](#)
- ✧ Joshua will enter the Promised land and cause Israel to inherit it. [\[Numbers 27:15-23, Deuteronomy 1:38\]](#)
- ✧ So you remained in Kadesh for many days, (40 years). [\[Numbers 20:22-29, 33:37-39, Deuteronomy 1:46\]](#)

- ✧ They moved from Kadesh to Mount Hor where Aaron died on the 40th year after they left Egypt. [\[Numbers 33:37-39\]](#)
- ✧ This began their journey to the Promised Land at the end of the 40 years in the wilderness.