

Deuteronomy 4:44-49 **East of Jordan Across from Jericho**

⁴⁴ Now this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. ⁴⁵ These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt, ⁴⁶ on this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel defeated after they came out of Egypt. ⁴⁷ And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, ⁴⁸ from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion (that is, Hermon), ⁴⁹ and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah. 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, 34:1-3]
- ✧ Again, the location for the explanation of the Law is given on the east bank of the Jordan River across from Jericho in the plain of Moab. [Deuteronomy 4:44-49]
 - ◇ This is in the land that Sihon king of the Amorites took from the Moabites and then he dwelt in Heshbon. [Numbers 21:26]
 - ◇ It is called the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites. [Deuteronomy 4:46]
 - ◇ It is called the plains of Moab by the Jordan River across from Jericho. [Numbers 22:1, 26:3, 63, 31:12, 33:48, 50, 35:1, 36:13, Deuteronomy 32:49, 34:1]
 - ◇ Israel conquered the land from the Amorites in their battles with Sihon and Og. So at the taking of the land they did not take any land from Moab directly in keeping with God's commandment not to bother the people of Moab. [Deuteronomy 2:9]
 - ◇ It was called the land of Moab because it had belonged to Moab until Sihon of the Amorites took it away from Moab.
 - ◇ This included the land from the South border of Ammon along the Heshbon River to the River Arnon the new northern border of Moab, all the plain along the east bank of the Jordan River from the Salt Sea (Sea of Arabah) to the river Jabbok which is the northern border of Ammon, then all the land from the Jabbok River to Mount Hermon which includes the land of Gilead and Golan which were previously held by Og of Bashan. [Deuteronomy 4:48-49]
- ✧ They camped in the plain east of the Jordan River until the year was completed so they would cross the River Jordan into the Promised Land at the time of Passover in the first month of the year. [Joshua chapters 1-5]
- ✧ It was while they were camped by the Jordan River across from Jericho:
 - ◇ Moses finished writing the book of Numbers and Deuteronomy. [Numbers 22:1 and on, Deuteronomy 1:1, 4:44-49]
 - ◇ They numbered the army before entering the land of Canaan. [Numbers 26:1-51]
 - ◇ Moses explained the laws of God for the last time. [Deuteronomy 1:1-5, 4:44-49]
 - ◇ Moses went up Mount Nebo and died. [Numbers 22:1, 27:12-14, Deuteronomy 32:48-52, 34:1-7]
- ✧ It was also at that encampment that Balak the king of Moab hired Balaam to view the people of Israel and curse them for him. [Numbers 22:2 through 24:25]
- ✧ It was from that encampment that Israel became entangled with Baal of Peor with the women of Moab and Midian. [Numbers 25:1-18]
- ✧ It was from that encampment that Israel sent out the army to destroy the Midianites for their part in Balaam's counsel. [Numbers 31:1-54]
- ✧ From this location they received instructions for dividing the Land of Canaan. [Numbers 32:1-42, 33:50-56, and chapters 34-36]

✧ From this location Moses also divided the land east of the Jordan River to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh. [[Numbers 32:1-42](#), [Deuteronomy 3:12-20](#)]