

The Book of
Deuteronomy

Chapter 1

These *are* the words that Moses spoke to all Israel on this side *of* Jordan in the desert towards the west near the Red Sea, between Pharan Tophol, and Lobon, and Aulon, and the gold works. 2 *It is* a journey of eleven days from Horeb to Mount Seir as far as Kades Barne. 3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to all the sons of Israel, according to all things that the Lord commanded him for them: 4 after he had killed Seon king of the Amorites who lived in Esebon, and Og the king of Basan who lived in Astaroth and in Edrain;

5 beyond Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law, saying, 6 The Lord your God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, Let it suffice you to live in this mountain. 7 Turn ye and depart and enter into the mountain of the Amorites, and to all that live near about Araba, to the mountain and the plain and to the south, and the land of the Canaanites near the sea, and Antilibanus, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. * 8 Behold, *God* has delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land, which I swore to your fathers, Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them.

9 And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I will not be able by myself to bear you. 10 The Lord your God has multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven a multitude. 11 The Lord God of your fathers increase you a thousand fold more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you. 12 How shall I alone be able to bear your labor, and your burden, and your gain sayings? 13 Give to yourselves wise and understanding and prudent men for your tribes, and I will set your rulers over you. 14 And ye answered me and said; The thing which thou have told us *is* good to do. * 15 So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to govern over you as rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, and recorders for your judges. 16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying,

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19 And we departed from Horeb, and went through that entire great wilderness and terrible, which ye saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite, as the Lord our God charged us, and we came as far as Kades Barne. 20 And I said to you, Ye have come as far as the mountain of the Amorite, which the Lord our God gives to you. 21 Behold, the Lord your God has delivered to us the land before you; go up and inherit it as the Lord God of your fathers said to you; fear not, neither be afraid.

22 And ye all came to me, and said, Let us send men before us, and let them go up to the land for us; and let them bring back to us a report of the way by which we shall go up, and of the cities into which we shall enter. 23 And the saying pleased me, and I took of you twelve men, one man of each tribe. 24 And they turned and went up to the mountain, and they came as far as the Valley of the Cluster, and they spied it. 25 And they took in their hands of the fruit of the land, and brought it to you, and said, The land is good that the Lord our God gives us.

26 Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the words of the Lord our God. 27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, he has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where do we go up? And your brothers drew away your heart, saying, *It is a great nation and populous, and mightier than we; and there are cities great and walled up to heaven: more so we saw there the sons of the giants.* 29 And I said to you, Fear not, neither ye be afraid of them; 30 the Lord your God who goes before your face, he shall fight against them together with you effectually, according to all that he did for you in the land of Egypt; 31 and in this wilderness that ye saw, by the way of the mountain of the Amorite; how the Lord thy God will bear thee as a nursling, as if any man should nurse his son, through all the way which ye have gone until ye came to this place. 32 And in this matter ye believed not the Lord our God, 33 who goes before you in the way to choose you a place, guiding you in fire by night, showing you the way by which ye go, and a cloud by day.

34 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and being greatly provoked he swore, saying, 35 If one of these men shall see this good land, which I swore to their fathers, 36 except Kaleb the son of Jephonne, he shall see it; and to him I will give the land on which he went up, and to his sons, because he

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41 And ye answered and said, We have sinned before the Lord our God; we will go up and fight according to all that the Lord our God has commanded us; and having taken every one his weapons of war, and being gathered together, ye went up to the mountain. 42 And the Lord said to me, Tell them, Ye shall not go up, neither shall ye fight, for I am not with you; thus shall ye not be destroyed before your enemies. 43 And I spoke to you, and ye did not hearken to me; and ye transgressed the commandment of the Lord; and ye forced your way and went up into the mountain. 44 And the Amorite who lives on that mountain came out to meet you, and pursued you as bees do, and wounded you from Seir to Herma. 45 And ye sat down and wept before the Lord our God, and the Lord hearkened not to your voice, neither did he take heed of you. 46 And ye stayed in Kades many days, as many days as ye stayed.

* The readings for vespers for July in the *Greek Menaion* and *Prophetologion* for Chapter One verses eight through eleven and verses fifteen through seventeen are slightly different than what is present in the texts as published by the *Apostoliki Diakonia* and *Zoe Brotherhood*. The passage reads as follows:

“Moses said to the sons of Israel, Behold, I have delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land, which I swore to your fathers, Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I will not be able by myself to bear you. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven a multitude. The Lord God of your fathers increase you a thousand fold more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you. So I took of you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to govern over you as rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens, and recorders for your judges. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear *grievances* between your brothers, and judge rightly between a man and *his* brother, and his stranger that is with him. Thou shalt not recognize a face in judgment, according to the small and the great thou shalt judge equally; thou shalt not shrink from before the person of a man, for the judgment is God’s”.

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And we turned and departed into the wilderness, by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord spoke to me, and we circled mount Seir many days. 2 And the Lord said to me, 3 Let it suffice *for* you to encompass this mountain long enough; turn therefore toward the north. 4 And charge the people, saying, Ye are going

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7 For the Lord our God has blessed thee in every work of thy hands. Consider how thou went through that great and terrible wilderness; behold, the Lord thy God *was* with thee forty years; thou did not lack any thing. 8 And we passed by our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, by the way of Araba from Aelon and from Gesion Gaber; and we turned and passed by the way of the desert of Moab.

9 And the Lord said to me, Do not ye quarrel with the Moabites, and do not engage in war with them; for I will not give you of their land for an inheritance, for I have given Aroer to the sons of Lot to inherit. 10 Formerly the Ommin settled in it, a great nation and many and powerful, like the Enakim. 11 These also shall be accounted Raphain like the Enakim; and the Moabites call them Ommin. 12 And the Horrhite lived in Seir before, and the sons of Esau destroyed them, and utterly consumed them from before them; and they lived in their place, as Israel did to the land of his inheritance, which the Lord gave to them. 13 Now then, arise ye, and depart, and cross the valley of Zaret. 14 And the days, in which we traveled from Cades Barne till we crossed the valley of Zaret, *were* thirty and eight years, until the whole generation of the men of war failed, dying out of the camp, as the Lord God swore to them. 15 And the hand of the Lord was upon them to destroy them out of the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16 And it came to pass when all the men of war dying out of the midst of the people had fallen, 17 that the Lord spoke to me, saying, 18 Thou shall pass over this day the borders of Moab also *those of* Aroer; 19 and ye shall draw near to the sons of Amman: do not quarrel with them, nor wage war with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the sons of Amman for an inheritance, because I have given it to the sons of Lot for an inheritance. 20 It shall be accounted a land of Raphain, for the Raphain lived there before, and the Ammanites call them Zohommin. 21 A great nation and populous, and mightier than you, as also the Enakim: yet the Lord destroyed them from before them, and they inherited *their land*, and they lived *there* instead of them until this day. 22 As they did to the sons of Esau that live in Seir, even as they destroyed the Horrhite from before their face, and inherited them, and inhabited *therein* instead of them until this day. 23 And the Evites who live in Asedoth to Gaza, and the Cappadocians who came out of Cappadocia, destroyed them, and lived in their place. 24 Now then

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27 I will pass through thy land, I will go by the road, I will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 28 Thou shall give me food for money, and I will eat; and thou shall give me water for money, and I will drink; I will only go through on my feet; 29 as the sons of Esau did to me, who lived in Seir, and the Moabites who lived in Aroer, until I shall have crossed Jordan into the land which the Lord our God gives us. 30 And Seon king of Esebon would not that we should pass by him, because the Lord our God hardened his spirit, and made his heart stubborn, that he might be delivered into thy hands, as on this day. 31 And the Lord said to me, Behold, I have begun to deliver before thee Seon the king of Esebon the Amorite, and his land, and do thou begin to inherit his land. 32 And Seon the king of Esebon came forth to meet us, all his people and him, to war at Jassa. 33 And the Lord our God delivered him before our face, and we killed him, and his sons, and all his people. 34 And we took possession of all his cities at that time, and we utterly destroyed every city in succession, and their wives, and their children; we left no living prey. 35 We only took the cattle captive, and took the spoils of the cities. 36 From Aroer, which is by the brink of the brook of Arnon, and the city, which is in the valley, and as far as the mount of Galaad; there was not a city which escaped us; the Lord our God delivered all of them into our hands. 37 We only did not go near to the sons of Amman, even all the parts bordering on the brook Jabok, and the cities in the mountain country, as the Lord our God charged us.

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And we turned and went by the way leading to Basan; and Og the king of Basan came out to meet us, he and all his people, to battle at Edraim. 2 And the Lord said to me, Fear him not, for I have delivered him, and all his people, and all his land, into thy hands; and thou shall do to him as thou did to Seon king of the Amorites who lived in Esebon. 3 And the Lord our God delivered him into our hands, even Og the king of Basan, and all his people; and we killed him until we left none of his seed. 4 And we controlled all his cities at that time; there was not a city that we took *that was* not from them; sixty cities, all the country round about Argob, belonging to king Og in Basan: 5 all strong cities, lofty walls, gates and bars; besides the very many cities of the Pherezites. 6 We utterly destroyed

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10 All the cities of Misor, and all Galaad, and all Basan as far as Elcha and Edraim, cities of the kingdom of Og in Basan. 11 For only Og the king of Basan was left of the Raphain; behold, his bed *was* a bed of iron; behold, *it is* in the acropolis of the sons of Ammon; the length of it *is* nine cubits, and the breadth of it four cubits, according to the cubit of a man.

12 And we inherited that land at that time from Aroer, which is by the border of the torrent Arnon, and half the mount of Galaad; and I gave his cities to Ruben and to Gad. 13 And the rest of Galaad, and all Basan the kingdom of Og I gave to the half-tribe of Manasse, and all the country round about Argob, all that Basan; it shall be accounted the land of Raphain. 14 And Jair the son of Manasse took all the country around Argob as far as the borders of Gargasi and Mahathi: he called them by his name Basan Thavoth Jair until this day. 15 And to Mahir I gave Galaad. 16 And to Ruben and to Gad I gave *the land* under Galaad as far as the brook of Arnon, the border between the brook and as far as Jabok; the brook *is* the border to the sons Amman. 17 And Araba and Jordan *are* the boundary of Mahanareth, even to the sea of Araba, the Salt Sea under Asedoth Phasga eastward.

18 And I charged you at that time, saying, The Lord your God has given you this land by lot, arm yourselves, every one *that is* powerful, and go before your brothers the sons of Israel. 19 Only your wives and your young children and your cattle, I know that ye have much cattle, let them live in your cities that I have given you; 20 until the Lord your God give your brothers rest, as also he has given to you, and they also shall inherit the land, which the Lord our God gives them on the other side of Jordan; then ye shall return, each one to his inheritance which I have given you. 21 And I charged Jesus at that time, saying, Your eyes have seen all things that the Lord our God did to these two kings; so shall the Lord our God do to all the kingdoms against which thou crossest over thither. 22 Ye shall not be afraid of them, because the Lord our God himself shall fight for you.

23 And I sought the Lord at that time, saying, 24 Lord God, thou has begun to reveal to thy servant thy strength, and thy power, and thy mighty hand, and thy high arm; for what God is there in heaven or on the earth, who will do as thou has done, and according to thy might? 25 I will therefore go over and see this good land that is beyond Jordan, this good mountain and Antilibanus. 26

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29 And we abode in the valley near the house of Phogor.

Chapter 4

And now, Israel, hear the ordinances and judgments, all that I teach you this day to do; that ye may live, and be multiplied, and that ye may go in and inherit the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives you. 2 Ye shall not add to the word, which I command you, and ye shall not take from it; keep the commandments of the Lord our God, all that I command you this day. 3 Your eyes have seen all that the Lord our God did in *regards to* Beelphegor; for every man that went after Beelphegor, the Lord your God has utterly destroyed him from among you. 4 But ye that kept close to the Lord your God are all alive today. 5 Behold, I have shown you ordinances and judgments as the Lord commanded me, that ye should do so in the land into which ye go to inherit it. 6 And ye shall keep and do them; for this is your wisdom and understanding before all nations, as many as shall hear all these ordinances; and they shall say, Behold, this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. 7 For what manner of nation *is* great, which has God so near to them as the Lord our God *is* in all things in whatever we may call upon him? 8 And what manner of nation *is* great, which has righteous ordinances and judgments according to all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently; forget not any of the things, which thine eyes have seen, and let them not depart from thine heart all the days of thy life; and thou shall teach thy sons and thy sons' sons, 10 *In* the day in which ye stood before the Lord our God in Horeb in the day of the assembly; for the Lord said to me, Gather the people to me, and let them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and they shall teach their sons. 11 And ye drew close and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to heaven; *there was* darkness, blackness, *and* tempest. 12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire a voice of words that ye heard, and ye saw no likeness, only *ye heard* a voice. 13 And he announced to you his covenant, which he commanded you to keep, even the Ten Words; and he wrote them on two tables of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you ordinances and judgments, that ye

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18 the likeness of any reptile which slithers on the earth, the likeness of any fish of those that are in the waters under the earth; 19 and lest having looked up to the sky, and having seen the sun and the moon and the stars, and all the order of sky, thou should go astray and worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God has distributed to all the nations under the sky. 20 But God took you, and led you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to him a people of inheritance, as at this day. 21 And the Lord God was angry with me for the things said by you, and swore that I should not cross this Jordan, and that I should not enter into the land that the Lord thy God gives thee for an inheritance. 22 For I die in this land, and shall not cross this Jordan; but ye are to pass over, and shall inherit this good land. 23 Take heed to yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord our God, which he made with you, and ye transgress, and make to yourselves a graven image of any of the things concerning that the Lord thy God commanded thee. 24 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

25 And when thou shall have begotten sons, and shall have sons from sons, and ye shall have lived a long time on the land, and shall have transgressed, and made a graven image of any thing, and shall have done evil before the Lord your God to provoke him; 26 I call heaven and earth this day to witness against you, that ye shall surely perish from off the land, into which ye cross Jordan to inherit it there; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall be utterly cut off. 27 And the Lord shall scatter you among all nations, and ye shall be left few in number among all the nations, among which the Lord shall bring you. 28 And ye shall there serve other gods, the works of the hands of men, wood and stones, which shall not see, or can they hear, or eat, or smell. 29 And there ye shall seek the Lord your God and ye shall find him whenever ye shall seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul in thy affliction. 30 And all these words shall find thee in the last days, and thou shall turn to the Lord thy God, and shall hearken to his voice. 31 Because the Lord thy God *is* a God of pity; he will not forsake thee, nor destroy thee; he will not forget the covenant of thy fathers, which the Lord swore to them.

32 Ask of the former days that were before thee, from the day when God created man upon the earth, and at the *one* end of heaven to the other end of heaven, if there has happened any thing like unto this great event, if such a thing

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36 His voice was made audible from heaven to instruct thee, and he showed thee upon the earth his great fire, and thou heard his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 Because he loved thy fathers, he also chose you their seed after them, and he brought thee himself with his great strength out of Egypt, 38 to destroy nations greater and stronger than thou before thy face, to bring thee in, to give thee their land to inherit, as thou have it this day. 39 And thou shall know this day, and shall consider in thine heart, that the Lord thy God he *is* God in heaven above, and on the earth beneath, and there is none else but he. 40 And keep ye his commandments, and his ordinances, all that I command you this day; that it may be well with thee, and with thy sons after thee, that ye may live long upon the earth, which the Lord thy God gives thee forever.

41 Then Moses separated three cities beyond Jordan on the east, 42 that the killer might flee thither, who had killed his neighbor unintentionally, and have not hated him before yesterday and the third *day*, and he shall flee to one of these cities and live; 43 Bosor in the wilderness, in the plain country of Ruben, and Ramoth in Galaad *belonging to* Gaddi, and Gaulon in Basan *belonging to* Manasse.

44 This *is* the law that Moses set before the sons of Israel. 45 These *are* the testimonies, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt: 46 on the other side of Jordan, in the valley near the house of Phogor, in the land of Seon king of the Amorites, who lived in Esebon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel defeated when they came out of the land of Egypt. 47 And they inherited his land, and the land of Og king of Basan, two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond Jordan to the east. 48 From Aroer, which is on the border of the brook Arnon, even to the Mount of Seon, which is Aermon. 49 All Araba beyond Jordan to the east under Asedoth: the quarried rock.

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And Moses called all *of* Israel, and said to them, Hear, Israel, the ordinances and judgments, all that I speak in your ears this day, and ye shall learn them, and observe to do them. 2 The Lord your God made a covenant with you in Horeb. 3 The Lord did not make this covenant with your fathers, but with

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7 Thou shall have no other gods before my face. 8 Thou shall not make to thyself an image, nor likeness of any thing, whatever things *are* in the heaven above, and whatever *is* in the earth beneath, and whatever *is* in the waters under the earth. 9 Thou shall not bow down to them, nor shall thou serve them; for I am the Lord thy God, a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation to them that hate me, 10 and doing mercifully to them that love Me to the *number of* thousands, and that keep my commandments.

11 Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord thy God will certainly not acquit him that takes his name in vain.

12 Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God commanded thee. 13 Six days thou shall work, and thou shall do all thy works; 14 but on the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; thou shall do in it no work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy male slave, and thy female slave, thine ox, and thine mule, and all thy cattle, and the stranger that travels in the midst of thee; that thy male slave may rest, and thy female slave and thine ox, as well as thou. 15 And thou shall remember that thou were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy God brought thee out thence with a mighty hand, and a high arm; therefore the Lord appointed thee to keep the Sabbath day and to sanctify it.

16 Honor thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God commanded thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou may live long upon the land, which the Lord thy God gives thee.

17 Thou shall not commit murder.

18 Thou shall not commit adultery.

19 Thou shall not steal.

20 Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

21 Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife; thou shall not covet thy neighbor's house, or his field, or his male slave, or his female slave, or his ox, or his mule, or any beast of his, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

22 These words the Lord spoke to the entire assembly of you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire *there was* darkness, blackness, storm, a loud voice and he added no more, and he wrote them on two tables of stone, and he gave them to me. 23 And it came to pass when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the fire, for the mountain burned with fire, that ye came to me, even all

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27 Do thou come near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say, and thou shall speak to us all things whatever the Lord our God shall speak to thee, and we will hear, and do.

28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words as ye spoke to me; and the Lord said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, even all things that they have said to thee. *They have well said* all that they have spoken.

29 Who will give that there should be such a heart, that they should fear Me and keep My commands always, that it might be well with them and with their sons forever. 30 Go, say to them, Return ye to your homes; 31 but stand thou here with Me, and I will tell thee all the commands, and the ordinances, and the judgments, which thou shall teach them, and let them do so in the land which I give them for an inheritance.

32 And ye shall take heed to do as the Lord thy God commanded thee; ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left, 33 according to all the way, which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in it, that he may give thee rest; and that it may be well with thee, and ye may prolong your days on the land which ye shall inherit.