

Text: Deuteronomy 1

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

1. Context

a) Time

The 40th year (Deuteronomy 1:3)

i) 11th month

ii) 1st day of the month

b) Location (Deuteronomy 1:1)

i) On this side of Jordan (wilderness) (Deuteronomy 1:1-2)

ii) In the plain opposite Suph,

iii) Between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth and Dizahab

iv) 11 days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea

2. Content:

Moses' word to the children of Israel

a) Oral (Deuteronomy 1:1)

b) Written (Deuteronomy 5:22)

3. Features to note: -

a) Historical

b) National

c) Theological

d) Ceremonial

e) Personal

f) Prophetic

4. Explanation of the Law

- a) The Law had already been given to the first generation (Exodus 20)
- b) It needs to be explained
 - i) To the next generation
 - ii) The previous generation had died in the wilderness
 - iii) It needs to be taught
 - iv) It needs to be made relevant
 - v) Its importance must be communicated

5. The Source of this Word

- a) The LORD our God spoke to us (Deuteronomy 1:6)
- b) God as the Giver of the Law

6. Recipients of the Divine Law

- a) The children of Israel (Deuteronomy 1:3)
- b) Descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Deuteronomy 1:8)
- c) Heirs of the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 1:8)