



## WEEK 2: ISRAEL'S STORY

### DEUTERONOMY 1-3

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#### THE SETTING

- "East of the Jordan"—about to enter the Promised Land.
- "In the fortieth year"—40 as a number of fulfillment.

#### THE STORY

- 1—Leaders and Rebels
  - God's command to leave Horeb/Sinai and enter Promised Land (1:6-8)
  - Moses delegates leadership to the tribes (1:9-18)
  - Mistrust—spies sent out, refusal to enter, defeat in illegitimate battle (1:19-46)
- 2—Wandering and First Victory
  - Finding hospitality among distant relatives (2:1-23)
  - Let's try this again: 2<sup>nd</sup> command to attack Amorites (2:24-25)
  - First decisive victory over Sihon King of Heshbon (2:26-37)
- 3—Second Victory, Division of Land, Moses' Vista
  - Defeat of Og King of Bashan (3:1-11)
  - Division of land east of the Jordan (3:12-20)
  - Moses allowed to see the Promised Land from on high (3:21-29)

#### THE SIGNIFICANCE

- Rehearsal of history for a new generation (history matters!)
- God's character and power can be known through history.
- Depending on the hospitality of others is part of our identity. **Hospitality is who we are.**
- Deuteronomic Doctrine of Warfare:
  - Victory is God's gift
  - Israel's wars were justified by:

- *God's promise and election (the land was promised by God's choice alone)*
- *The hostility of Israel's enemies (Sihon rejected the offer of peace, and Og came out ready for battle)*
- *Israel was required to have faith and courage. These are the weapons of total victory even today.*

### **ASSIGNMENT**

- *Read Deuteronomy chs. 4-6*
- *Prepare to share 2 insights and 2 questions*