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Shabbat Message

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Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

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Seeds of Life Series: Torah the Seeds for Life

Reminders from Moses

Introduction

We finally come to Devarim from where we have seen the Seed of Elohim prospering and failing which are opposite thoughts however that is how our cycle goes. We have times of prospering and times of failure where Yehovah has to teach us things in order for us to bear more fruit.

Here we see in Deuteronomy/ Devarim the same thought process. I pray we can learn from

Israel in this book as we have in other books what to do and what not to do. Let's take a look and see what Yehovah says in His Second Book of the Torah which is what Devarim really means.

Moshe Recalls Elohim's Commandments

Deuteronomy 1:1-3

1. The reference to this side of the Jordan is the east side of the river which was called Transjordan even by those living there.
2. Forty years had passed since Israel's exodus from Egypt.
3. Though the journey from Horeb (Sinai) to Kadesh-barnea was normally 11 days (v.2), Israel because of its sin, had spent 40 years on the not much longer route from Egypt to Moab (2:7; 8:2,4; Num 14:33).

Sihon, Og, And Amorites!

Deuteronomy 1:4-8

1. Sihon and Og were rulers of kingdoms in Transjordan whose defeat permitted Israel to occupy most the region which was later settled by the tribes of Reuben, Gad and part of Manasseh (Numbers 32, Josh 22).
2. The Amorites and unto all the places where there is a way of speaking of all the peoples

of Canaan. The plain is the Great Rift Valley of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea. The South is the Negev.

3. The land which Yehovah swore was part of the covenant in which Yehovah called Avraham out of paganism to found a people whom He would use to bless the whole earth (Gen 12:1-3; 15:12-21; 17:8). Israel's impending conquest would be the inheritance Elohim had already allotted to Avraham's descendants.

Avraham's Promise Fulfilled

Deuteronomy 1:10-15

1. Avraham had been promised that his offspring would eventually be innumerable (Gen 15:5).
2. Through the ages and the proliferation of the Ekklesia, this promise now extends to the spiritual descendants of Avraham as well (Rom. 4:16-18).
3. These leaders were known, that is, thoroughly scrutinized and found to be all that they professed to be.

Yehovah Who Carries You

Deuteronomy 1:31-33

1. The imagery of Elohim carrying Israel as a man carries his son brings to mind Israels

special relationship to Yehovah thought His covenant with Avraham.

2. Moshe demanded Israel's release from Pharaoh because in Elohim's words "Israel is my firstborn son" (Exod 4:22; Exod 2:24-25).
3. The fire of Elohim's presence speaks of His visible glory and holiness and recalls his judgment against those who fail to revere Him (4:9-14:24; Num 11:1-3). The cloud symbolized Elohim's mysteriousness occasionally overshadowing His brilliance lest I destroy the curious who might try to become too familiar (Exod 19:9-13,16-25; Deut. 31:15).

Yehovah Was Angry With Moses

Deuteronomy 1:37

1. This curious statement is not Moses' attempt to deflect guilt from himself to the nation.
2. The point was that he as well as the older generation of Israelites would fail to enter the land of promise because all alike were guilty.
3. When the people sinned with regard to their demand for water (the incident in view here (Numbers 20:1-8). Moses became angry; this undermined his credibility as a leader (Deut. 20:12).

Take Away

1. Moses did a lot of recall for the children of Israel in the wilderness so they would not forget what they have done.

2. The Children of Israel defeated the giants in the land and took the land that was promised to them back from the enemy.
3. The Fire of Elohim was put in place so they would not be familiar with Elohim's presence but will reverence and fear Him.

Application

1. I will strive not be stubborn like the children of Israel and not wander in the wilderness for 40 years but make it to the Kingdom.
2. I will carefully observe Moshe's actions as He got angry and did not glorify Yehovah in the midst of Israel that I might not repeat the same thing.
3. I will be thankful that Yehovah carries us through our lives as we make our life journey as followers of Yeshua to His Kingdom.

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