

CHARTING THE SCRIPTURES DEUTERONOMY

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Deuteronomy - In Greek it is called *Deuteronomion* which means 'the second statement of the law'. In Hebrew it is called *Elle haddabharim*. It means, 'These are the words', taken from chapter 1 verse 1.

And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee', Deut. 31. 23

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither', Deut. 34. 1. 4

Mezuzah (Hebrew - doorpost). Today in many Jewish homes this is fixed to the door of the home containing a small scroll inscribed with the words:

'And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates'. Deut. 6. 6-9; 11. 18-20.

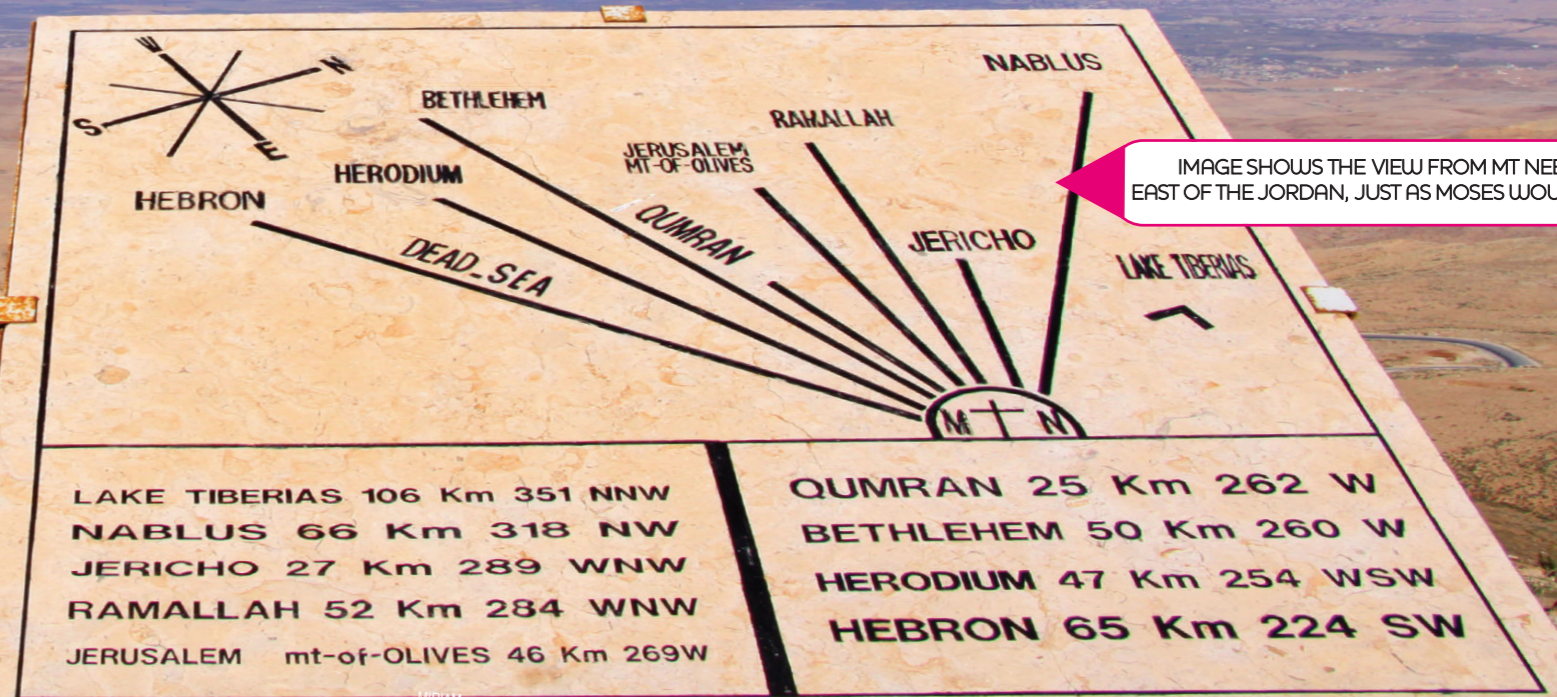


IMAGE SHOWS THE VIEW FROM MT NEBO TODAY EAST OF THE JORDAN, JUST AS MOSES WOULD HAVE SEEN.

Egypt > Kadesh = 2 years
Kadesh > Moab = 38 years
Total Journey = 40 years

God will raise up a prophet
Deut. 18. 15 / Acts 3. 22

Christ in Deuteronomy

Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree
Deut. 21. 23 / Acts 3. 22

The book of Numbers

The book of Joshua

Remember!
What you were in Egypt, 5. 15
God brought you out!

Remember!
What God did to Pharaoh, 7. 18
Don't fear the enemy

Remember!
The way the Lord led you, 8. 2
Walk in His ways

Remember!
You provoked the Lord to wrath, 9. 7
It is God who goes before you

Remember!
The day you came forth, 16. 3
Eat no leavened bread

Remember!
What God did to Miriam, 24. 9
Do all that the priests teach

Remember!
What Amalek did to you, 25. 17
Live righteously not dangerously

Remember!
The days of old, 32. 7
His work is perfect

'As **obedient** children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance', 1 Pet. 1. 14

'remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt', Deut. 15. 15

'go in and possess the land', Deut. 11. 8

38 YEARS!

'There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea', Deut. 1. 2

'And the space in which we came from Kadesh barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years', Deut. 2. 14

- Discourse 1**
- 1-3 Retracing their course**
- Memories that count for God - 'at that time'
- 1 Retelling - the way from Horeb to Kadesh
- 2 Retracing - a wasted generation 38 years
- 3 Requesting - a wish Moses was refused
- Discourse 2**
- 4-11 Remembering the covenant**
- Moving according to the word of God 'this day'
- 4 Recalling - the conference at Mt. Horeb
- 5 Remembering the covenant from Horeb
- 6 Repeating the commandments to our children
- 7 Relying upon God for victory little by little
- 8 Remembering the way God has provided
- 9 Remembering how they provoked God
- 10 Requiring obedience to God
- 11 Realizing the blessing from God

- 12-28 Responding to the charge**
- Meeting in the place chosen by God 'this place'
- 12 Place of His name chosen
- 13 Price of departure
- 14 Purity of diet and paying of tithes
- 15 Principles of forgiveness and freedom
- 16 Passover kept and the feasts observed
- 17 Putting away & preparing the throne
- 18 Provision for the priests and the prophet
- 19 Preparing the place of refuge

'And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there'. Deut. 14. 23

Jesus Christ spoke of Deuteronomy in the Gospels:

- Matt. 18. 16** 'that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established'. Deut. 19. 15
- Mark 12. 29** 'The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord'. Deut. 6. 4-5
- Luke 4. 12** 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God'. Deut. 6. 16
- John 19. 31** 'that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day'. Deut. 21. 22

- 20 Preparing for war and attacks
- 21 Problems with people & prisoners
- 22 Moral prohibitions
- 23 Congregational purity
- 24 Marriage relations protected
- 25 Lawful traditions practiced
- 26 Firstfruits must be presented
- Discourse 3**
- Making progress, 'this altar'**
- 27 An altar for the people - to sacrifice
- 28 A prophecy for the nation - to serve
- 29-30 Ratifying the covenant**
- Mission complete for a man of God 'this book'
- 29 The charter for a generation to come
- 30 The compassion for today - life and death

- Conclusion**
- 31-34 Renewing the charge 'this people'**
- 31 The charge to Joshua - The leader ahead
- 32 The challenge of Moses song - The land ahead
- 33 The children blessed - The love of Moses
- 34 The chapter ends - The last look by Moses

By Nebo's lonely mountain, On this side Jordan's wave, In a vale in the land of Moab, There lies a lonely grave; But no man built that sepulchre, And no man saw it e'er; For the angels of God upturned the sod, And laid the dead man there.
Cecil Frances Alexander