

## Week Eighteen Deuteronomy

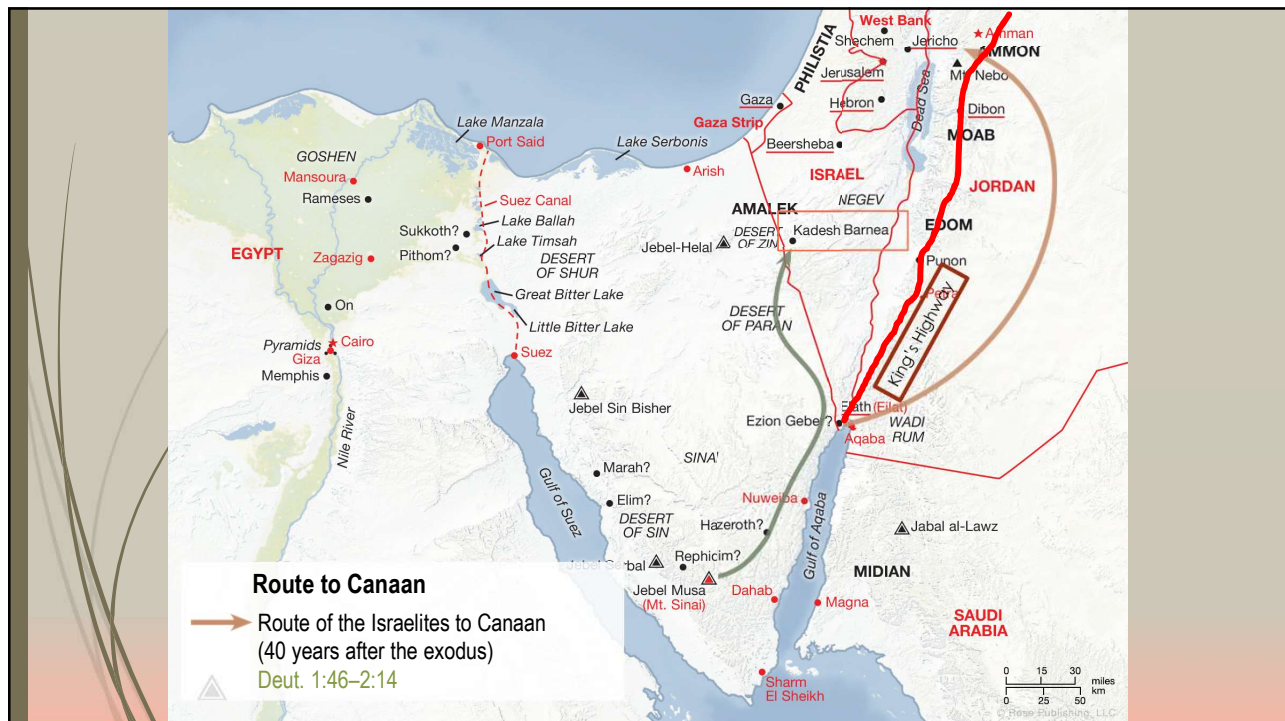
# PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

## Review

- ▶ They have traveled from Mount Sinai to Kadesh Barnea
- ▶ Sent spies in to evaluate the promised land
- ▶ Complained, shared false rumors, turned away from God, without God tried to enter the promised land, won and lost in their attempt to head to Jericho.
- ▶ *There on the plains of Jericho on the east side of the Jordan river after journey through the desert away from the Kings Highway*
- ▶ *The new generation is in place*
  - ▶ *Of the 603,550 all have died except two: Caleb and Joshua*

***“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”***

Moses needs to tell  
their story to the new  
generation as they  
prepare to enter the  
promised land  
Lets begin





# Moses Opening Speech 1 – 11

*The book is more prophetic and religious than juridical. It is also more personal. Here Moses speaks like a father who earnestly and lovingly admonishes his children*

Deuteronomy 1

## **The Command to Leave Horeb**

**1** These are the words Moses spoke to all Israel in the wilderness east of the Jordan—that is, in the Arabah—opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth and Dizahab. **2** (It takes eleven days to go from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea by the Mount Seir road.)

**3** In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses proclaimed to the Israelites all that the LORD had commanded him concerning them. **4** This was after he had defeated Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, and at Edrei had defeated Og king of Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth.



<sup>5</sup> East of the Jordan in the territory of Moab, Moses began to expound this law, saying:


<sup>6</sup> The LORD our God said to us at Horeb, "You have stayed long enough at this mountain. <sup>7</sup> Break camp and advance into the hill country of the Amorites; go to all the neighboring peoples in the Arabah, in the mountains, in the western foothills, in the Negev and along the coast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the Euphrates. <sup>8</sup> See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land the LORD swore he would give to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—and to their descendants after them."

### **The Appointment of Leaders**

<sup>9</sup> At that time I said to you, "You are too heavy a burden for me to carry alone. <sup>10</sup> The LORD your God has increased your numbers so that today you are as numerous as the stars in the sky. <sup>11</sup> May the LORD, the God of your ancestors, increase you a thousand times and bless you as he has promised! <sup>12</sup> But how can I bear your problems and your burdens and your disputes all by myself? <sup>13</sup> Choose some wise, understanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you."

<sup>14</sup> You answered me, "What you propose to do is good."

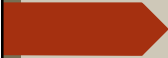
<sup>15</sup> So I took the leading men of your tribes, wise and



respected men, and appointed them to have authority over you—as commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens and as tribal officials. <sup>16</sup> And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the disputes between your people and judge fairly, whether the case is between two Israelites or between an Israelite and a foreigner residing among you. <sup>17</sup> Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God. Bring me any case too hard for you, and I will hear it.” <sup>18</sup> And at that time I told you everything you were to do.

### **Spies Sent Out**

<sup>19</sup> Then, as the LORD our God commanded us, we set out



from Horeb and went toward the hill country of the Amorites through all that vast and dreadful wilderness that you have seen, and so we reached Kadesh Barnea. <sup>20</sup> Then I said to you, “You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the LORD our God is giving us. <sup>21</sup> See, the LORD your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

<sup>22</sup> Then all of you came to me and said, “Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to.”

<sup>23</sup> The idea seemed good to me; so I selected twelve of you, one man from each tribe. <sup>24</sup> They left and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshkol and explored it. <sup>25</sup> Taking with them some of the fruit of the land, they brought it down to us and reported, "It is a good land that the LORD our God is giving us."

### **Rebellion Against the LORD**

<sup>26</sup> But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. <sup>27</sup> You grumbled in your tents and said, "The LORD hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. <sup>28</sup> Where can we go? Our brothers have made

our hearts melt in fear. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'"

<sup>29</sup> Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. <sup>30</sup> The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, <sup>31</sup> and in the wilderness. There you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

<sup>32</sup> In spite of this, you did not trust in the LORD your God, <sup>33</sup> who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.

**34** When the LORD heard what you said, he was angry and solemnly swore: **35** “No one from this evil generation shall see the good land I swore to give your ancestors, **36** except Caleb son of Jephunneh. He will see it, and I will give him and his descendants the land he set his feet on, because he followed the LORD wholeheartedly.”


**37** Because of you the LORD became angry with me also and said, “You shall not enter it, either. **38** But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. **39** And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children

who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it. **40** But as for you, turn around and set out toward the desert along the route to the Red Sea. [a]”


**41** Then you replied, “We have sinned against the LORD. We will go up and fight, as the LORD our God commanded us.” So every one of you put on his weapons, thinking it easy to go up into the hill country.

**42** But the LORD said to me, “Tell them, ‘Do not go up and fight, because I will not be with you. You will be defeated by your enemies.’”





<sup>43</sup> So I told you, but you would not listen. You rebelled against the LORD's command and in your arrogance you marched up into the hill country. <sup>44</sup> The Amorites who lived in those hills came out against you; they chased you like a swarm of bees and beat you down from Seir all the way to Hormah. <sup>45</sup> You came back and wept before the LORD, but he paid no attention to your weeping and turned a deaf ear to you. <sup>46</sup> And so you stayed in Kadesh many days—all the time you spent there.



“You have to know the past to understand the present.”

Carl Sagan

## Deuteronomy 6 NIV

**Love the LORD Your God**

**6** These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, **2** so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. **3** Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

**4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. **5** Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6** These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7** Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. **8** Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. **9** Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.



Mezuzah

## The Shema

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

<sup>10</sup> When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup> houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup> be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

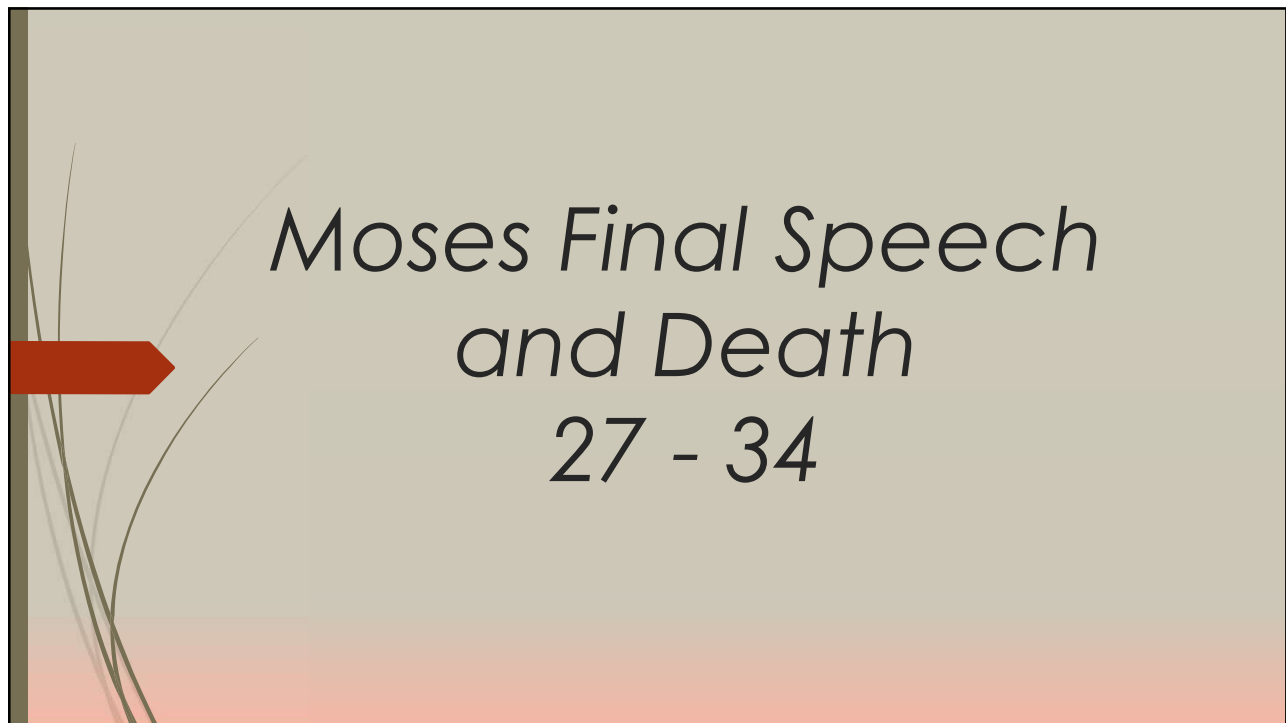
<sup>13</sup> Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. <sup>14</sup> Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; <sup>15</sup> for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn

against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. <sup>16</sup> Do not put the LORD your God to the test as you did at Massah. <sup>17</sup> Be sure to keep the commands of the LORD your God and the stipulations and decrees he has given you. <sup>18</sup> Do what is right and good in the LORD's sight, so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors, <sup>19</sup> thrusting out all your enemies before you, as the LORD said.



DEUTERONOMY 4:7





## Deuteronomy 32 NIV

**32** Listen, you heavens, and I will speak;  
hear, you earth, the words of my mouth.

**2** Let my teaching fall like rain  
and my words descend like dew,  
like showers on new grass,  
like abundant rain on tender plants.

**3** I will proclaim the name of the LORD.  
Oh, praise the greatness of our God!

**4** He is the Rock, his works are perfect,  
and all his ways are just.

A faithful God who does no wrong,  
upright and just is he.

Not bad for a  
man with no  
words

The Song of  
Moses contrasts  
the faithfulness of  
God with the  
faithlessness of  
Israel

**5** They are corrupt and not his children;  
to their shame they are a warped and crooked  
generation.

**6** Is this the way you repay the LORD,  
you foolish and unwise people?  
Is he not your Father, your Creator, <sup>[a]</sup>  
who made you and formed you?

**7** Remember the days of old;  
consider the generations long past.

Ask your father and he will tell you,  
your elders, and they will explain to you.

**8** When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance,  
when he divided all mankind,

This  
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he set up boundaries for the peoples  
according to the number of the sons of Israel.<sup>[b]</sup>

....

**44** Moses came with Joshua<sup>[g]</sup> son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. **45** When Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel, **46** he said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. **47** They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

As Moses told the story of Israel to  
the descendants of those who fled  
Egypt

Stephen reminds the Sanhedrin in  
Acts

Acts 7 NIV

### Stephen's Speech to the Sanhedrin (Stephen's Defense)

**7** Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"


Stephen is one of the first 7 Deacons

**2** To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. **3** 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'<sup>[a]</sup>

**4** "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living. **5** He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child. **6** God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated. **7** But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'<sup>[b]</sup> **8** Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And

Is he defending himself or is he teaching?






Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

<sup>9</sup> “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him <sup>10</sup> and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

<sup>11</sup> “Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing



great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food. <sup>12</sup> When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit. <sup>13</sup> On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph’s family. <sup>14</sup> After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all. <sup>15</sup> Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died. <sup>16</sup> Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

<sup>17</sup> “As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly

increased. <sup>18</sup> Then 'a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.'<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>19</sup> He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our ancestors by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.

<sup>20</sup> "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child.<sup>[d]</sup> For three months he was cared for by his family. <sup>21</sup> When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup> Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

<sup>23</sup> "When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his

## In Deuteronomy 32

We have witnessed Moses power in words

### Moses to Die on Mount Nebo

<sup>48</sup> On that same day the LORD told Moses, <sup>49</sup> “Go up into the Abarim Range to Mount Nebo in Moab, across from Jericho, and view Canaan, the land I am giving the Israelites as their own possession. <sup>50</sup> There on the mountain that you have climbed you will die and be gathered to your people, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people. <sup>51</sup> This is because both of you broke faith with me in the presence of the Israelites at the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the Desert of Zin and because you did not uphold my holiness among the Israelites. <sup>52</sup> Therefore, you will see the land only from a distance; you will not enter the land I am giving to the people of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 34 NIV

### The Death of Moses

**34** Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup> all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see

This must have been on very clear day!

it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." **(WHY!)**

**5** And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. **6** He buried him<sup>[a]</sup> in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. **7** Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. **8** The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.


Remember  
Numbers  
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**Numbers 20:**<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, **8** "Take the staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the assembly together. Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink."

**9** So Moses took the staff from the LORD's presence, just as he commanded him. **10** He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?" **11** Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.

Moses  
chose to  
provide  
out of  
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<sup>12</sup> But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

### Deuteronomy 34 **Continued**



<sup>9</sup> Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit<sup>[b]</sup> of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup> For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

















### 1. Custody of Terra Santa Studium Biblicum Franciscanum

The Mountain of Nebo was inhabited since remote antiquity. However, its real fame is derived from the biblical event that occurred upon it as described in the Book of Deuteronomy 34: the death of the Prophet Moses, who climbed this holy mountain at the end of his life.

The Memorial Church built in honour of Moses on Mount Nebo was identified thanks to the records left by two Byzantine pilgrims of their visit to this Holy Place: Egeria, who travelled from Europe at the end of the IVth Century A.D., and the Bishop Peter the Iberian who came to Mount Nebo from the region of Gaza in Palestine in the Vth Century.

The archaeological and restoration work is carried on since July 1933 by the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum on behalf of the Custody of Terrasanta (fig.1). The first archaeological campaigns were directed by Frs. Sylvester Saller (fig.2) and Bellarmino Bagatti (fig.3).











## Conclusion

- *Moses is one of the greatest figures in the Bible*
- *Though he has died, we will see him two more times*
- *Next week we begin the journey in the Promised Land entering into Jericho*



***“you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation”***