

# **Wycliffe Associates**

## **Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide**

### *Deuteronomy*

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# 1:1-46

**Background:** The events in the book of Deuteronomy began about forty years after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. They were now on the eastern side of the Jordan River and were about to cross over into the land of Canaan.

Several places are named in chapter 1. Mount Horeb is where God had given Moses the Ten Commandments. Kadesh Barnea is where God first told the Israelites to go into the land he had promised them, but they rebelled.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses spoke to the Israelites across the Jordan River, in the land of Moab. [1:1-41]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of when Yahweh told them to go in and possess the land that he had promised to give to them. [1:6-8]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of when he made some of the men judges over them. [1:9-18]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of when they rebelled and refused to go into the land. [1:19-40]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of when they rebelled again and went into the land after Yahweh told them not to go in. [1:41-46]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Where did Moses speak to the people of Israel? [1:1, 5]  
Moses spoke to the people when they were still beyond the Jordan River in the wilderness, in the plain of the Jordan River Valley.
2. When did Moses speak to the people and tell them about all that Yahweh commanded? [1:3]  
He spoke to them on the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year.
3. What had Yahweh done before this time? [1:4]  
He had attacked Sihon the king of the Amorites and Og the king of Bashan.
4. When the people of Israel were at Horeb, where did Yahweh tell them to go? [1:6-7]  
Yahweh told them to go to the hill country of the Amorites, to all the places near there, to the land of the Canaanites, and as far as the Euphrates River in Lebanon.
5. What did Yahweh tell the people to do? [1:8]  
Yahweh told the people to go in and possess the land that he swore to give to their ancestors.
6. While they were at Horeb, what did Moses say he was unable to do? [1:9]  
Moses said that he could not carry all the people alone.
7. Why was Moses not able to carry all the people of Israel by himself? [1:9-10]  
He couldn't carry them all because there were so many of them.

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8. Even though there were so many people, what did Moses want Yahweh to do? [1:11]  
He wanted Yahweh to make them a thousand times more numerous and to bless them.
9. What do you think Moses was talking about when he spoke about carrying the people of Israel and their loads, burdens, and disputes.  
Perhaps he was talking about the big responsibility of leading them. Perhaps he was talking about the big responsibility of helping them when they had problems and making decisions for them when they had big disagreements.
10. How would Moses and the people get men to help Moses bear the people's loads, burdens, and disputes? [1:12-13]  
The people would choose from each tribe wise and understanding men who had good reputations, and Moses would appoint those men to be leaders.
11. What responsibilities did Moses give the different men from the tribes? [1:15]  
Moses appointed some men from each tribe to be leaders of thousands, others to be leaders of hundreds, others to be leaders of fifties, others to be leaders of tens, and others to be officers.
12. What did Moses command the judges of the people to do? [1:16]  
He commanded them to hear the disputes between fellow Israelites and disputes between Israelites and foreigners.
13. What did Moses say to do if a dispute was too hard for the leaders to decide who was right? [1:17]  
Moses said for them to bring the case to him and he would listen.
14. When Israel left Horeb, where did they go? [1:19]  
They went through the great wilderness on their way to the country of the Amorites and finally came to Kadesh Barnea.
15. What land did Moses tell the people of Israel to take? [1:21]  
He told them to take the hill country of the Amorites.
16. What did the people of Israel want some men to do? [1:22]  
The people wanted some men to go ahead of them, search out the land, and tell them about the cities and how they should attack the land.
17. Who did Moses send to check out the land? [1:23]  
He sent one man from each of the twelve tribes.
18. When the twelve men came back, what did they say about the land? [1:24-25]  
They told Moses and the people that the land Yahweh was giving them was a good land.
19. What did the people say Yahweh wanted to do? [1:27]  
They said that Yahweh wanted to destroy them by giving them into the hand of the Amorites.

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20. What do you think was the reason that the people of Israel were afraid to attack the Amorites? [1:28]  
They were afraid because the men who checked out the land had said that the people in the land were bigger and taller, and their cities were larger and fortified. They also said that they had seen the descendants of the Anakim there.
21. What did Moses say was the reason the people should not be afraid? [1:29-31]  
He told them not to be afraid, because Yahweh would go before them and would fight for them like he did in Egypt and in the wilderness.
22. Who did the people not believe? [1:32]  
They did not believe Yahweh their God.
23. How had Yahweh already been helping the people of Israel? [1:33]  
He went before them on their journey, he found places for them to camp, and he was with them in fire at night and in a cloud during the day.
24. How did Yahweh respond when he heard the sound of the peoples' words? [1:34-35]  
Yahweh was angry with the people. He swore that none of that evil generation would see the good land he promised to their ancestors.
25. What do you think was Yahweh's reason for being angry with the people? [1:27]  
He was angry because they rebelled against him. He told them to take the land, but they refused. He had been guiding them in the wilderness, yet they accused him of wanting to destroy them.
26. What did Yahweh say about Caleb? [1:36]  
Yahweh said that Caleb would see the good land, because he wholly followed Yahweh.
27. What did Yahweh say to Moses, because of his anger with Moses? [1:37]  
Yahweh told Moses he would not go into the good land.
28. What did Yahweh say about Joshua, the son of Nun? [1:38]  
Yahweh told Moses to encourage Joshua for he would lead Israel to inherit the land.
29. What did Yahweh say about the children? [1:39]  
Yahweh said that the children would go into the good land, and they would be the ones to possess it.
30. What did Yahweh tell the people of Israel to do? [1:40]  
Yahweh told them to go into the wilderness to the Sea of Reeds.
31. What did the people say to Moses in 1:41?  
They told Moses they had sinned against Yahweh. They said they would go and fight and follow all that Yahweh their God had commanded them.
32. What did Yahweh tell Moses to say to the men? [1:42]  
Yahweh told Moses to tell the men not to attack or to fight. Yahweh said he would not be with the men and they would be defeated by the enemy.

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33. How did the people of Israel respond to Yahweh's command? [1:43]

They rebelled against Yahweh's commandment and attacked the hill country.

34. What did the Amorites do to the men of Israel who attacked them? [1:44]

The Amorites chased the men of Israel and crushed them.

35. What do you think was the reason Moses told the people at the Jordan River about these events?

He probably told them this so that they would not rebel against God as their parents did.

**Comment Section:**

## 2:26-37

**Background:** In chapter 2 Moses continued speaking to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River. He reminded them about things that had recently happened. (This was 38 years after the Israelites had left Kadesh Barnea and traveled in the wilderness for a total of 40 years [2:7, 14].) He reminded them that Yahweh had told them to fight against Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and to take his land.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses asked Sihon, King of Heshbon, to let the people of Israel pass through his land to the land that Yahweh was giving them. [2:26-29]
- ☐ Sihon said no because Yahweh had hardened his heart. [2:30]
- ☐ Israel defeated Sihon and destroyed his cities and all the people. [2:31-36]
- ☐ There were only certain places that the people of Israel did not go to because Yahweh had told them not to. [2:37]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What request did Moses make of Sihon, king of Heshbon? [2:26-27]  
Moses asked Sihon to let him and the people of Israel pass through his land along the highway.
2. Why do you think Moses said that he would go along the highway and not turn either to the left or to the right? [2:26]  
He probably wanted to assure Sihon that he and his people would not try to attack Sihon's people and take their land.
3. What did Moses say to Sihon about food and water? [2:28]  
He asked Sihon to sell him food and water for money so they could eat and drink.
4. What had the descendants of Esau and the Moabites done? [2:29]  
They had let Moses and the people pass through their lands.
5. How did Sihon reply to Moses' request? [2:30]  
Sihon would not let them pass by.
6. What was the reason Moses gave for Sihon's refusal? [2:30]  
Moses said that Yahweh had made Sihon's mind hard and his heart stubborn.
7. What did Yahweh tell Moses to do in 2:31?  
He told Moses to begin to take possession of Sihon's land.
8. What did Sihon and all his people do? [2:32]  
They came out to fight against Moses and the people of Israel.

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9. What did Yahweh do for the people of Israel in 2:33?  
Yahweh gave Sihon, his army, and all the people into the hands of Israel.
10. What did Israel do to all of Sihon's cities? [2:34]  
Israel took all of Sihon's cities and completely destroyed them.
11. What did Israel do to the people of those cities, and what did they do to the livestock? [2:34-35]  
They destroyed all the people, and they took the livestock for themselves.
12. What land did Yahweh give Israel in the war against Sihon? [2:36]  
Yahweh gave Israel the land from Aroer and from the city in the valley all the way to Gilead.
13. Why didn't Israel go to the land of the Ammonites, or along the Jabbok River, or to the cities of the hill country? [2:37]  
Israel did not go to those places because God had commanded them not to go to them.

**Comment Section:**

# 3:1-11

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The Israelites went up to Bashan, and the king of Bashan attacked them. [3:1]
- ☐ Yahweh told Moses to do to Og as he had done to Sihon. [3:2]
- ☐ Yahweh gave the Israelites victory, and the Israelites killed all of Og's people and took all their cities. [3-7]
- ☐ That was how Israel took all the land of the two Amorite kings. [3:8-11]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened when Israel turned and went toward Bashan? [3:1]  
The king of Bashan and all his people went and attacked the people of Israel.
2. What did Yahweh tell Moses to do? [3:2]  
Yahweh told Moses not to be afraid, but to do to Og as he had done to Sihon.
3. Why would Moses be able to do those things? [3:2]  
He would be able to do them because Yahweh had put all Og's people and land under Israel's control.
4. What did Israel do to the people of Bashan? [3:3]  
Israel killed them all.
5. What did the people of Israel take from the people of Bashan? [3:4]  
They took all sixty cities of Bashan.
6. What did Moses say about those cities? [3:5]  
The cities were fortified with high walls, gates, and bars. There were also many unwalled villages.
7. Why do you think Moses spoke about the cities having high walls, gates, and bars?  
This shows that it would not have been easy to attack and destroy the cities.
8. In the battle against Bashan, how much was destroyed? [3:6]  
The cities were completely destroyed, even the men, women, and little ones.
9. What did the people of Israel do with the livestock and valuable things? [3:7]  
They took them for themselves.
10. Who do you think were the two kings of the Amorites? [3:8]  
They were Sihon and Og, the kings Moses spoke about in chapters 2 and 3.



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11. What lands did the Israelites take from the two kings? [3:8, 10]

They took the land that extended from the valley of the Arnon River to Mount Hermon, all the cities of the plain, all Gilead, and all Bashan.

12. Why do you think Moses mentioned the cities Salekah and Edre? [3:10]

He probably mentioned them to make it clear that the Israelites took all of Bashan.

13. What do you think the size of Og's bed shows? [3:11]

Perhaps it shows that Og was a very tall and large man. Perhaps it shows how important Og was.

**Comment Section:**

## 3:23-29

**Background:** In 3:12-22, Moses continued to speak to the Israelites while they were on the east side of the Jordan River. He reminded them that he gave the land they had conquered to the Israelite tribes of Reuben and Gad.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses asked Yahweh to let him cross the Jordan River to see the good land on the other side. [3:23-25]
- ☐ Yahweh said that Moses could go up Mount Pisgah and see the land from there. [3:27]
- ☐ Yahweh said that Joshua would lead the people across the Jordan to the land. [3:28]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Moses know about other gods? [3:24]  
He knew that there were no other gods who could do the great things that Yahweh had done.
2. What did Moses beg Yahweh to do for him? [3:25]  
Moses begged Yahweh to let him go over and see the good land on the other side of the Jordan River, the hill country, and Lebanon.
3. What did Yahweh say to Moses in 3:26-27  
Yahweh told Moses to speak to him no more about the matter. He told Moses to go to the top of Pisgah, to look with his eyes at the land. Yahweh told Moses he would not go over the Jordan.
4. What do you think was Yahweh's reason for telling Moses not to speak to him anymore about crossing the Jordan River?  
Yahweh had already said that Moses would not cross the river, and Yahweh was not going to change his mind about it.
5. What did Yahweh tell Moses to do in 3:28?  
Yahweh told Moses to instruct Joshua, to encourage and strengthen him for he was to go before the people of Israel that they might inherit the land.

**Comment Section:**

## 5:1-33

**Background:** In chapter 4:1-40 Moses continued to speak to the people while they were east of the Jordan River. In Chapter 5 Moses spoke to the people again while they were east of the Jordan River.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses reminded the people of when the Israelites were at Mount Horeb and Yahweh gave them the Ten Commandments. [5:1-21]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of the Israelites' fear of Yahweh and their desire for Yahweh to speak directly only to Moses. [5:22-27]
- ☐ Moses reminded them of what Yahweh had told him. [5:28-31]
- ☐ Moses told the people to keep Yahweh's commands. [5:32-33]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Moses call the people of Israel to himself? [5:1]  
Moses wanted the people to listen to the statutes and decrees so that they could learn them and keep them.
2. What had Yahweh their God done for them at Horeb? [5:2]  
Yahweh made a covenant with them.
3. With whom, specifically, did Yahweh make the covenant? [5:3]  
Yahweh made the covenant with the people of Israel that were alive on that day, and not with their ancestors.
4. What do you think Moses meant when he said that God had made the covenant "with us, all of us alive here today" and not with their ancestors?  
Perhaps Moses meant that God did not make the covenant only with those people at Horeb, but also with their children who would be born later.
5. How did Yahweh speak to the people in 5:4?  
Yahweh spoke to the people "face to face" on the mountain out of the middle of a fire. This means that God spoke to them directly. He did not send an angel or give them a dream or vision.
6. What do you think was the reason that the people should have no other gods besides Yahweh? [5:6-7]  
They should have no other gods because Yahweh was their God and he brought them out of slavery in Egypt.
7. What did Yahweh say about carved figures and images of other things? [5:8-9]  
He told the people not to make any of those things and not to bow down to them or serve them.

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8. What do you think it means that God is a jealous God? [5:9]  
Perhaps it means that God loves his people, and he wants his people to love and worship only him. Perhaps it meant that God alone deserves his people's worship and allegiance.
9. What did Yahweh tell the people with regard to his name? [5:11]  
Yahweh told the people not to take his name in vain, for he would not leave people unpunished who take his name in vain.
10. What do you think it meant to take God's name in vain? [5:11]  
It meant to use God's name carelessly or for wrong things. It probably meant to make a promise in God's name and break that promise.
11. What did Yahweh remind the people about the Sabbath day? [5:12]  
He told them to keep the Sabbath day holy, just as he had commanded them.
12. What instructions did Yahweh give the people about the Sabbath day? [5:13-14]  
Yahweh told them to work for six days and not to work on the Sabbath.
13. Why did Yahweh command his people to observe the Sabbath day?? [5:15]  
He commanded them to keep the Sabbath because they were slaves in Egypt and he rescued them from slavery there.
14. What would happen if people honored their parents? [5:16]  
They would live for a long time in the land God was giving them, and their lives would be good.
15. What did God command in 5:17-20?  
God commanded them not to murder, not to commit adultery, not to steal, and not to accuse their neighbor falsely.
16. What did Yahweh say about coveting at 5:21?  
Yahweh told the people they must not covet their neighbor's wife, nor his house, his fields, his servants, nor his animals or anything else that belonged to his neighbor.
17. From where did Yahweh speak to the people? [5:22]  
Yahweh spoke to the people on the mountain, out of the fire, cloud, and thick darkness.
18. What did the people say to Moses? [5:24]  
The people told Moses that Yahweh showed them his glory and greatness, that they heard his voice out of the middle of the fire. They told Moses that they saw that when God speaks to people, they can live.
19. What did the people say about the great fire and the voice of Yahweh? [5:25]  
They said the great fire would consume them if they heard the voice of Yahweh any longer. They thought they would die.
20. What did the people of Israel ask Moses to do for them? [5:27]  
They asked Moses to go and listen to Yahweh, and to tell them what Yahweh said.

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21. What did Yahweh say about the people's words? [5:28]  
He said that they were good.
22. Why did Yahweh want the people to honor him and keep his commandments? [5:29]  
Yahweh said that things would go well for the people and their children forever.
23. What do you think was the reason Yahweh told Moses to tell the people to go to their tents? [5:30]  
Perhaps he did this in response to their request that he speak directly to Moses and not to them.
24. What did Yahweh want Moses to do concerning the commandments, statutes, and decrees that Yahweh would tell him? [5:31]  
Yahweh wanted Moses to teach them to the people so that the people would obey them.
25. What did Moses tell the people to do? [5:32]  
Moses told them to do what Yahweh commanded them to do.
26. What did Moses say would happen if they lived according to what Yahweh had commanded them? [5:33]  
They would live, they would prosper, and they would stay in that land for a long time.
27. Where do you think Moses and the people were when he told them to obey Yahweh's commands? [5:32-33]  
They were east of the Jordan River, about to go into the land that Yahweh had promised to give them.

**Comment Section:**

## 6:4-8

**Background:** In chapter 6 Moses continued speaking to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told the people of Israel how they were to love him and honor him. [6:4-5]
- ☐ Yahweh told the people of Israel that they should teach their children all the commandments of God. [6:6-7]
- ☐ Yahweh said the commandments should be a sign on their hands and to be written on the doorposts of their homes. [6:8-9]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who is Israel's God? [6:4]  
Yahweh is the God of Israel.
2. In what ways were the people of Israel to love Yahweh? [6:5]  
They were to love Yahweh their God with all their hearts, with all their souls, and with all their might.
3. What did Yahweh tell the people about where his commandments were to be? [6:6]  
The commandments of Yahweh were to be in the hearts of the people.
4. What do you think it meant for people to have God's commands in their hearts?  
It meant that they were to remember God's commands and think about them.
5. How do you think the children would learn God's commands? [6:7]  
Their parents would teach them diligently.
6. How often were they to talk about Yahweh's commandments? [6:7]  
They were to talk about Yahweh's commandments frequently: when they sat in their homes, when they walked on the road, when they lay down, and when they got up.
7. What do you think was the purpose of tying God's commands on their hands or binding them on their foreheads? [6:8]  
Tying the commands on their hands and foreheads would remind them to think about the commands and obey them.
8. What do you think was the purpose of writing God's commands on the doorposts of their houses and on their gates?  
It was probably to remind them to obey God's commands, both as they left their homes and as they returned home.

**Comment Section:**

## 8:11-20

**Background:** In chapters 6-8, Moses continued to speak to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses told the people not to forget Yahweh their God by failing to obey him. [8:11]
- ☐ Moses warned them not to become proud. [8:12-14, 17]
- ☐ God had taken them out of Egypt and through the wilderness. [8:14-16]
- ☐ God was the one who enabled them to gain wealth. [8:18]
- ☐ If they forgot God, they would perish. [8:19-20]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Moses tell the people of Israel not to forget? [8:11]  
Moses told the people not to forget Yahweh their God by failing to keep his commandments.
2. What would happen if the people failed to keep the commandments of Yahweh? [8:11-14]  
Their hearts would be lifted up. This means they would become proud.
3. What might the people become proud about? [8:12-14]  
They might become proud when they had plenty to eat, when they built good houses and lived in them, when their herds and flocks increased, when their silver and gold increased, and when all their possessions increased.
4. What had God done for the people of Israel? [8:14]  
He had brought them out of slavery in Egypt.
5. How did Moses describe the wilderness? [8:15]  
The wilderness was terrifying. There were fiery serpents and scorpions, and there was no water.
6. What did Yahweh do for the people of Israel in the wilderness? [8:15-16]  
Yahweh led them through the wilderness, and he gave them water and manna.
7. If the people forgot what God had done for them, what might they think? [8:17]  
They might think that they got their wealth by their own power and might.
8. Why did God give the people of Israel the ability to gain wealth? [8:18]  
He did that to establish the covenant that he had made with their ancestors.
9. What did Moses say would happen if the people of Israel walked after other gods and worshiped them? [8:19]  
They would surely perish.

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10. For what reason would the people of Israel perish? [8:20]

They would perish because they did not listen to the voice of Yahweh their God.

**Comment Section:**



## 9:13-29

**Background:** In chapter 9, Moses continued to speak to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River. He told them not to think that God was giving them land because they were righteous. Rather, they were rebellious. Moses reminded them of what happened about 40 years earlier. He had gone up Mount Horeb and received from God the tablets of stone that had the commandments written on them. While he was up there, the people rebelled against God by making a cast figure to worship.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses continued to tell the people about when they rebelled at Mount Horeb. [9:13-21]
- ☐ Moses reminded them about when they rebelled at four other places. [9:22-24]
- ☐ Moses told them about when he prayed for them at Mount Horeb that God would not destroy them. [9:25-29]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Yahweh say he would blot out Israel and make Moses's descendants a mightier nation than Israel was? [9:13-14]  
Yahweh said he had seen that Israel was a stubborn people.
2. How had the people of Israel sinned against Yahweh? [9:16]  
They molded a calf for themselves, and quickly turned aside from the path Yahweh commanded them.
3. What do you think the people wanted to do with that calf they had made? [9:16]  
They wanted to worship it.
4. What did Moses do with the two tablets in his hands? [9:17]  
He threw the tablets and broke them before their eyes.
5. What did Moses do for the next forty days and nights? [9:18]  
Moses lay face down before Yahweh. He did not eat bread or drink water, because of all the sin Israel committed.
6. What do you think Moses did while he lay down before Yahweh? [9:18]  
He prayed to Yahweh.
7. What was Moses afraid Yahweh would do? [9:19]  
Moses was afraid that Yahweh would destroy the people of Israel.
8. What do you think Moses meant when he said that Yahweh listened to him? [19:19]  
Perhaps he meant that Yahweh did what Moses asked. Yahweh did not destroy Israel.
9. Who else did Moses pray for? [9:20]  
Moses prayed for Aaron.

**Deuteronomy 9:13-29 continued**

10. What did Moses do with the calf? [9:21]

Moses burned the calf, beat it and crushed it. He ground it until it was fine as dust. Moses threw the dust into the stream that came down from the mountain.

11. What did the people do at Taberah, Massah, and Kibroth Hattaavah? [9:22]

They made Yahweh very angry.

12. What did the people of Israel do when Yahweh told them to go up and take possession of the land he gave them? [9:23]

The people rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh. They did not believe or listen to his voice.

13. What forty days and forty nights do you think Moses spoke about in 9:25?

He was referring to the forty days and nights that he prayed for Israel after they made the calf at Mount Horeb in 9:18.

14. When Moses prayed to Yahweh, what did he ask Yahweh? [9:26]

Moses asked Yahweh not to destroy the people that he redeemed by his greatness.

15. What do you think was Moses' reason for asking God to remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? [9:27-28]

Moses wanted God to remember them because he had promised to give the land to their descendants.

16. What was Moses' reason for asking Yahweh not to destroy the people? [9:28]

Moses did not want the nations to say that Yahweh was not able to take his people to the land he promised them. He did not want them to say that he hated the people of Israel, so he took them to the wilderness to kill them.

17. What did Moses say to Yahweh about the people of Israel? [9:29]

Moses told Yahweh that the people of Israel were his inheritance, and that Yahweh brought them out by his great strength and power.

**Comment Section:**

# 12:29-13:5

**Background:** In chapters 10-12 Moses continued to speak to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses warned the people of Israel to not be trapped into following the gods of those nations they were going to destroy. [12:29-30]
- ☐ Moses reminded the people to do all he commanded, and not to add or take away from it. [12:32]
- ☐ Moses warned the people not to listen to prophets who speak about following other gods, but to keep Yahweh's commandments, to obey his voice, and to worship him. [13:1-4]
- ☐ Moses told the people that prophets or dreamers that spoke rebellion against Yahweh would be put to death. [13:5]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Moses warn Israel not to do? [12:29-30]  
Moses warned them not to get trapped into following the nations and worshipping Yahweh as those people worshiped their gods.
2. What did Yahweh think about how the nations worshiped their gods? [12:31]  
He hated everything they did to worship their gods.
3. What did Moses say about whatever he commanded the people? [12:32]  
He told them to observe whatever he commanded them and not to add anything to it or take anything away from it.
4. If a prophet or dreamer announced that a sign or wonder would happen and it actually did happen, what do you think people might believe about that prophet's or dreamer's words? [13:1-2]  
People might believe that his words were true.
5. What did Moses say to do if a prophet or a dreamer encouraged them to worship other gods? [13:3]  
Moses said not to listen to that prophet or dreamer.
6. What do you think might be Yahweh's reason for allowing a false prophet or dreamer's sign to happen? [13:3]  
Yahweh might do this to test his people's hearts and know whether they would love him or turn to the other gods.
7. How did Moses instruct the people to follow Yahweh their God? [13:4]  
Moses told the people to honor Yahweh, to keep his commandments, to obey, worship, and cling to him.
8. Why did that prophet or dreamer have to be put to death? [13:5]  
They had to be put to death because they tried to get people to rebel against Yahweh, their God.

**Deuteronomy 12:29-13:5 continued**

9. What did Moses say about the prophet who wanted to pull the people away from obeying Yahweh's commandments?  
[13:5]

Moses told the people that the prophet should be killed so that the evil would be completely removed from among them.

**Comment Section:**

# 16:1-8

**Background:** In chapters 13-16, Moses continued speaking to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses told the people when to celebrate the Passover, why to celebrate it, and how to celebrate it. [16:1-8]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why would the people of Israel have to celebrate the Passover in the month of Aviv? [16:1]  
They would have to celebrate it then because it was in the month of Aviv that Yahweh led the people of Israel out of Egypt.
2. What kinds of animals would they have to sacrifice for the Passover? [16:2]  
They would have to sacrifice animals from the flock and from the herd. This means that they would have to sacrifice sheep, goats or cattle.
3. What kind of bread would the people have to eat for seven days? [16:3]  
They would have to eat unleavened bread. This means that they would have to eat bread that did not have anything in it to make it rise.
4. Why would the people have to eat unleavened bread with the Passover? [16:3]  
They would have to do this so that they would remember the day that they left Egypt.
5. What were they not allowed to have within their borders for seven days? [16:4]  
They were not allowed to have yeast in their territory.
6. Where were the people not allowed to sacrifice the Passover? [16:5]  
They were not allowed to sacrifice the Passover within any of their city gates. This means that they were not allowed to sacrifice it in their own cities.
7. Where would the people have to sacrifice the Passover? [16:6]  
They would have to sacrifice at the place Yahweh chose to make a dwelling for his name.
8. At what time would the people have to perform the Passover sacrifice? [16:6]  
They would have to perform the sacrifice in the evening, at the going down of the sun, and at the same time of year they came out of Egypt.
9. Where would the people have to eat the sacrifice? [16:7]  
The people would have to roast it and eat it at the place that Yahweh their God chose.

**Deuteronomy 16:1-8 continued**

10. What would the people have to do on the seventh day? [16:8]

The people would have to hold a solemn assembly for Yahweh their God. They would not be allowed to do any work on that day.

**Comment Section:**

# 17:14-20

**Background:** Moses continued speaking to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses gave rules for who the people could make their king. [17:14-15]
- ☐ Moses told the people what the king must not do. [17:16-17]
- ☐ Moses told the people what the king must do. [17:18-20]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What do you think might be the people's reason for wanting to have a king? [17:14]  
They might want to be like the nations around them who had kings.
2. If the people wanted to make someone a king to rule over them, who would that person have to be? [17:14-15]  
That person would have to be someone Yahweh their God would choose. He would have to be from among their own people, and not a stranger.
3. Why was the king not allowed to send people to Egypt to get horses? [17:16]  
He was not allowed to do that because Yahweh had told them to never return that way again.
4. What do you think is a reason a king might want to have many horses?  
Armies used horses in war. If a king had many horses, that would make his army very powerful.
5. Why was the king not allowed to have many wives? [17:17]  
If he had many wives, he might turn away from Yahweh.
6. What did Moses say about the king and riches? [17:17]  
Moses said the king was not to gather large amounts of silver and gold.
7. What do you think might be the reason God did not want the king to get many horses and large amounts of silver and gold?  
God probably did not want the king to think that he had so much power and money that he did not need God.
8. What would that man have to do when he became king and sat on the throne? [17:18]  
He would have to write for himself a scroll that contained a copy of the law.
9. Why would the king have to read from the scroll all the days of his life? [17:19]  
He would have to do those so that he might learn to honor Yahweh his God, keep all the words of the law, and observe them.

**Deuteronomy 17:14-20 continued**

10. How do you think reading the law would affect the king's relationship with the people of Israel? [17:20]

It would keep his heart from being lifted up above his brothers. This means it would keep him from becoming proud and arrogant.

**Comment Section:**



## 25:5-10

**Background:** In chapters 18-25, Moses continued to speak to the people of Israel while they were east of the Jordan River.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses taught what a man must do if his brother dies without having a son. [25:5-6]
- ☐ Moses taught what a woman must do if her husband's brother refuses to take her as his wife and give her a son. [25:7-10]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. If a man who had no sons died, what would his brother have to do for the dead man's wife? [5:5]  
He would have to take her to be his wife so she could have a son.
2. Who do you think they would say was her first son's father? [5:6]  
They would say that his father was the man who died.
3. Why would they do this? [5:6]  
They would do this so that the dead man's name would not be forgotten in Israel.
4. What was the wife to do if the dead man's brother did not want to take her as his wife? [25:7]  
She was to go to the gate and say to the elders, "My husband's brother refuses to preserve his brother's name in Israel.
5. How were the elders to respond to the claims of the wife? [25:8]  
The elders were to call the man and speak to him.
6. What punishment did Yahweh give to the people of Israel if a man refused to take his dead brother's wife? [25:8-9]  
In the presence of the elders, his brother's wife would take off his sandal, spit in his face, and tell him that this is what is done when a man does not build up his brother's house.
7. What do you think it meant to build up his brother's house? [25:9]  
It meant to provide his brother with descendants.
8. If a man refused to marry his dead brother's wife, what would his family name be called? [25:10]  
His family name would be called, "The house of him whose sandal has been taken off."
9. How do you think the living brother would feel?  
He would feel ashamed.

**Comment Section:**

# 31:1-8

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses told the people of Israel that he would not go across the Jordan with them. [31:1-2]
- ☐ Moses said that Joshua would go before them, and Yahweh would destroy the nations. [31:3-6]
- ☐ Moses told Joshua to be courageous because Yahweh would go before him. [31:7-8]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Moses say he could no longer do? [31:1-2]  
Moses said that he could not go out and come in. This probably meant that he could not do the work of leading them that he was doing before.
2. What had Yahweh told Moses? [31:2]  
Yahweh had said that Moses would not go across the Jordan River.
3. Who did Moses say would go over the Jordan with the people? [31:3]  
Yahweh, their God, and Joshua would go over before them.
4. What was Yahweh going to do when the people of Israel crossed over the Jordan? [31:3]  
Yahweh would destroy the nations from before them.
5. What did Moses say that Yahweh would do to the nations across the Jordan? [31:4]  
Yahweh would do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, and to their land, which he destroyed.
6. What would Yahweh do for Israel when they met the nations in battle? [31:5]  
Yahweh would deliver those nations over to Israel.
7. Why should the people of Israel be strong and courageous? [31:6]  
They should be strong and courageous because Yahweh would go with them, and he would not fail them or abandon them.
8. When Moses spoke to Joshua, what did he say Joshua would do? [31:7]  
Moses said that Joshua would go with the people into the land and that he would cause them to inherit it.
9. Who did Moses say would go before Joshua? [31:8]  
Moses said that Yahweh would go before Joshua.
10. What do you think was Moses' purpose for speaking to Joshua in front of the people of Israel?  
He probably wanted the people to believe that God had chosen Joshua to be their leader.

**Comment Section:**

# 31:14-29

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Moses and Joshua to go to the tent of meeting. They did. [31:14-15]
- ☐ Yahweh said that Israel would worship foreign gods, and he would abandon them. [31:16-18]
- ☐ Yahweh told Moses to write a song that would be a witness against the people. [31:19-22]
- ☐ Moses told the Levites what to do with the book of the law. [31:24-27]
- ☐ Moses told the Levites to assemble the elders and he would tell them about what Israel would do. [31:28-29]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh tell Moses in 31:14?  
Yahweh told Moses that the day was coming that Moses must die. Therefore, he was to call Joshua and they were to present themselves in the tent of meeting, so that Yahweh could give Joshua a command.
2. What happened when Moses and Joshua presented themselves in the tent of meeting? [31:15]  
Yahweh appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud which stood over the door of the tent.
3. What did Yahweh say the people of Israel would do after Moses went to sleep with his fathers? This means what would they do after Moses died? [31:16]  
Yahweh said that the people would go after foreign gods, abandon Yahweh, and break the covenant Yahweh had made with them.
4. How do you think the people of Israel would act like a prostitute? [31:15]  
Just as a prostitute leaves her husband and goes to other men, these people would leave Yahweh their God and go to other gods.
5. What did Yahweh say he would do when the people forgot Yahweh's covenant? [31:17-18]  
Yahweh said he would abandon them and hide his face from them.
6. What would happen to the people? [31:17]  
They would be destroyed and have many disasters and troubles.
7. Why did Yahweh tell Moses to write a song and teach it to the people of Israel and put it in their mouths? [31:19]  
Yahweh told Moses to do this so that the song could be a witness for Yahweh against the people of Israel.
8. What was the land like that Yahweh was bringing them to, and what would they experience there? [31:20]  
It was a land flowing with milk and honey. They would eat, be satisfied, and prosper.

**Deuteronomy 31:14-29 continued**

9. What did Yahweh tell Moses the people would do when they were in the land that Yahweh swore to give to their ancestors? [31:20]  
Yahweh told Moses the people of Israel would turn to other gods, worship them, despise Yahweh and break his covenant.
10. How do you think the song would testify as a witness against them? [31:20-21]  
Perhaps the song would tell about all the good things Yahweh had done for them when he gave them that land. It would show how wrong it is to abandon Yahweh and go to other gods.
11. When did Yahweh know the plans the people were forming? [31:21]  
Yahweh knew their plans even before he took them into the land he swore to give them.
12. What did Moses do that day about the song? [31:22]  
Moses wrote the song and taught it to the people of Israel.
13. What did Yahweh tell Joshua, son of Nun? [31:23]  
Yahweh told him to be strong and of good courage, that Joshua would bring the people of Israel into the land, and that Yahweh would be with him.
14. What did Moses tell the Levites to do with the book of the law? [31:25-26]  
Moses told the Levites to put the book of the law by the side of the ark of the covenant of Yahweh so that it might be there as a witness against them.
15. How do you think the book of the law would be a witness against the people? [31:26]  
It would prove that Yahweh had given them commandments and that they were obligated to obey him.
16. What did Moses tell the people about their rebellion? [31:27]  
Moses told the people that while he was alive, they were rebellious against Yahweh. He told them they would rebel much more after he died.
17. Why did Moses want the Levites to assemble all the leaders and officers of the tribes? [31:28]  
Moses wanted to tell the leaders and officers the things he had told the Levites and to call heaven and earth to witness against them.
18. What did Moses know about what would happen after his death? [31:29]  
Moses knew that the people would utterly corrupt themselves and turn aside out of the path that he had commanded them. He knew that disaster would come to them.
19. What was the reason Moses gave regarding why those things would happen? [31:29]  
Moses said it was because they would do what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, and make him angry by what they did.

**Comment Section:**

## 32:48-52

**Background:** Moses taught the people the song and told them to learn it and teach their children.

### Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Moses to go up Mount Nebo and see the land of Canaan. [32:48-49]
- ☐ Yahweh said that Moses would die there because Moses was unfaithful to him at the waters of Meribah. [32:50-51]
- ☐ Yahweh said that Moses would see the land, but he would not go into it. [32:52]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh tell Moses to do? [32:48-49]  
Yahweh told Moses to go up into the range of mountains and to look at the land of Canaan, which Yahweh would give the people of Israel.
2. What did Yahweh say would happen on that mountain? [32:50]  
Yahweh said that Moses would die on that mountain and be gathered to his people.
3. What do you think it meant to be gathered to his people?  
It meant that when he died, his spirit would go to be with the spirits of his ancestors who had died.
4. Why did Yahweh say that Moses would die on the mountain and not go into the land? [32:51]  
Moses was unfaithful among the people of Israel in the wilderness of Zin. He did not treat Yahweh with honor and respect among the people of Israel.
5. What did Yahweh tell Moses in 32:52?  
Yahweh told Moses he would see the land before him, but he would not go into the land given to the people of Israel.
6. What do you think Moses and the people learned about God when he would not let Moses go into the land?  
They may have learned that not treating God with honor and respect was a serious sin. They may have learned that Yahweh punished sin, even when the sinner seemed to be very important or spiritual.

**Comment Section:**

# 34:1-12

## Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Moses went up the mountain, and Yahweh showed him all the land he would give to Israel. [34:1-4]
- ☐ Moses died in the land of Moab, and Yahweh buried him there. [34:5-6]
- ☐ Joshua became the new leader, and the people of Israel listened to him. [34:9]
- ☐ There has never been a prophet like Moses. [34:10-12]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh show Moses when he went up the mountain? [34:1-3]  
Yahweh showed Moses all the land of Gilead to the city of Palms, as far as Zoar.
2. What did Yahweh tell Moses about the land? [34:4]  
Yahweh told Moses it was the land he had promised to give to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Yahweh reminded Moses he could see it with his eyes, but he would not go over there.
3. What happened to Moses in 34:5?  
Moses died in the land of Moab just as Yahweh promised.
4. What did Yahweh do with Moses in 34:6?  
Yahweh buried Moses' body in the land of Moab. No one knows where his grave is.
5. What was said about Moses in 34:7?  
Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dull, and his strength was not gone. That means that he could still see well and he was still strong.
6. What did the people of Israel do when Moses died? [34:8]  
They mourned for him in the plain of Moab for thirty days.
7. Why did the people of Israel listen to Joshua? [34:9]  
They listened to him because he was full of the spirit of wisdom.
8. What was said about Moses in 34:10?  
There has never been any prophet like him.
9. How was Moses different from all other prophets up to the time this book was written? [34:10]  
Yahweh knew Moses face to face. This means that Yahweh and Moses spoke to each other directly.
10. What had Moses done in Egypt? [34:11]  
He did all the great signs and wonders that Yahweh had sent him to do.

**Deuteronomy 34:1-12 continued**

11. What had the people of Israel seen Moses do? [34:12]  
They had seen him do mighty, fearsome deeds.

**Comment Section:**