

# THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

## Part 11

### Some Valuable Lessons in History

#### Deuteronomy 1-2

“These are the words...”

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As a book, Deuteronomy does not move the people of Israel forward in their history. At this point Moses takes the time, in one location over a period of about one month, to review events that took place and to prepare his people for the conquest and possession of the “Promised Land.” We read a series of “sermons” from Moses that seeks to remind and prepare them for the many lessons their history contains.

Sadly, their history is highlighted by 40 years of wandering in the wilderness when the trip should have only been an 11 day journey. Specific patterns surface for why the journey took so long; and specific consequences are the result.

What can we, as New Testament believers, learn from these patterns? What are the consequences when we fail to learn from the history of God's people? What areas of our life are most impacted? How can we experience victory in the Christian life in light of past lessons from Scripture?

## A PATTERN OF DISOBEDIENCE

- God speaks... **but the people would not listen.**
- His message is clear... **the people rebel against the clear statements of God.**
- The message is perfect and for their best... **they presume to know better than God.**
- The message has clear boundaries... **they disregard the boundaries.**
- There are tragic consequences... **their view of God is corrupted.**

## **WE MUST DESIRE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST**

God's Word provides the means to  
victory in the Christian walk.  
(Psalm 119:1-8)

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