

Og, King of Bashan and notes in vss 12-17 the disposition of much of his territory to the Trans-jordanian tribes. The terms of this arrangement are reviewed in vss 18-20 and the chapter closes with a reminder of the appointment of Joshua and a reiteration of the futile request of Moses to lead the people into the land.

Chapter 4

In this chapter Moses is in an exhortational mode of thinking as he challenges Israel to obedience and commitment. In vss 1-13 he reminds them of their spiritual privilege and the fact that the arrangements were of God. He reminds them in vss 14-24 of God's stern justice and how he, Moses, was no exception before the truth of God. Consequently verses 25-32 call to mind the need for obedience while verses 33-40 urge faithfulness in the light of God's promise and deliverance. The chapter closes with the notation of the cities of refuge and a statement that certifies the reality of this setting with the data on the death of Moses...and the burial by God, Himself.

III. Conclusion

There is a fourfold purpose in this review:

1. To help Israel understand its history
2. To profile the character of God
3. To encourage obedience and trust
4. To put down a foundation of truth on which Israel may build a society to honor God and be His people indeed.

And once again, thanks for listening and may the Lord bless you and all of us richly through His Word.

Message # 3

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

A TIME FOR CELEBRATION AND PREPARATION

I. Introduction

Thanks for joining us today on the Good News Network as we continue our studies in Deuteronomy. These opening verses give the setting for the Mosaic address and while my title might be overly enthusiastic, it is certainly a time to rejoice in the providence of God as Israel nears the completion of the journey from Egypt. Some aspects in these verses are not known to us today but at the time of their being announced the whole history of the wanderings must have been on their minds. Follow with me in these opening verses and picture for yourself the excitement generated among the people of God. Verses 1-2 give the setting while verses 3-7 review the history and verse 8 calls to mind the covenantal promise and the faithfulness of God. With that in mind we proceed to the text.