

1:7....."turn and go"..into the territories of the covenanted land..Lebanon to the Euphrates..the upper Euphrates..see the extent in a Bible Geography book or atlas.

1:8....."I have set" --"given" is a good translation

....."go in and possess"...this is not a war of aggression but a claiming of what the Sovereign God had long established.

.....the promise..given to the patriarchs and to their seed. But a promise is only meaningful as it is claimed..well, the services of it are only meaningful as claimed.

III. Conclusion

Thinking of the years, the trials, etc., we realize what a great moment this is. We dare not spiritualize it to death but cannot help but apply some basic ideas. The promises of God are not lost but require obedience and action. There are times when our conduct may bring some deferment but any turning to Him will restore and build confidence. We should not be discouraged at a passage of time but stand resolute, committed and faithful to His will. And thanks for listening today and being a part of our work.

Message # 4

Deuteronomy 1:9-21

REVIEWING THE ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I. Introduction

Welcome today to our continuing study in Deuteronomy. We are looking at the historical review of the first four chapters: Moses' work in bringing the children of Israel "up to speed" as we would say it today. With the challenge of moving into Palestine looming large in the future, Moses needed to have the people aware of their position and responsibility. Part of this is a matter of having the camp in good form and having an ordered living for worship and societal practices. God, you see, is not an anarchist. The success of Israel's move and settlement will depend on obedience and order. We are able to apply that ideal to our efforts today and failure to do so will result in lost time and opportunity. So Moses reminds them of the structure set in place and the implications are that this structure is still in force and there is direction in the company. We do not need a separate outline for this section and may take it on a verse by verse basis.

II. Discussion

1:9.....Moses reminds the people of his earlier admission of inability.."I am not able to bear you myself alone.."