

III. Conclusion

Moses is building a platform for action. The activities of today are always somewhat dependent on the events of yesterday. That will help us to know why and what we should do. Things done well (or correctly) today put down a foundation for what will be done tomorrow. And the lessons of the past should now give Israel positive understanding for what they are to do in entering the land. And many thanks for being a part of our study today and may the Lord richly bless and direct us through His Word of Truth.

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Message # 5

Deuteronomy 1:22-46

RECALLING THE PAIN AND OCCASION OF DISOBEDIENCE

I. Introduction

We appreciate having you with us today in our continuing study in Deuteronomy. These Old Testament books are sometimes overlooked but, if you consult a text survey you will find that Deuteronomy is often quoted in the New Testament and is frequently cited in the prophetic books of the Old Testament as well. Since its message is both a recapitulation and expansion of the law of God, it commands a vital place in Biblical literature and theology. We need to be observant of that to give us good intelligence on the ways of the Lord. In the portion before us today, 1:22-46, we are taken again to the days of Israel's rebellion when they refused to enter the land. It is painful to hear of it now and it must have been very fearful to hear of it then, but it was a needed lesson to encourage belief and obedience. We outline the passage like this:

1:22-28..the spies, their arrangement and /report  
1:29-40..the exhortation of Moses and the judgment of God  
1:41-46..a false repentance and a big mistake

II. Discussion

- 1:22....The spies and their assignment
- 1:23....the selection: Names are given in Numbers 13
- 1:24....the journey..note valley of Eschol and remember grapes
- 1:25...."it is a good land...."
- 1:26....but they would not go up and instead rebelled
- 1:27....they murmured and falsely accused the Lord of an evil purpose