

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#6] *The LORD of History* – Deuteronomy 2:1–25

Sermon Outline – August 20, 2017

Children's Sermon: Whose Opinion Matters?

Do all your friends at school/in the neighborhood believe that Jesus is God/King?

Matthew 10:28–33 (NLT)

²⁸ “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. ***Fear only God***, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But ***not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.*** ³⁰ And ***the very hairs on your head are all numbered.*** ³¹ So don’t be afraid; *you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.* ³² “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

The Historical Review (1:6–4:40)

Notes:

The Lord's Powerful Grace in the Wilderness (1:6–4:40)

- A. God's Good Creation at Horeb (1:6–18)
- B. Rebellion at Kadesh Barnea (1:19–46)
- C. **The LORD of History** (2:1–25)
- D. Defeat of Sihon & Og in the Transjordan (2:26–3:22)
- E. Denial to Moses of the Promised Land (3:23–29)

The Terror & Security of the LORD of History (2:1–25)

- 1. Edom's Inheritance – Esau (2:1–8)
- 2. Moab's Inheritance – Lot (2:9–12)
- 3. Now that the 1st Generation is Dead (2:13–18)
- 4. Ammon's Inheritance – Lot (2:17–23)
- 5. Contend with Sihon the Amorite (2:24–25)



A Turn of Obedience...

¹ “Then we turned and journeyed into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea, as the Lord told me. And for many days we traveled around **Mount Seir.** ² Then the Lord said to me, ³ *‘You have been traveling around this mountain country long enough.* (Dt. 1:6)

Do not Contend with Edom...

Turn northward ⁴ and command the people, “You are about to pass through the territory of your brothers, the people of **Esau, who live in Seir**; and *they will be afraid of you*. So be very careful (Ex. 15:14–16). ⁵ ***Do not contend with them***, for I will not give you any of their land... because ***I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession***. ⁶ You shall purchase food... water from them with money, that you may drink. ⁷ For ***the Lord your God has blessed you*** in all the work of your hands. ***He knows your going through this great wilderness***. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” (1 Tim. 6:6–8, “godliness with contentment...”) ^{8a} So we went on, away from our brothers, the people of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road from Elath and Ezion-geber.

Do not Contend with Moab...

^{8b} “And we turned and went in the direction of the wilderness of Moab. ⁹ And the Lord said to me, ‘***Do not harass Moab or contend with them in battle***, for I will not give you any of their land for a possession, because ***I have given Ar to the people of Lot for a possession***.’ ¹⁰ (*The Emim formerly lived there*, a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim. ¹¹ Like the Anakim they are also counted as Rephaim, but the Moabites call them Emim. ¹² *The Horites also lived in Seir formerly*, but the people of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, ***as Israel did to the land of their possession, which the Lord gave to them***.)

¹³ ‘Now rise up and go over the brook Zered.’ So we went over the brook Zered.

[The LORD Contended with 1st Gen. Israel...]

¹⁴ And the time from our leaving Kadesh-barnea until we crossed the brook Zered was thirty-eight years, *until the entire generation, that is, the men of war, had perished from the camp, as the Lord had sworn to them*. ¹⁵ For

indeed *the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from the camp, until they had perished.*

Do not Contend with Ammon...

¹⁶ *“So as soon as all the men of war had perished and were dead* from among the people, ¹⁷ the Lord said to me, ¹⁸ ‘Today you are to cross the border of **Moab at Ar.**

¹⁹ And when you approach the territory of the people of **Ammon**, *do not harass them or contend with them*, for I will not give you any of the land of the people of Ammon as a possession, because *I have given it to the sons of Lot for a possession.*’ ²⁰ (It is also counted as a land of Rephaim. Rephaim formerly lived there—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim— ²¹ a people great and many, and tall as the Anakim; but *the Lord destroyed them before the Ammonites*, and they dispossessed them and settled in their place, ²² *as he did for the people of Esau*, who live in Seir...)

²³ (As for the Avvim, who lived in villages as far as Gaza, the Capthorim, who came from Capthor, destroyed them and settled in their place.)

Contend with Sihon the Amorite...

²⁴ ‘Rise up, set out on your journey and go over the Valley of the Arnon. Behold, *I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land.* Begin to take possession, and *contend with him in battle.*’ ²⁵ This day *I will begin to put the dread and fear of you* on the peoples who are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of you and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.’ (Ex. 15:14–16)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Yahweh establishes and removes every nation. No one is more terrifying, or safe & secure.

Yahweh is Lord of all History, the battle belongs to Him!



Jesus is Lord of History!

Well Trained Mind Archived Thread about PH: “There is no revelation from God telling me that God used Columbus or not, so I don't teach such assumptions. I

don't know how much God interacts with the world directly today, so I won't attribute actions to Him if I don't know for sure that He did them. ..." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Why are we told of God's Providence?

To Acknowledge God as God – Matt. 10:28–33
(Cf. Rom. 1:21; 3:11; Luke 13:2–5; John 9:2–3)

Even with Nations...

Acts 17:26–27a

And [God] made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, *having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place*,²⁷ *that they should seek God*, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. ...

We will Inherit the Kingdom of God!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

We can trust Jesus to enable us to be more than conquerors. (Romans 8:37)



John 18:36–37; 19:10–11 (Jesus & Pilate)

2 Corinthians 10:4–6 “weapons of our warfare...”

God's Providential Rule of All Things:

- Smiling Providence
- Frowning Providence

We don't claim to know all of God's plans and purposes, just that he has them, they are good, & they are happening.