

For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This week the Torah Portion name Devarim and is translated as “Words”.

Shabbat Message:

On this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law/Torah, saying, YHVH our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, You have dwelt long enough in this mount: Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites, and to all his neighbors near there in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lebanon, to the great river, the river Euphrates. Behold, I have given the land before you: go in and possess the land which YHVH swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them. (Deut. 1:5-8)

Notwithstanding, you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of YHVH your God: and you murmured in your tents, and said, Because YHVH hated us, He has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. To what/where shall we go up? Our brothers have melted our heart, saying, The people greater and taller than we; the cities great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there. Then said I to you Dread not, neither be afraid of them. YHVH your God which goes before you, He shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes; and in the wilderness, where you have seen how that YHVH your God bare you, a man does bear his son, in all the way that you went, until you came into this place. Yet in this thing you did not believe YHVH your God. But you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea. (Deut. 1:26-32, 40)

Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as YHVH spoke to me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. And YHVH spoke to

me, saying, You have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. And command you the people, saying, You to pass through the coast of your brothers the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you; take you good heed to yourselves therefore: Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir to Esau a possession. For YHVH your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand: He knows your walking through this great wilderness: these forty years YHVH your God with you; you have lacked nothing. (Deut. 2:1-5, 7)

“Devarim” – “Words” Spoken to Moses by YHVH, then to the Children of Israel by Moses; and now what is read, to us and by us, today in His Word. Moses gave a history of their journeys from when they were delivered out of the land of Egypt by the strong and mighty hand of YHVH. This is His Story: He chose His People. He saved them. He delivered them. He protected them. He taught them. He did battle for them. He provided for their need for water and food with living water, and bread from heaven. He led them, and searched out places of rest, and to show the way to go. He gave His commandments, statutes, ordinances, and decrees so that they would know how to love Him, and to love and relate with one another. He told them to fear no man, only Him. Their story is our story. Learn from them, and live for Him.