



## Introduction

*The book of Deuteronomy retells the teachings and events of the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers.*

## Questions

1. How does God describe the land he is encouraging them to possess?
2. What did the people want to do before taking possession of the land?
3. What was the reaction of the people to the spies' report?

## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 18** Moses remembers events at Mount Horeb (Sinai), 40 years earlier
- **v 19 to 25** The people travelled from Horeb (possibly Sinai) to Kadesh Barnea (see map). Moses sent out 12 men to spy out the land and he reminded the people of the evidence the twelve spies brought back of the fertility of the land
- **v 26 to 33** However most of the spies discouraged the people and caused them to lack faith (see theme) that they could overcome the giants there
- **v 34 to 40** Moses tells them that God said only the two faithful spies would be allowed to enter the land. The rest of their generation would not enter, but their children would possess the land
- **v 41 to 46** Moses reminds them of their futile attempt to attack the Amorites when God had told them he was no longer with them

**Timeline** 1500 BC (see below)

## Theme / Information

### **Belief and faith**

*A selection of verses showing that God wants us to believe that he will do what he has promised.*

The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that God regards faith in him as vital:

*Hebrews 11 verse 6*

This faith comes from reading and thinking about God's message to us:

*Romans 10 verse 17*

Abraham is a good example of faith in action. He believes God can do what he says when he promises that Abraham's ageing wife will have a baby:

*Romans 4 verses 19 to 22*

We are justified (made right with God) by believing in Jesus Christ:

*Galatians 2 verse 16*

The apostle Paul tells us belief in the Scriptures leads us to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus:

*2 Timothy 3 verse 15*



### Wilderness travels - Sinai to Kadesh Barnea

Map showing the approximate travels of the Israelites from Horeb (possibly Sinai) to Kadesh Barnea. Question marks by place names indicate that the location is uncertain.



### ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8, Q 2: v 22, Q 3: v 27 and 28



# Bible timeline

