

1. Moses, the author

- a) Why do we regard the historical accounts given to us by Moses as an inspired history lesson rather than just a human account of historical events? Deuteronomy 18:15,18, Amos 3:7, Isaiah 46:9-10
- b) Even though Moses authored the Book of Genesis, his name is not mentioned there. Where is Moses first mentioned in the Bible? (Exodus 1:22, 2:1-10)
- c) What do the following incidents teach us about the character of Moses?
 - i) Exodus 2:11-12
 - ii) Exodus 4:10-18
 - iii) Exodus 32:30-32
- d) Deuteronomy 1:1-8 What is the significance of the fact that Moses shares the inspired history lesson found in the Book of Deuteronomy on the 11th month of the 40th year? (Numbers 14:26-34)
- e) How can we learn to trust the LORD to fulfill all of His promises at the appointed time?

2. The LORD's provision for His wandering people

- a) Deuteronomy 8:11-16 – food, water, guidance
- b) Deuteronomy 1:9-11 – numerical growth
- c) Deuteronomy 1:13-17 – wise counsel (see also Exodus 18:17-26)
- d) Deuteronomy 29:5 – supernatural preservation

- e) What lesson did the LORD want the children of Israel to learn during their wilderness wanderings?
- f) What lesson can we learn from their experience for our lives today?

3. Failure at Kadesh Barnea

- a) Deuteronomy 1:19-25, 26-33, 34-39 Why did Moses remind the children of Israel of their failure at Kadesh Barnea 38 years earlier?
- b) Why were Joshua and Caleb permitted to enter the Promised Land, while the rest of the adults present during the rebellion at Kadesh Barnea perished in the wilderness? Numbers 14:6-9
- c) What hope was there for the generation that perished in the wilderness?

4. Overcoming hostile forces

- a) What lesson can we learn from the interaction between Moses and Sihon, king of Heshbon? Deuteronomy 2:26-29, 30-35
- b) How do you explain the genocide recorded in Deuteronomy 3:1-7 (see Genesis 15:16)
- c) How does the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount provide a clearer picture of God's love and mercy even for the most wayward and rebellious people? Matthew 5:43-45, Luke 6:35-36

