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Years of Wilderness Wandering 2:1-3:29

- The Second approach to the Promised Land 2:1-15
 - Numbers 33 indicates at least 16 different places of encampment during this 38 years of travel “around Mount Seir”.
 - The treatment of the Edomites and Moabites reveals that Israel was not on a rampage going through and destroying all in their path. The people they were commissioned by God to destroy were those upon whom God’s measured wrath was poured out due to their prolonged abominable practices.

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 - A people called the Anakim are mentioned. They are also called Rephaim, Emim and Zamzummim. They are also referenced by the descriptive term Nephilim in Numbers 13:33. Also called the sons of Anak in various places.
 - Go back to the time of Abraham Genesis 14:5
 - Known as people of unusual height and size. An indication is the measurement of the bed of Og the king of Bashan who was a descendent of the Rephaim. His bed was nine cubits (13' 6") long and four cubits (6') wide. Deuteronomy 3:11
 - After the conquest of the land the Anakim were driven from the Promised land and only a remnant was found in Gaza, Gath and Ashdod. (Joshua 11:22) These were three of what were know as the five cities of the Philistines in the time of the early monarchy. It is notable that Gath was the home of Goliath. (1 Samuel 17:4)

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- Staging to enter the Promised Land 2:16-3:29
 - All of the people who were to die in the wilderness had now perished.
 - God would give them victories over the Amorites east of the Jordan, Sihon, king of Heshbon and Og, king of Bashan. God spoke to Abraham about giving the land of the Amorites to his descendants. (Genesis 15:18-20)
 - Notice how Moses pointed out how the LORD had destroyed the Rephaim who were as great and tall as the Anakim before the Ammonites. 2:20-21

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- Staging to enter the Promised Land 2:16-3:29
 - God will dishearten the people He had marked for destruction before them. 2:25 (see Joshua 2:8-11)
 - In the defeat of these kings and their kingdoms, God was preparing them for the larger conquest in the confidence they could have in Him as they were fulfilling His purpose. 3:21
 - God gave them the ability to overcome any resistance or obstacle. 2:36
 - Moses recounts the distribution of the land east of the Jordan to the tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh as well as their commitment to join the rest of the tribes for the conquest of the land west of the Jordan.

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- Staging to enter the Promised Land 2:16-3:29
 - Denial of Moses entering the land
 - Moses' plea to the LORD
 - Moses realized after seeing God at work in amazing fashion over the past 40 years that there was much more to know and experience about God.
 - Held out some hope that God would relent of his judgment on him and allow him to enter the land.
 - Received a definitive word from God about his situation.
 - Moved forward in obedience.

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A Call to Perpetual Obedience 4:1-40

- Obedience will bring life and position you to enjoy God's blessings.
 - A caution to not alter God's commands
 - A reminder that obeying God's commands is the reason the people standing before him are alive on that day. 4:3-4
- Obedience will be a witness to the world about the wisdom and righteousness of the statutes.
- Obedience requires passing the statutes and the history of these statutes to the next generation.
- Obedience requires total rejection of idols or any images that would attempt to represent God.

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A Call to Perpetual Obedience 4:1-40

- Obedience finds its motivation in what the one true living God had done for His people.
 - God spoke directly to His people at Sinai
 - God has chosen these people from among the nations of the world.
 - God delivered His people from Egypt with a great demonstration of His power
 - God loved and chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their offspring
 - God will drive out all of these nations who are more powerful than the Israelites.
- Obedience is a key factor in staying in the land they will go in to possess.

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