

Message Notes

The land was inhabited

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction - "Even preachers hear the sermon"

Today's Message:

God knew the land was inhabited

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 / Deuteronomy 1:19-33

God knew the land was inhabited

Deuteronomy 1:20

When God is in it, go for it!

Deuteronomy 1:21

Nothing wrong with human planning

Deuteronomy 1:22-25

Don't rely solely on human planning

Deuteronomy 1:26-28

"Do not be terrified"

Deuteronomy 1:29

This fight is God's, not ours

Deuteronomy 1:30-31

Bottom line - it all comes down to trust

Deuteronomy 1:32-33

The Hope East Update

1. Getting Caught up to speed

2. What's this going to cost?

Unexpected Costs/New Issues

Why so much more than Hope West (Classic)

3. How are we going to get there?

Gospel Application - "God knew the land was inhabited!"

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Deuteronomy 1:19-33

¹⁹Then, as the Lord our God commanded us, we set out from Horeb and went toward the hill country of the Amorites through all that vast and dreadful desert that you have seen, and so we reached Kadesh Barnea. ²⁰Then I said to you, "You have reached the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God is giving us. ²¹See, the Lord your God has given you the land. Go up and take possession of it as the Lord, the God of your fathers, told you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

²²Then all of you came to me and said, "Let us send men ahead to spy out the land for us and bring back a report about the route we are to take and the towns we will come to." ²³The idea seemed good to me; so I selected twelve of you, one man from each tribe. ²⁴They left and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and explored it. ²⁵Taking with them some of the fruit of the land, they brought it down to us and reported, "It is a good land that the Lord our God is giving us."

²⁶But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. ²⁷You grumbled in your tents and said, "The Lord hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. ²⁸Where can we go? Our brothers have made us lose heart. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'"

²⁹Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. ³⁰The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, ³¹and in the desert. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." ³²In spite of this, you did not trust in the Lord your God, ³³who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.