

# Deuteronomy 1:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;

## Analysis

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The fortieth year marks the completion of judgment on the exodus generation who refused to trust God at Kadesh-barnea. The eleventh month (Shebat, January-February) sets the time just weeks before Israel would cross the Jordan into Canaan. Moses speaks 'according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment'—he is not innovating but faithfully transmitting divine revelation. This establishes the authoritative nature of Deuteronomy as God's word through Moses, not merely Moses' reflections.

## Historical Context

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Forty years of wilderness wandering fulfilled God's judgment that the rebellious generation would die in the wilderness (Numbers 14:26-35). Moses himself would also die before entering Canaan due to his sin at Meribah (Numbers 20:12). The eleventh month timing suggests this address occurred shortly before Moses' death and Israel's Jordan crossing in the first month of the following year (Joshua 4:19).

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's faithfulness to fulfill both His promises and His warnings demonstrate His character?
2. What does Moses' faithful transmission of God's commands teach about the responsibility of spiritual leaders?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיָהִי	בְּאֶרְבָּעָה יָמִים	שָׁנָה הַ	בְּעִשְׁרֵת	שָׁנָה רַ
H1961	<b>And it came to pass in the fortieth</b>	<b>year</b>	<b>in the eleventh</b>	H6240
	H705	H8141	H6249	
לְחֵגֶת דָּשָׁנָה	בְּאֶחָד	לְחֵגֶת דָּשָׁנָה	דָּבָר	מִשְׁמָה
<b>day of the month</b>	<b>on the first</b>	<b>day of the month</b>	<b>spake</b>	<b>that Moses</b>
H2320	H259	H2320	H1696	H413
בְּבִנֵּי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	אָשָׁר בְּכָל	צִוָּה הַ	
<b>unto the children</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	H3605	H834	<b>had given him in commandment</b>
H1121	H3478			H6680
אֶלָּכֶם: אַתָּה יְהֹוָה				
<b>according unto all that the LORD</b>		H853	H413	
H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 33:38** (Word): And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month.