

Deuteronomy 2:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

Analysis

God's renewed communication—"That the LORD spake unto me"—after the generation's death signals fresh direction. The silence during judgment years makes this renewed speech significant—God withdraws communicative intimacy during discipline but restores it when judgment completes. Moses' continued reception of divine revelation despite personal disappointment shows that God's calling continues even when specific desires remain unfulfilled.

Historical Context

Deuteronomy records relatively few revelations during the 38-year wilderness wandering compared to the abundant communications in Exodus-Numbers at Sinai and early wilderness period. This pattern suggests God's reduced verbal engagement during judgment seasons, emphasizing the costliness of rebellion in terms of lost intimacy with Him.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do you respond when God seems silent, and how do you recognize when He's speaking again?
2. What patterns of divine communication help you discern seasons of discipline versus seasons of favor?

Interlinear Text

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