

Sample Response for Deut 4:44–49 | Mary Hannah

⁴⁴This is the law that Moses set before the people of Israel.

⁴⁵These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the rules, which Moses spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt,

⁴⁶beyond the Jordan

in the valley opposite Beth-peor,

in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites,

who lived at Heshbon,

whom Moses and the people of Israel defeated when they came out of

Egypt. ⁴⁷And they took possession of his land

and the land of Og, the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan;

⁴⁸from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon), ⁴⁹together with all the Arabah on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

Structure

4:44 Summary Orientation

4:45 Elaborative Orientation regarding content, redemptive-historical, and geographical setting

Unifying Theme

In his second sermon, Moses will call the people of Israel to follow God's instruction in the context of their having already experienced deliverance from Egypt and the firstfruits of victory beyond the Jordan.

Author's Aim

The narrator is aiming to reorient the reader to the nature of and context of Moses's preaching, not least to underscore that God calls his people to trust his promises on the platform of their past and recent experiences of his faithfulness.