

Lesson 4 - Structure of פרק א

Objective: Students should be able to find the structure of פרק א. They should realize that Moshe gives a historical review of Bnei Yisrael's travels but inserts two digressions into important events that occurred during those travels.

Activity: (1 period)

Worksheet:

<u>The Structure of Debarim Perek 1</u> <u>Worksheet</u>
1. What does Hashem command Bnei Yisrael to do in pesukim 6-8?
2. Scan the Perek to see where this command is fulfilled. Which part of the commandment is fulfilled?
3. Identify the two major narratives recounted in this chapter. What are they about?
4. Prepare a structure of this Perek based on the above 3 questions.

[L04 Perek 1 - Judges - Worksheet.doc](#)

Hashem commands Bnei Yisrael to (1) leave Horeb and go to Har ha-Emori which refers to the southern border of Israel at קדש ברנע (this is indicated in pasuk 19-20), and (2) to continue into the land and inherit all of it. Pasuk 7 is important for understanding the geography of Israel. It lists from East to West all of the major regions: ערבה is the Jordan valley, בהר is the central mountain range, ובשפלה is the lowlands, ובנגב is the south, ובחוף הים is the Mediterranean coast. Before Bnei Yisrael can fulfill the commandment, however, Moshe must appoint judges in order to properly lead the people since their population has grown since year 2. Once that is accomplished, they fulfill the first part of the commandment (pesukim 19-20). Before completing the commandment, however, they send spies, become afraid to continue, and are punished. Pasuk 46 ends the chapter by stating that they had to remain at קדש ברנע and that generation was never able to fulfill the complete commandment. The next two lessons will deal with the two digressions in פרק א.

Summary Blackboard and Sheet:

פרק א Structure of

Command to travel from Sinai to Israel	ו-ה
Appointing Judges	ט-יח
Partial fulfillment of command in p 6-8. Arrive at Kadesh Barnea.	יט
Further command to go inherit the land	כ-כא
Spies	כב-מה
Remain in Kadesh Barnea and never completely fulfill the commandment	מו

פרק א Structure of



א-ה Introduction to Historical Speech

1. Command to leave from Sinai and travel to Har ha-Emori at southern border of Israel,
 - (ו) יְדֹנֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ דְּבַר אֱלֵינוּ בְּחֶרֶב לֵאמֹר רַב לָכֶם שָׁבַת בְּהַר הַזֶּה:
 - (ז) פָּנוּ וְסַעוּ לָכֶם וּבְאוּ הָרָה הָאֲמֹרִי
2. and to continue to inherit all of the land
 - וְאֵל כָּל שְׂכֵנֵינוּ בְּעֶרְבָה בְּהָר וּבְשָׁפְלָה וּבְגִבְעָה וּבְחֹף הַיָּם אֲרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַלִּבְנוֹן עַד הַנָּהָר הַגָּדֹל נָהָר פָּרָת:
 - (ח) רָאָה נָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיכֶם אֶת הָאָרֶץ בָּאוּ וּרְשׁוּ אֶת הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְדֹנֶה לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב לָתֵת לָהֶם וּלְזֶרְעָם אַחֲרֵיהֶם:

ט-יח Appointing Judges

הָבוּ לָכֶם אֲנָשִׁים חֲכָמִים וְנָבִיגִים וַיִּדְעִים לְשִׁבְטֵיכֶם
וְאֲשִׁימָם בְּרָאשֵׁיכֶם

1. Fulfillment of first part of command
 - (יט) וַנִּסַּע מִחֶרֶב וְנָלַךְ אֶת כָּל הַמִּדְבָּר הַגָּדוֹל וְהַנוֹרָא הַהוּא אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתֶם דֶּרֶךְ הָרָה הָאֲמֹרִי כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי יְדֹנֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָבִיא עַד קֶדֶשׁ בְּרִנֶּע:
 - (כ) וְאָמַר אֲלֵכֶם בְּאֵתֶם עַד הָרָה הָאֲמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר יְדֹנֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ נָתַן לָנוּ:
2. Repetition of second part of command
 - (כא) רָאָה נָתַן יְדֹנֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְפָנֶיךָ אֶת הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר רָשׁ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְדֹנֶה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲבִיתֶיךָ לָךְ אֵל תִּיכָּה וְאֵל תִּחַת:

כב-מה Spies

נִשְׁלַחְהָ אֲנָשִׁים לְפָנֵינוּ וְיַחְפְּרוּ לָנוּ אֶת הָאָרֶץ

2. Failure to fulfill second part of command
 - (מו) וַתָּשָׁבוּ בְּקֶדֶשׁ יָמִים רַבִּים כִּימִים אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁבְּתֶם: