

Nosh & Learn with Mindy, Parshat Devarim, TBH-BE, 7/23/2020

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְעֲסוֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav
v'tzivanu laasok b'divrei Torah.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot,
commanding us to engage with words of Torah.

Vilna Gaon (Elijah ben Solomon Zalman, 18th ce Torah Scholar) in *Ohel Yaakov*:

The first four books were heard directly from the mouth of the Holy One, Blessed is He, through the throat of Moses. Not so Deuteronomy. Israel heard the words of this Book the same way they heard the words of the prophets who came after Moses. The Holy One, Blessed is He, would speak to the prophet today and on a later day he would go and make the vision known to Israel. Accordingly, at the time the prophet spoke to the people, the word of God had already been removed from him. So, too, the Book of Deuteronomy was heard from the mouth of Moses himself.

From the end of Numbers

אֵלֶּה הַמִּצְוֹת וְהַמְשָׁפְטִים אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֶרְבַת מוֹאָב עַל יַרְדֵּן יֵרֵחוֹ:
These are the commandments and regulations that the LORD enjoined upon the
Israelites, through Moses, on the steppes of Moab, at the Jordan near Jericho.

From Devarim 1:1

אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֶבֶר הַיַּרְדֵּן בְּמִדְבַּר בְּעֶרְבַהּ מוֹל סוּף בֵּין־פָּאָרָן וּבֵין־תְּפֵל
וּלְגַב וְחִצְרֹת וְדִי זָהָב:

These are the words that Moses addressed to all Israel on the other side of the
Jordan.—Through the wilderness, in the Arabah near Suph, between Paran and
Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab,

Devarim 1:5-6

בַּעֲבֹר הַיַּרְדֵּן בְּאֶרֶץ מוֹאָב הוֹאִיל מֹשֶׁה בְּאֵר אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת לֵאמֹר: יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ דִּבֶּר אֵלֵינוּ בְּחֶרֶב
לֵאמֹר רַב־לָכֶם שָׁבַת בְּהָר הַזֶּה:

On the other side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this Teaching. He said: The LORD our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying: You have stayed long enough at this mountain.

Devarim 3:22

לֹא תִירָאוּם כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא הַנִּלְחָם לָכֶם:

Do not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who will battle for you.”

Mishneh Torah, Negative Mitzvot 58

That those engaged in warfare shall not fear their enemies nor be panic-stricken by them during the battle, as it is said, “...do not tremble, nor be ye terrified because of them” ([Deut. 3:22](#); 7:21; 20:3).