

Divorce was only allowed in the wilderness

There are some who claim that the divorce in Deuteronomy 24 was only given for the 40 years in the wilderness. This study will be very short as that assertion is quickly refuted by a very simple fact presented in the book of Deuteronomy itself.

Assertions/Conclusions of this Article

To simply show that divorce was not given for the 40 years in the wilderness.

Supporting Evidence

Scripture in Deuteronomy that shows that the book and all that is in it was given at the END of the wilderness journey and could not have applied before it was given.

Deuteronomy 1

The Previous Command to Enter Canaan

1 These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain[a] opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea. 3 Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the Lord had given him as commandments to them, 4 after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses began to explain this law, saying, 6 "The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighboring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates. 8 See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'

The Lord has brought them thru the desert for 40 years, most of that generation who came out of Egypt has passed....and a new generation is about to enter the promise land.

Anything given in Deut 24:1-4 is hardly for those who did not yet receive it...let alone were no longer alive to live by it.

When we get to Deut 24 and divorce is spoken of by Moses, it is to this YOUNG generation of Hebrews entering the promised land. It is given as a regulation....a restriction...as to how to deal with a man who puts his wife away for some ambiguous and very likely unjust reason.