

The Structure of Deut 1:6-4:40

Three major literary features bind the three sections together as well as move the address forward to its climactic call to decision (see Figure I.1):

1. Section A and Section B fuse together to form a larger module that is enveloped in an *inclusio* by the verb “stay” (*ysb*) (1:6 & 3:29),
2. Both sections are introduced by the formula: “Yahweh said, ‘You have [verb + preposition] this mountain/hill-country long enough’” (1:6 & 2:2),
3. The denial of Moses from the Promised Land is a recurring issue that links all three sections together. It wraps up the thrust of Section A (1:37) and Section B (3:26), and forms the core of Section C (4:21-22).

