NWC Questions

When God Says "No"
Deut. 2.1-23

Focus: *Calling us to contentment and obedience when God says "No" to something we desire.*

Read 2.1-23. Honestly, what is your first impression when you read passages like this? How should promises like 2 Tim. 3.16 shape your view even of these kinds of texts? And how should that affect the way you read and study them?

What is God revealing about Himself in these verses? Which of those images (King, Guide and Judge) is the one you most need to reflect more on?

Why would God not allow His people to take any of the land from these 3 other peoples? What does that teach you about God's purposes amongst the nations?

How would these instructions have been difficult for the Israelites, in light of their circumstances? What was God teaching them through this? And which of these emphases seems most important for you? How should that affect you? What would be your main takeaway from this passage (or any of the Deut. messages so far)?