

# Deuteronomy

*The Second Giving of the Law*

# 5 Books of Moses

## Key Words and Themes

Genesis	Beginnings	Election of the nation
Exodus	Redemption	Redemption of the nation
Leviticus	Holiness	Sanctification of the nation
Numbers	Wandering	Direction of the nation
Deut	Review	Instruction of the Nation

**BOOKS****LESSONS TO BE LEARNED**

<b><i>Genesis</i></b>	Sets forth Israel's relation with the Covenant God, both as Creator of the universe, as well as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
<b><i>Exodus</i></b>	Relates the narrative of how God redeemed His people from their slavery in Egypt. He is pictured as entering into a covenant with His people whom He has purchased as His priced possession.
<b><i>Leviticus</i></b>	Deals with the question of how men are to approach the Covenant God. It outlines the sacrifices and the forms of worship.
<b><i>Numbers</i></b>	Relates the history of the wilderness wanderings up to the preparation to enter the Promised Land.
<b><i>Deuteronomy</i></b>	Gives the Law to the new generation with a special emphasis upon living in the land.

# Background to Events

- The Lord has brought his people from Canaan to Egypt, and now to the Plains of Moab.
- Israel is the theocratic nation, the priest nation.
- The Exodus generation, who refused to believe that the Lord would make them victorious over the Canaanites and give them the promised land, has died off.

# Deuteronomy Theme

The revealed, taught, remembered, and applied Word of God is the life of God's people as they enter the land, take possession of the land, and live as God's people in the land. God's word instructs, prepares, warns, protects, and blesses God's people (30:19-20; 32:45-47).

# Theme Scripture, 30:19

Deuteronomy 30:19 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,

# Theme Scripture, 30:20

Deuteronomy 30:20 by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

# Main Characters

- Moses
- Joshua
- Aaron
- Miriam



# Narrative

- At the 1st of the eleventh month in the 40th year, the second generation Israelites are on the Plains of Moab, north of the Dead Sea and east of the Jordan River. Moses prepares them for the conquest by delivering three messages. First (Deut 1-4:43), he reviews God's blessings to them during the wilderness wanderings. Second (Deut 4:44 - Deut 28), Moses reviews the Law that God gave at Sinai so that they know God's will and what God expects of them. Third (Deut 29-30), Moses challenges this generation to learn and follow the Sinai Law. That done, Moses dies and Joshua leads (Deut 31-34).

# Last Days of Moses

- Moses, at age **120**, chooses Joshua to be his successor. **(Ch. 31)**
- God instructs Moses to write a **song** rehearsing His grace. **(Ch. 32)**
- Moses gives Israel one final blessing. He prophesied about each tribe's future. **(Ch. 33)**
- God takes Moses to top of **Mt. Nebo** and allows him to see the land. **(Ch. 34)**
- Moses dies and God buries him. **(Ch. 34)**
- Following **30 days** of mourning, Joshua and Israel prepare to take the land.

# Deuteronomy Overview

1. Moses reviews God's wilderness blessings, 1-4
2. Moses reviews God's statutes and ordinances, 5-26
3. Moses charges Israel to keep God's commandments, 27-30
4. Moses' Final Words and Death, 31-34

# DEUTERONOMY in points

## **A. Remember Your Covenant History, 1:1-4:43**

1. Remember Your Past: God provisions for you during the past 40 years, 1:1-3:29
2. Anticipate Your Future: A full enjoyment of life depends on obeying God, 4:1-43

## **B. Remember God's Commandments To Do Them, 4:44-26:19**

3. Jehovah is the One True God:
  - a) Teach your children to love God, 4:44-6:25
  - b) Not by bread alone but by the Word of God, 7:1-12:32
  - c) Condemnation of false prophets & idolatry, 13:1-18
  - d) Holy in food, tithes, Sabbath & festivals, 14:1-16:17
4. Justice in the Promised Land:
  - a) Judges, kings, Levites and prophets, 16:18-18:22
  - b) Homicide, capital crime, warfare & murder, 19:1-21:9
  - c) Domestic life, marriage and the family, 21:10-22:30
  - d) Godly character in public life, 23:1-26:19

## **C. Remember Your Covenant With God, 27:1-30:20**

5. Ratification of Israel's Covenant: Blessings and Curses, 27:1-28:68
6. The Abraham's Covenant Applied: The Land of Israel, 29:1-30:20

## **D. Remember That God Is Your Refuge And Strength, 31:1-34:12**

7. Leadership Passed to Joshua & the Priests, 31:1-29, Moses' Song of the Rock of Ages, 32:1-47, Last Testament and Death of Moses, 32:48-34:12

# Moses reviews God's wilderness blessings, 1-4

Chapter 1: Recap—Sinai to Kadesh, 1

Chapter 2: Recap—Edom to Moab to Sihon of Heshbon, 2

Chapter 3: Recap—Og of Bashon, and Gilead, 3

Chapter 4: Israel, Watch yourselves—blessing or cursing, 4

# Moses reviews God's statutes and ordinances, 5-26

Chapter 5: Moses recalls the Horeb Covenant

Chapter 6: Listen, fear, obey, love the Lord

Chapter 7: Remove the Canaanites

Chapter 8: Remember the Lord your God

Chapter 9 God's grace, not Israel's righteousness



# Moses reviews God's statutes and ordinances, 5-26

- Chapter 10: Fear, walk, love, serve, keep
- Chapter 11: Blessing or cursing in the land
- Chapter 12: The central sanctuary
- Chapter 13: Capital punishment for idolatry
- Chapter 14: Clean and unclean. Tithe

# Moses reviews God's statutes and ordinances, 5-26

- Chapter 15: Seven year loans. Poor. Servants. Firstborn
- Chapter 16: Annual feasts. Judges
- Chapter 17: Idolaters, trials. King
- Chapter 18: Levites, omens, a prophet
- Chapter 19: Cities of refuge. Witnesses



# Moses reviews God's statutes and ordinances, 5-26

Chapter 20: Warfare

Chapter 21: War bride. Double portion. Incurable son

Chapter 22: Good neighbors. Boundaries on sex

Chapter 23: Regulations on people, foreign slaves, loans

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Chapter 24: Divorce, Loans, Poor

Chapter 25: Court case, brother's wife, weights and measures

Chapter 26: First of produce. Tithe to Levites. His people

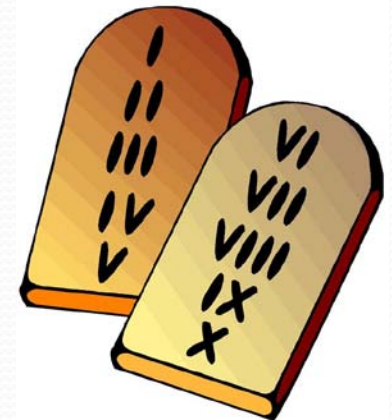
# Moses charges Israel to keep God's commandments, 27-30

Chapter 27: The Law, Mt Ebal, and Mt Gerizim

Chapter 28: Blessings and cursings

Chapter 29: Lord's covenant with Israel

Chapter 30: Choose life and live



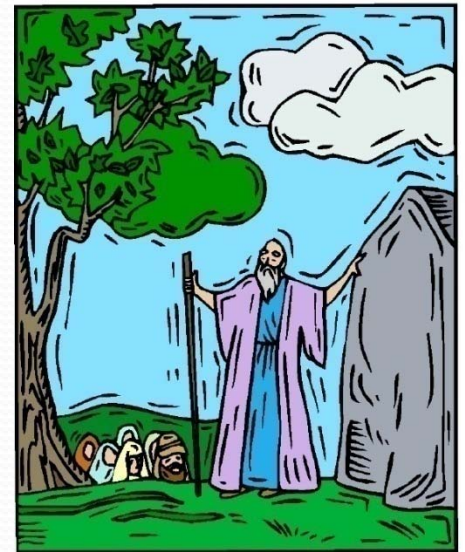
## Moses' Final Words & Death, 31-34

Chapter 31: Joshua, the song, the law

Chapter 32: Moses' song is Israel's life

Chapter 33: Moses blesses Israel

Chapter 34: Moses dies, Joshua leads



# Lessons from Deuteronomy

1. God's Word is our life (Deut 8:3) => Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; James 1:21-25; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
2. Communication of the Word (Deut 31:9-13) => 1 Timothy 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:2, 15; 4:2-5.
3. Faith-Application, choose blessing or cursing (Deut 1:30 – Deut 8; Deut 4:10, 14, 15, 23; Deut 6:1, Deut 11:26-32; Deut 28:1-2, 15; Deut 30:19-20) => Acts 17:27; Romans 6:6, 11-13; Philippians 4:8-9; Colossians 3:23-25; Hebrews 4:1-16; James 1:21-25.

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4. Spiritual courage (Deut 1:30-38) => 31:6; John 16:33; Acts 23:11; 2 Corinthians 4:16.
5. Divine discipline (Deut 4:24) => 1 Corinthians 11:29-30; Hebrews 12:5-13.
6. Punishment deters crime (Deut 19:20) => Romans 13:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 4:6.
7. Faith focusing on Christ (Occupation with Christ) is like fear of the Lord (Deut 31:13) => Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:1-3; Hebrews 12:2.

# Christ in the Book of Deuteronomy

- The Prophet (Deut 18:18)
- The Holy One (Deut 33:8)
- The I AM (Deut 1:42; 5:6, 9; 29:6)
- The Rock (Deut 8:15; 32:4, 15, 18, 30, 31)
- The Word (Deut 4:2; 5:5; 9:5; 30:14; 34:5)

# Christ and Apostles refer to the Book of Deuteronomy

The New Testament mentioned quotations from the Book of Deuteronomy; some of them were said by Christ and the Apostles:

a) The Prophet (Deut 18:18) => (John 1: 25)

b) Christ's answers to Satan during the temptation (Deut 8:3) => (Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4)