

Deuteronomy

(Renewed Covenant)

Author: Moses. (Forty claims in the book that Moses wrote it - cf. 31:24-26, etc)

Date: Written ~ 1405 BC

Period of time covered - The month prior to Moses' death

Theme: To secure blessings and life in the land through obedience. (Theme verse: 4:1)

Key People: Moses, Joshua

Outline:

- I. First Discourse: History of God's Redemption of Israel (to urge obedience). 1-4
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Key Chapters & Verses (Bold is required for Elders)

4:2. . "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it,"

5 ... Repeating the Ten Commandments

6:4-9 The Shemah (Hear O' Israel...) teach this to your children.

10:12-16 Tablets re-written, Levi set apart, Israel told to serve the Lord with all heart and soul.

("And now Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you...")

13:1-5 Shun idolatry, kill false prophets and those promoting false religion.

17:14-20 Duties of a king - Do not multiply horses, wives or riches. Copy law, read it, and live it.

18. . . Spiritism forbidden. The coming prophet (**18:14-22**)

21:18-21 Death for incorrigible children

21:22-23 Cursed in man hung on a tree (cf. Gal. 3:13)

22:28,29 Laws concerning seductions

24:1-4 Law of divorce (put away for indecency)

27. . . Curses on Mt. Ebal

28. . . Blessings & Warnings on Mt. Gerizim

29:29 Secret things belong to the LORD

32. . . Song of Moses - a witness for Moses against Israel

32:39 God is sovereign, gives life, death and health

33. . . Moses' blessing on the 12 tribes

34. . . The death of Moses (120 years old)

The Hebrew title for this book is "*The Words*." Deuteronomy means "second law." After a brief history of God's redemption of Israel to encourage obedience, God's laws are explained to the second generation that they might secure blessings and life after entering the promised land. The story of his death (Ch. 34) would have been written by Joshua. It is quoted in the gospel accounts 27 times and 54 times total in the New Testament.

Deuteronomy is a book of transitions: Transition of generations - the old has died, the new is ready. Transition of possession - from wilderness wandering to possession of Canaan. Transition of experience - from wandering to settling: Change in diet, mode of life, etc. From God supernaturally providing every need - food, clothes that did not wear out, water, etc. To living under the curse again and gaining food, clothing, etc. by sweat of labor. Transition of revelation - God's love: This had not been talked about before, but now God declares His love for Israel. See 4:37; **7:7-8**; 10:15; 23:5

Old Testament Survey

Deuteronomy: To Secure blessings and life in the land through obedience

- I. First Discourse: History of God's Redemption of Israel (to urge obedience). 1-4
 - A. Preamble (1:1-5)
 - B. History from Mt. Sinai to Kadesh (1:6-18)
 - C. History at Kadesh (1:19-46)
 - D. History from Kadesh to Moab (2:1-23)
 - E. History of Conquest of East Jordan (2:24-3:20)
 - F. Transition of Leadership (3:21-29)
 - G. Summary of the Covenant (4)
- II. Second Discourse: Stipulations of the covenant. 5-26
 - A. General Commandments. 5-11
 - 1. The Ten Commandments Reviewed (5)
 - 2. The Command to Teach & Obey the Law (6)
 - a. The Shema (1-9)
 - b. Fear & Worship God in the new land (10-15)
 - c. Do not put God to the test (16-25)
 - 3. The Command to Conquer Canaan and Not Assimilate Them or Their Practices (7)
 - 4. The Command to Remember the Lord and Not Forget Him (8)
 - 5. The Warning Against Pride and Reminders of Past Rebellions (9:1-10:11)
 - 6. Commands Regarding Blessings and Curses (10:12-11:32)
 - a. Fear, Walk, & Serve God (10:12-22)
 - b. Study & Obey God's Commands (11:1-21)
 - c. Victory Depends on Obedience (11:22-32)
 - B. Specific Commandments. 12-26
 - 1. The Ceremonial Laws (12-16:17)
 - a. The Central Sanctuary (12:1-28)
 - b. Idolatry (12:29-13:18)
 - c. Clean & Unclean Food (14:1-21)
 - d. Tithes (14:22-29)
 - e. The Sabbatic Year (15)
 - i. Debt (15:1-11)
 - ii. Slaves (15:12-18)
 - f. Firstborn (15:19-23)

- g. Feasts (16:1-17)
 - i. Passover (1-3)
 - ii. Unleavened Bread (4-8)
 - iii. Feast of Weeks (9-12)
 - iv. Feast of Booths (13-17)
- 2. The Civil Laws (16:18-20:20)
 - a. Administration of Judges (16:18-17:13)
 - b. Administration of the King (17:14-20)
 - c. Administration of the Priest & Prophet (18)
 - i. Levitical Portions (1-8)
 - ii. Spiritism Forbidden (9-14)
 - iii. The Future Prophet (15-19)
 - iv. Test of a Prophet (20-22)
 - d. Cities of Refuge (19:1-14)
 - e. Witnesses (19:15-21)
 - f. Warfare (20)
 - i. Do not be Afraid (1-4)
 - ii. Exclusions from warfare (5-9)
 - iii. Terms of Peace, Spoils (10-15)
 - iv. Nations to Utterly Destroy (16-18)
 - vi. Siege (19-20)
- 3. The Social Laws (21-26)
 - a. Unknown Murder (21:1-9)
 - b. Family Laws (21:10-22:30)
 - i. Marriage to Captives (21:10-14)
 - ii. Inheritance (21:15-17)
 - ii. Rebellious Son (21:18-23)
 - iii. Brother's Property (22:1-4)
 - iv. Various Laws (22:5-12)
 - v. Marriage (22:13-30)
 - c. Acceptance into the Congregation (23:1-23)
 - d. Civil Harmony (23:24-25:19)
 - i. Eating Neighbor's Produce (23:24-25)
 - ii. Divorce (24:1-4)

iii. Miscellaneous Laws (24:5-25:19)

e. Tithe (26:1-15)

f. Vow of Israel & God (26:16-19)

III. Third Discourse: Blessings & Curses. 27-30

A. Erection of the Altar (27:1-8)

B. Admonition to Obey the Law (27:9-10)

C. Proclamation of the Curses (27:11-26)

D. Warnings of the Covenant (28)

1. Blessings for Obedience (1-14)

2. Curses for Disobedience (15-68)

E. The Palestinian Covenant (29-30)

1. The Covenant (29:1-15)

2. Warnings (29:16-30:10)

a. Scattering (29:16-29)

b. Restoration (30:1-10)

3. Ratification of the Covenant (30:11-20)

IV. Final Discourses & Succession. 31-34

A. Moses Charge to Joshua & Israel (31)

1. Charges (1-13)

2. Prophecy of Future Falling Away (14-22)

3. Commissioning of Joshua (23-30)

B. Moses's Song of Warning (32)

1. Moses' Song (1-43)

2. Moses' Warning (44-47)

3. Moses Commanded to go to Mt. Nebo to die (48-52)

C. The Blessings of Moses (33)

D. Moses Death (34)