

*From the Garden to Glory*

# Deuteronomy

**Author:** Moses (commonly accepted)

**Timeline:** c. 1407 B.C. (Covering about two months, including the thirty days of mourning Moses' death.)

**Location:** The Plains of Moab

**Category:** Historical  
Pentateuch

**Theme:** A Call to Obedience

## Overview:

Deuteronomy is a book of remembrance. The former generation of Israel had died in the wilderness and the new generation is going to enter into the Promised Land. Deuteronomy is not merely a repetition of the law but rather a re-statement of the law to the new generation. It shows the blessings of obedience and the curse of disobedience.

## Introduction:

Before you begin your study of Deuteronomy, consider the following questions and write your answers:

1. Read James 1:22. What is the difference between being a hearer of the Word and a doer of the Word? Be specific.
2. Describe a time when you were blessed for your obedience to the Lord. In what ways were you blessed?

3. Describe a time when you were "cursed" for disobedience. What happened?
  
4. Is there a situation in your life right now where you must choose between "life and death, blessing and cursing"? List five specific, practical steps you can take to *choose life* in this situation.
  
5. Meditate on the following quote from Joy Dawson: "The fear of God is evidenced in our lives by *instant, joyful, and whole* obedience to God. That is Biblical obedience. Anything else is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience. Doing what God has asked with murmuring is disobedience." In what ways are you obedient according to this definition of the word? In what ways are you disobedient?

## **Forward March**

Read Deuteronomy 1

1. Look at verses 2-3. The distance from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea was about 150 miles. How long should this journey have taken the children of Israel? How long did it actually take them? Henrietta Mears says, "We marvel at Israel's slowness. We can rather marvel at our own! We, like they, are often kept back by unbelief...God is such a faithful teacher. He never lets us pass on to another grade until we are ready." Can you think of a time when unbelief slowed God's progress in your own life?
  
2. List the two qualifications for leaders in verse 15. Over whom has the Lord given you a position of leadership? In what ways are you qualified to lead according to these standards? How could you improve in this area?
  
3. Summarize Israel's refusal to enter the land from verses 19-33.

4. Look at verses 34-46. What was the penalty for Israel's rebellion?

## **Instructions**

Read Deuteronomy 5 and 6

1. The name Deuteronomy means "Second Law" or "Repetition of the Law". How important is repetition of God's Word in your own life?
2. The word "hear" in 5:1 carries with it the sense of obedience; it is a *hearing* that *leads* to obedience. How does James 1:22-25 add to your understanding of this concept?
3. Write the commandment found in Deuteronomy 6:5. Read Matthew 22:34-38. What does Jesus say about this commandment? How do you obey this commandment in your own life?
4. Look at 6:6-9. According to Halley's Bible Handbook, "For the perpetuation of God's Ideas among the people, they were not to depend on Public Instruction alone; but were to teach them diligently at Home." (sic) How do you teach "God's ideas" (God's Word and His ways) in your home? Be specific.

## **The Messiah, Prophet**

Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22

1. Look at verse 18:15. Read John 1:43-45, 5:46, 6:14, 7:40 and Acts 3:22-23. Who is this Prophet?
2. Write out verse 18:18.

Look up the following verses and list the ways in which Jesus and Moses are alike:

- Exodus 2:1-2 and Matthew 2:13-23
- Hebrews 11:24-27 and Philippians 2:5-8
- Deuteronomy 29:1 and Hebrews 8:6-7

3. Look at verse 18:20. The Lord warned the children of Israel that false prophets would try to deceive them. How is a false prophet described in this verse? What would happen to false prophets?
4. What was the "test" found in verses 21-22 to determine whether or not a prophet was speaking for the Lord?

## **God's Covenant**

Read Deuteronomy 30

1. Look at verse 6. What will the Lord do to your heart? Why will He do this? Circumcision is surgery which is performed to cut away flesh that could hold disease in its folds; this disease could then be passed on to the wife of a man who was infected. How does this relate to our need for a circumcised heart?
2. Read verse 10. This verse refers to the "Book of the Law." Jeff Lasseigne says that Deuteronomy has been nicknamed "The Gospel of Love"; the word *love* is used twenty-one times in this book. How are the concepts of love and the law interrelated? In what ways is each one necessary for the other?
3. What was the choice offered in verses 15-16?

4. Read verse 19. How do you "choose life"? What does this "look like" in your life? Be specific.

## **The Song of Moses**

Read Deuteronomy 32:1-44

1. How is the Lord described in verse 4?
2. In verses 4, 15, 18, 30 and 31 the Lord is referred to as "the Rock". A rock is unchanging, permanent and stable. In what ways is the Lord your Rock?
3. Look at verse 21. What did the people do to provoke the Lord to jealousy and anger? How do you avoid doing this in your own life?
4. Read verses 39-43, and note everything you learn about the Lord.

## **God's Blessing**

Read Deuteronomy 33

1. In verse 1 Moses is described as "the man of God." How would you like to be described at the end of your life? What are you doing now to make that a reality?
2. Look at verse 3. What was God's heart towards His people? Read Romans 13:8-10. What is the fulfillment of the law?

3. Summarize Moses' prayer for each of the following tribes:

- Reuben
- Judah
- Levi
- Benjamin
- Joseph
- Zebulun
- Gad
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Asher

4. Look at verse 29. Moses concluded his final blessing with these words, "Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord..." What does it mean to you that you are a woman saved by the Lord?

## **The Death of Moses**

Read Deuteronomy 34

1. What did Moses see in verses 1-4?

2. Read verses 5-8. How old was Moses when he died? What was his physical condition at the time of his death? Who buried him?

3. Look at verse 9. Who would succeed Moses?

4. Read Matthew 17:1-3. Note what Moses was doing in these verses.

## **Summary**

As you conclude your study of the book of Deuteronomy consider the following questions and write your answers:

- 1.** What is the most important lesson you have learned from your study of this book? How can you apply this lesson in your life this week?
- 2.** What "new insights" did you learn about the Lord and yourself from your study?
- 3.** List one way in which your study caused you to do each of the following:

Praise and worship the Lord:

Confess an area of sin to the Lord:

Thank the Lord:

Ask for something from the Lord: