

Through the Bible Course

Deuteronomy

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Key Word: Obedience

Key Verse: 4:1

Deuteronomy – means “second law; not new, but given again”

Time and Place: After 38 years of wandering in wilderness where again on threshold of Promised Land – 1:3.

Purpose: Moses, an old man, 120 years old, gathers Israel before him and rehearses to the new generation (in preparation for entering The Promised Land).

1. God’s previous dealings with His people.
2. The requirements and obligations imposed upon them.
3. To point out to them the blessings of obedience and penalties of disobedience.

Note: Deuteronomy was quoted in New Testament 90 times; Christ quotes from it each time He answers Satan’s temptations.

I. Reviewing the Journeys – chapters 1-4

1. Reviewed happenings at Horeb – 1:1-18
 - a. How elders were appointed to assist him.
2. Failure at Kadesh reviewed – 1:19-46
3. Tracing route of wanderings – chapters 2 and 3
4. New generation taught lessons of Sinai – chapter 4
 - a. Importance of Law – verses 1,2
 - b. Laws are given for blessing and should be kept – verses 3-9
 - c. Again warned against idolatry – verses 10-25
 - d. Warning of dispersion, but return and will be blessed. God has greatly blessed them – verses 26-31

II. Restating the Law – chapters 5-27

1. Moses shows love of God in giving them; new emphasis.
 - a. Law given because God wished them well – 5:29

Note: God’s love of man is His motive for government.
 - b. Teach laws to children – 6:6-25
 1. When children ask meaning inform them of God’s goodness – verses 20-25
 - c. God chose because of love – 7:7,8
 1. Gave land because of wickedness of Canaanites – 9:4-7

2. Law to be obeyed because we love God – 11:13-25
3. Test of prophets – 13:1-4

III. Facing the Future – chapters 28-30

1. Levites pronouncing curse from Mt. Ebal for disobedience – 27:1-26
2. Blessing pronounced from Mt. Gerizim – 28:1-14
 - a. All peoples of earth shall know thou art called by name of Lord – vs. 9-10
3. If do not obey will be chastened – 28:15-16
4. Palestinian Covenant – chapters 29-30
 - a. God's goodness reviewed – 29:1-8
 - b. Renewed call to obedience – 29:9-29
 1. All enter into covenant with God – verses 12-16
 2. Have all know abominations of Egypt as warning not to turn from God – verses 17-21
 3. Dire results if turn from God – verses 22-29
 - c. Blessed when return to God – chapter 30:1-10

IV. Moses' Last Days – chapters 31-34

1. Last counsel to priests – Levites and Joshua – 31:1-13
2. God tells Moses of apostasy of Israel and commands him to write a song – 31:14-23
 - a. Moses wrote song and taught to children of Israel – vs. 22
3. Song of Moses – 32:1-44
4. Final blessing of tribes – 32:45-33:29
 - a. Final benediction on Israel – 33:27-29
5. Chapter 34
 - a. Death of Moses – verses 1-8
 - b. Joshua succeeds Moses and his estimate of the prophet Moses – verses 9-12