

# DEUTERONOMY

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The background of the image is a scenic landscape of rolling mountains shrouded in mist. The lighting is warm and golden, suggesting the time is either dawn or dusk. In the lower-left foreground, the silhouette of a person is visible, looking out towards the horizon. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# Deuteronomy

REMEMBER BEFORE YOU GO

# Pentateuch (Torah)

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Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

# Title

## Deuteronomy

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Deuteros = second

Nomos = law

- **Repetition** of the Law
- **Restatement** of the Law for **the Next Generation**



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MOSES (Deut 31:9)

and possibly other(s)

## Time:

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- 40th year, on the first day of the eleventh month since the Exodus (1:3)
- 1406 B.C.
- Events cover about One Month



# Place and Situation:

- The plains of Moab
- East of the Jordan (1:1)
- After they defeated Sihon and Og (1:4)
- Before entering the land





## **Content Overview:**

“Moses began to expound this law...” (1:5)

- I. 1<sup>st</sup> Message: Historical Review (Ch 1-4)
- II. 2<sup>nd</sup> Message: God’s Law (Ch 5-26)
- III. 3<sup>rd</sup> Message: “Choose Life!” (Ch 27-30)
- IV. Joshua Succeeds Moses (Ch 31-34)



## Key Verses

“I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. **For the Lord is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” Deut 30:19-20

# I. The 1<sup>st</sup> Message: Historical Review (Past)

CHAPTERS 1 – 4



# Deuteronomy 1

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- 1-5 Introduction: Moses is giving a review
- 6-21 Review from Horeb to Kardesh Barnea
- 22-46 Spies – Distrust and Rebellion – Consequence

→ Distrusting God has a consequence (death)



# Deuteronomy 2

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1-23      Forty years in the desert

24-37     Victory against Sihon the king of Heshbon

→ They lacked nothing.

→ He disciplined them. He did not destroy them.

# Deuteronomy 3

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- 1-11 Victory against Og, king of Bashan
- 12-20 The inheritance for Reuben, Gad, Manasseh
- 21-29 Joshua will enter, Moses not

→ Moses, the Shepherd Leader

# Deuteronomy 4

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1-6        Moses tells them to listen (obey) to the Law

7-49      Don't worship idols! Keep God's decrees!

→ “Know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other.” (35)



## II. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Message: God's Law (Present)

CHAPTERS 5 – 26

## 4 Reasons to *Delight* in the Law of the Lord

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1. God's Law Reveals Our Sins (Rom 3:20b)
2. God's Law Reveals God Himself (Rom 3:21b)
3. God's Law Reveals How to Express our Gratitude towards Him
4. God's Law Restrains Sin



# Deuteronomy 5

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1-22      The Ten Commandments

23-33     They are ready to obey

→ Remember God's grace on Sabbath day

→ “We will listen and obey” (27b)



# Deuteronomy 6

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1-5 Love God with all your heart, soul, strength

6-25 Pass it on to the next generation

→ Our ATTITUDE towards God

## Deuteronomy 6:4-7

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4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

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# Deuteronomy 7

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→ Conquer step by step with an absolute attitude





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# Deuteronomy 8

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1-10      God led you into a land with abundance of food

11-20    Don't become proud. Don't forget the LORD

→ It is God who gives you the ability to produce wealth  
Not your power, not the strength of your hands



# Deuteronomy 9

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1-7 God will drive out the strong nations

8-29 Remember the golden calf and Moses prayer  
Two times forty days and nights

→ Remember those who prayed for you

# Deuteronomy 10

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- 1-9      God never wanted to destroy them  
            All he is asking for is love and obedience
- 14-22    Circumcise your hearts  
            Don't be stiff-necked any longer

# Deuteronomy 11

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- 1-7 Remember the experiences of 1<sup>st</sup> Gen
- 7-15 Canaan and Egypt are different
- 16-32 Be careful to obey when you enter the promised land



# Deuteronomy 12

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1-3 Destroy all places of idol-worship

4-32 Worship at the chosen place in God's way

- Tithe
- Firstborn
- Offerings for the Levites

# Deuteronomy 13

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1-6      Warning from false prophets

7-18     Death to those who mislead God's people

# Deuteronomy 14

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- 1-2 Don't cut or shave for the dead
- 3-21 Clean and unclean animals
- 22-29 Giving a tenth to the Levites



# Deuteronomy 15

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1-6 Cancel debt every seventh year

7-23 Warnings not to be wicked but generous

→ Give generously - God will bless you

# Deuteronomy 16

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- 1-17 Three main festivals
- 16-17 Never appear empty-handed
- 18-22 Appoint judges and judge fairly

→ Use your vacations for the Lord











# Deuteronomy 17

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1-7      Commands on worship

8-20     Regulations for a king

- Must be no foreigner
- Must not take the people back to Egypt
- Must not take many wives
- Must write, read and obey the Law

# Deuteronomy 18

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1-8      Firstfruit to the Levites

9-14     Do not imitate the way of the nations

15-20    Prophecy of a prophet like Moses  
            Listen to him

→ The Law fulfilled and completed in Christ Jesus

# Deuteronomy 19

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1-14 Cities of refuge

15-21 A proof needs two or three witnesses



# Deuteronomy 20

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- 1-9 Don't be afraid in war  
Let the fainthearted return
- 10-20 No mercy within the inheritance  
“Completely destroy them...” (17)

# Deuteronomy 21

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1-23      Diverse social regulations

18-21    If your son remains rebellious and  
unrepentant, put him to death

→ Understand but DO NOT compromise

# Deuteronomy 22

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- 1-30 Regulations on living together
- Care for your brothers' cattle
  - Protect your roof so no one falls down
  - A woman being violated shall scream

→ Love one another



# Deuteronomy 23

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- 1-6 Ammonites, Moabites must not enter the assembly of the LORD → only in Jesus
- 7-20 Keep the camp pure
- 21-23 Pay as vowed
- 24-25 Do not to act greedily

# Deuteronomy 24

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## 1-22 Rules in social life

- No army service one year after marriage
- Help the alien, fatherless and the widow



# Deuteronomy 25

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- 1-3 Limit punishment to forty lashes
- 5-12 Take your childless brother's widow
- 13-16 Have accurate and honest measure and live long
- 17-19 Remember Amalekites: They had no fear of God

# Deuteronomy 26

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1-19      A confession to make with their firstfruits:  
Remembering the grace of God



## Deut 26:8-10

- <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.



# III. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Message: “Choose Life” (Future)

CHAPTERS 27 – 30

## Deuteronomy 27

1-10 They now were the people of the LORD

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11-26 Levites shall recite and all the people shall say,  
“Amen.”

"Cursed is anyone who makes an idol."

"Amen!"

"Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother."

"Amen!"



# Deuteronomy 28

## 1-14 Blessings for **OBEDIENCE**

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- In the city and in the country
- Children, crops, livestock, fruit and bakery
- All nations will see, they are called by his name
- Rain in season. Lending to many nations and borrow from none
- You will be the head not the tail.

# Deuteronomy 28

## 15-68 Curses for **DISOBEDIENCE**

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- Destruction, sudden ruin, diseases, defeat
- Madness, blindness and confusion of mind
- Being unsuccessful in everything they do
- The alien among them will rise above them. He'll be the head, they will be the tail
- All compassion disappears
- They will be scattered among the nations.

# Deuteronomy 29

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- 1            They are summoned to enter a covenant
- 2-17        You saw. You heard. You know.
- 18-28      Make sure there is no one among you  
              who's heart turns away from the Lord
- 29           The secret things belong to the Lord  
              The things revealed belong to us



# Deuteronomy 30

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1-10 God will restore them after being scattered

11-18 God's command is in their hearts.

19-20 I set before you life and death. Choose life!

→ God's command is not difficult to obey

# IV. Joshua Succeeds Moses (Final)

CHAPTERS 31 – 34



# Deuteronomy 31

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- 1-15      Transfer of leadership from Moses to Joshua
- 16-26    God predicts their idol worship
- 27-30    You are sure to become utterly corrupt

→ Why Joshua?

→ The word is our life or a witness against us



# Deuteronomy 32

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1-44 Moses song

48-52 Moses climbs  
Mount Nebo to  
see the land



# Deuteronomy 33

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1-25 Moses blesses the tribes of Israel

26-29 Praise of God and of his people

# Deuteronomy 34

## 1-11 Moses death

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- He dies at 120
- God buries him. No one knows his grave
- They grieve for him for 30 days
- Joshua was filled with the spirit of God
- Since then no prophet has risen like Moses



# Summary of Deuteronomy

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- Moses teaches the Law to the Next Generation
- God will send a prophet. They should listen to him
- They will enter the promised land
- “I have set before you Life and death. Choose life!”

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