

## OT5: Deuteronomy (Deut: 34 Chapters) The Law

### Theme: Jehovah's Gracious Dealings: An Incentive Unto Grateful Obedience

**Deuteronomy** contains three sermons and two poems spoken by Moses in Moab as the Israelites prepare to cross the River Jordan after his death. Moses expounds the Law and predicts the nation's future of dispersion, restoration, and blessing.

**Prayers in Deuteronomy:** Moses-that he might see the Promised Land Deut 3:23-25; Deut 34:1-4

#### Brief Outline:

- Deut 1-4: I. Jehovah has dealt graciously with you from Sinai to Moab (A Recap)
- Deut 5-26: II. Observe, therefore, his law (the law reviewed beginning with the 10 commandments)
- Deut 27-28: III In order that you may be blessed, not cursed
- Deut 29-34: IV Conclusion
  - Deut 29-30 A. The Covenant Made in Moab
  - Deut 31-34 B. Moses' Farewell and Death

#### Expanded Outline:

- I. Deut 1-4 Jehovah has dealt graciously with you from Sinai to Moab (A Recap). Recap of: God's faithfulness & Israel's unfaithfulness. Covers: Spies, Israel's refusal, Desert years, Sihon, Og, Moses Forbidden
  - Deut 1:37 "Even with me [Moses] the Lord was angry on your account and said, "You shall not go in there..."
  - Deut 2 Wilderness Wondering & Defeat of Sihon
  - Deut 3 Defeat of Og, Moses pleads to enter Promised land, is allowed to look, but forbidden to enter
    - Deut 3:11 Og of Rephaim, Bed of Iron 9 cubits = 13.5 ft long
    - Deut 3:22 Reminder to Joshua: "You shall not fear them, for it is the Lord your God who fights for you"
  - Deut 4. Moses commands obedience & warns of idolatry
    - Deut 4:2 "You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it..."
    - Deut 4:15 -40 Exposition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment followed by warnings against idolatry
- II. Deut 5-26: Observe, therefore His law (the law reviewed beginning with the 10 commandments)
  - Deut 5 **The 10 Commandments** [notice the "thou" (2ps) is an individual address – all the way through address is to the individual]
  - Deut 6 The Greatest Commandment
    - Deut 6:5 **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and... (Matt 22:37-40)**
    - Deut 6:10-11 Reminder: Canaan: Cities that you did not build, houses you did not fill, vineyards / olive trees you did not plant!
  - Deut 7 Israel is God's chosen people. Canaan will be possessed by Israel. No reason to fear. Command to devote to destruction Canaan's Inhabitants.
    - Deut 7:21-22 "You shall not be in dread of them, for the Lord your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. The Lord your God will clear away these nations before you, little by little."
  - Deut 8 Israel Commanded to Remember the Lord your God
    - **Deut 8:3** "And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, **that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**" (see Mt 4:4)
    - **Deut 8:5** "know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you"

- **Deut 8:17 “beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth’”**
- Deut 9
  - Canaan is being given to Israel because of the wickedness of its inhabitants, NOT because of Israel’s righteousness.
  - Recap of Golden Calf Incident of Ex 32-34
- Deut 10:1-12 Recap of New Tablets of Stone,
  - Deut 10:13-22 Circumcise your heart!
- Deut 11 Love & Serve the Lord: He has done all for Israel
- Deut 12 Regulative Principle:
  - Deut 12:8-10 “You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing what is right in his own eyes, for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you.”
  - Deut 12:32 **“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it”** (Regulative Principle)
- Deut 13
  - False Prophets: If predictions do not come to fruition, execute them.
  - Idol worship must also be punished by the death penalty (stoning)
- Deut 14 Clean & Unclean food: Parted hoof & Cud Chewing / Fins & Scales / & selected Clean Winged creatures. Rest = Unclean. Tithe commanded.
- Deut 15
  - Sabbatical Year.
  - Provision for the poor.
  - Hebrew slaves.
  - Firstborn males of herds: offerings.
- Deut 16
  - Passover, Feast of Weeks, Feast of Booths
  - Judges & officers must be set up for justice according to each tribe.
- Deut 17
  - Idolatry: Punish by stoning if 2 or more witnesses. Witness must throw the first stone.
  - Priests and Judges decide on difficult legal decisions, and their ruling must be honored, else, death penalty.
  - Laws concerning Israel’s Kings.
- Deut 18
  - Provision for Priest & Levites
  - Abominable practices Prohibited (Human Sacrifice, witchcrafts, etc)
  - A new prophet like Moses will come, but do not fear false prophets
- Deut 19 Cities of Refuge, Laws concerning witnesses (2 or more necessary)
- Deut 20 Warfare Laws
- Deut 21
  - Atonement for unsolved murders
  - Marrying Female Captives
  - Firstborn Son – Inheritance Rights

- Rebellious son treatment.
  - **A man hanged on a tree is cursed by God**
- Deut 22 Various Laws incl. law against cross-dressing, Also Parapet law. Laws concerning sexual immorality (fornication, rape, adultery, incest)
- Deut 23
  - Those excluded from the assembly of the Lord
  - Uncleaness in the Camp: Nocturnal Emission
  - Various Laws including prohibition of charging a brother interest on a loan
- Deut 24 Various Laws incl. Divorce, Sojourners, fatherless, & widows
  - Deut 24:15 Newly weds – 1 yr free from public service
  - Deut 24 :16 Fathers must not be executed for the sins of their children, nor children for the sins of their fathers
- Deut 25 Various Laws
  - Forty Stripes = max
  - **Deut 25:4 “You shall not muzzle an Ox when it is treading out the grain”**
- Deut 26
  - Offerings of the first fruits & tithes.
  - Recap of God’s delivering = warrant to obey.
- III. Deut 27-28: In order that you may be blessed, not cursed. Blessings on Obedience, Curses on Disobedience.
  - Deut 27 Plastered stones & Altar on Mt. Ebal. Curses from Mt. Ebal.
  - Deut 28
    - Deut 28:1-14 Blessings for Obedience
    - Deut 28:15 – 68 Curses for disobedience: Extraordinary afflictions
      - Deut 25:59 “then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting.”
      - **Deut 28:63 “And as the Lord took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the Lord will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you”**
- IV. Deut 29-34: Conclusion
  - A. Deut 29-30 The covenant renewed in Moab
    - Deut 29:4-5 “But to this day the Lord has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear. I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.”
    - **Deut 29:29: “The secret things belong to God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law”**
    - Deut 30 God will be merciful in response to repentance. He will grant forgiveness.
      - Deut 30:1 “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse...”
      - Deut 30:6 “And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”
      - Deut 30:11-20 Obedience = Life; disobedience = death. Choose life and obey!!
        - Deut 30:14 “But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it” see Rom 10:8

- B. Deut 31-34 Moses' farewell and death
  - Deut 31. Joshua appointed new leader (by God through Moses) Moses commanded to write the "Song of Moses"
    - Deut 31:8 "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed"
    - Deut 31:16 "And the Lord said to Moses "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. **Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake and break my covenant that I have made with them.**"
    - Deut 31:24 "When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end..."
  - Deut 32. The Song of Moses: "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak"
    - Deut 32:9 "But the Lord's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted Heritage"
    - Deut 32:35 "**Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand and their doom comes swiftly**" (JE – "Sinners..")
    - Deut 32:48 -52 Moses Instructed by God to ascend Mt. Nebo & view the promised land – before he dies.
  - Deut 33. Final blessing by Moses upon Israel: "The Eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms"
    - Deut 33:29 "Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs." *Last words recorded for Moses.*
  - Deut 34. The Death of Moses at 120 on Mt Nebo in Moab after God shows him the promised land.
    - Deut 34:6 God buries Moses in Moab, but no one knows where
    - Deut 34:7 Moses' eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated at the time of his death
    - Deut 34:9 "And Joshua the Son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him"
    - Deut 34:10 "And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face..."