

Deuteronomy Preamble to Deuteronomy #1

Memory Verse

1 John 4:8 *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

What? --- Deuteronomy, The fifth, and last, of the Five Books of Moses, sixth including Job. Sometimes called by the Jews Devarim "The Words" or "Mishneh Torah", repetition of the law; Greeks call it "Deuteronomy".

There are no amendments of Moses earlier books. Deuteronomy expands on the earlier books. Deut **1-4** Review, **5-26** Requirements, **27-34** Road ahead.

Historical, Legal, Prophetical.

There are 34 chapters and it takes 2.5 hours to read at average speed

Where? --- What we would call the country of Jordan. Hashemite Empire.

Who? --Moses is speaking to the leaders of the people, "all Israel".

It's hard to address 2 million people without a modern sound system.

Why? Renew the covenant between Jehovah and His people. Many of these are the children of those who initially left Egypt. They need to hear it again.

When? - - - 1406 BC The Book of Deuteronomy contains an account of what passed in the wilderness from the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year after the departure from Egypt to the death of Moses.

"The history covers a discourse to the people in the plains of Moab the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year, **Deu 1:3**. It concludes after 30 days of morning following the death of Moses, who died about the first day of the twelfth month of the same year, Moses was aged 120.

Other than Joshua and Caleb, How old was the oldest person, 59, 60?

Deuteronomy 27:1-8 (READ) was to be their foundational constitution

2 Kings 22:8 (NKJV) *Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.*

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 *"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,*

The Three Temptations of Jesus

Matthew 4:4 *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "*

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NKJV) *So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.*

Matthew 4:7 (NKJV) *Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "*

Deuteronomy 6:16 (NKJV) *"You shall not tempt the Lord your God as you tempted Him in Massah.*

Matthew 4:10 (NKJV) *Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "*

Deuteronomy 6:13-14 (NKJV) *You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. ¹⁴ You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you.*

Deuteronomy is quoted about 85 times, in 21 New Testament books.

Deuteronomy is a book with prophecies.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3 (NKJV) *"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, ² and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.*

Deuteronomy 31:16 (NKJV) *And the Lord said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.*

Prophecy of Christ

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 (NKJV) *"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, ¹⁶ according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' ¹⁷ "And the Lord said to me: 'What they have spoken is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. ¹⁹ And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.*

Mark 6:15 (NKJV) *Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets."*

Love, to be Loved (“Love” is found 25 times in Deuteronomy)

1 John 4:8 says, “God is love.” Also in **1 John 4: 16**. However simple those three words (four in Greek), the idea behind them is so deep, so profound, that we can barely grasp their implications. They don’t say that God loves, or that God reveals love, or that God is a manifestation of love but that God is love. Is love—as if love is the essence of God’s identity Himself.

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (NKJV) “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 7:8 (NKJV) but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:13 (NKJV) And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

Deuteronomy 30:20 (NKJV) that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

The Perversion of Love

Isaiah 14:12–14 (NKJV) “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!¹³ For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’

Ezekiel 28:14–15 (NKJV) “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

Revelation 12:7–9 (NKJV) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The Fall and the Flood

Genesis 2:16–17 (NKJV) And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Genesis 6:5–8 (NKJV) Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Then Babel

The Call of Abram

Genesis 12:1–3 (NKJV) Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Galatians 3:7–9 (NKJV) Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

John 8:39 (NKJV) They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

Romans 2:28–29 (NKJV) For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;²⁹ but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Acts 7:30–36 (NKJV) “And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, ³² saying, ‘I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and dared not look. ³³ ‘Then the Lord said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. ³⁴ I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.”’ ³⁵ “This Moses whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

The Covenant at Sinai

Deuteronomy 4:34–35 (NKJV) Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ To you it was shown, that you might know that the Lord Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Exodus 19:4–6 (NKJV) ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Apostasy and Punishment

Exodus 5 19:8 (NKJV) “ ‘All that the LORD has spoken we will do’

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Is the call to obey God and to keep His law legalism?

John 14:15 (NKJV) “If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Matthew 5:19 (NKJV) *Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Mark 10:19 (NKJV) *You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”*