

INTRODUCTION TO Deuteronomy

READ ALONG

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KEY THEMES

- God’s uniqueness
- Israel’s election
- God’s faithfulness
- God’s power to defeat the enemies in the land
- Exhortations to Israel to love, serve, fear, and obey God
- Warnings against idolatry and instruction for proper worship of God

WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

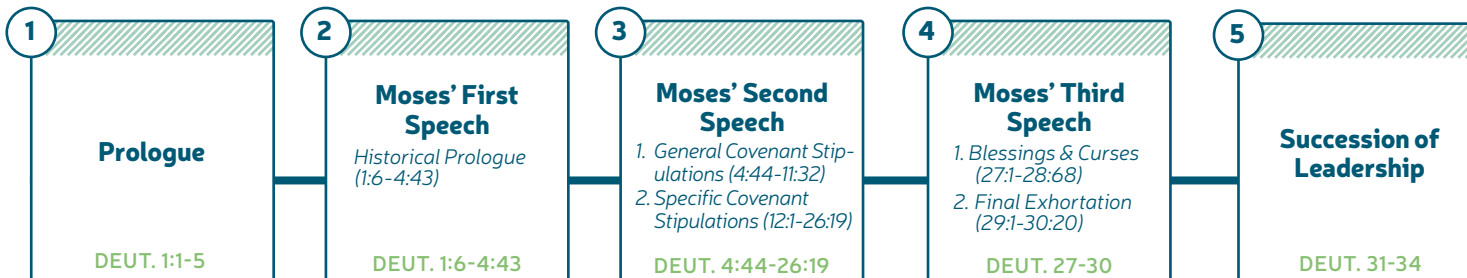
2. EXODUS
3. LEVITICUS
4. NUMBERS
5. **DEUTERONOMY**
6. JOSHUA
7. JUDGES
8. RUTH

KEY VERSES

- **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**, “Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.”
- **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**, “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you except to fear the Lord your God by walking in all his ways, to love him, and to worship the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul? Keep the Lord’s commands and statutes I am giving you today, for your own good.”
- **Deuteronomy 30:19-20**, “I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, love the Lord your God, obey him, and remain faithful to him. For he is your life, and he will prolong your days as you live in the land the Lord swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

BASIC STRUCTURE

34 CHAPTERS



BOOK BASICS



DATE
Circa 1400 BC



TYPE
Law



AUTHOR
Moses

Deuteronomy means “second law,” a name which originated from the Hebrew phrase meaning “a copy of this law.” The book is a retelling of the covenant between God and Israel.

The book of Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Bible and it is the final book of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible). The book mostly consists of three sermons or farewell speeches by Israel’s leader, Moses, which are about preparing the people to enter the Promised Land. He reminds them of the covenant or agreement God made with them at Mt Sinai 40 years earlier, and of their failure to be obedient so far. He calls this new generation of God’s people to uphold their end of the covenant, unlike those before them. Sadly, Moses recognizes that Israel won’t be able to do the things they’re being called to do, and that the result will be exile in a foreign land. However, he offers a glimmer of hope in chapter 30 that at any point they can turn back to God and He will restore them and bring them back to Him.