

## INTRODUCTION & SUMMARY OF DEUTERONOMY

### DEUTERONOMY OVERVIEW

Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Old Testament. It is a book that stresses obedience to God. The name means “the repeated (duetero) law (nomos)”.

Israel is poised at the entrance to the promised land. Moses seizes one last opportunity to prepare the people for their new life in their new land. Moses wanted to make sure that their future would be built on its covenant with God and nothing else.

Deuteronomy is a book of remembrance and hope, retrospect and prospect. It looks back to Israel's deliverance from Egypt and her desert wanderings; it looks ahead to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. This symbolizes the Christian life, between conversion and final glory.

### WHAT DOES IT TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- a God nearby (4:7);
- a non-visible God (4:11,15);
- a merciful God (4:31);
- the only God (4:35, 6:4,5);
- a loving, choosing God (4:37, 33:3);
- a delivering God (5:6);
- a commanding God (5:7ff);
- a jealous God (5:9);
- a revealing God (5:24);
- a promising God (6:3);
- a faithful God (7:9);
- a great and awesome God (7:21, 10:17);
- a chastening God (8:5);
- an empowering God (8:18);
- a consuming fire (9:3);

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- an impartial, just God (10:17,18);
- a seeing, caring God (11:12);
- a rest-giving God (12:10);
- a communicating God (18:15-19);
- a hearing, looking God (26:7);
- a blessing God (28:1-14);
- a God who permits curses (28:15-68);
- a perfect, righteous, upright God; the Rock (32:4);
- a God of judgment (32:39-41)

### QUOTED OFTEN

Both Jesus and the apostles often quoted Deuteronomy along with Genesis, Psalms, and Isaiah. All three of His responses to the Devil's temptations are found here:

***"Man shall not live by bread alone"*** (8:3);

***"You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him"*** (6:13);

***"You shall not tempt the Lord your God"*** (6:16).

**"SHEMA" (ancient prayer of Israel)**

***"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."***  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5

These words were to be upon the hearts of the Israelites, they were to teach them urgently to their children. Jesus used these words to sum up all of the law and the prophets (Matt 22:36-40).

**APPLICATION**

Three basic questions form this section.

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**What does this story tell us about God?**

Deuteronomy is Moses' summary of all that God had provided for the people of Israel. God stands as the chief figure throughout every page of this book.

On the previous page is a list of all the ways in which God is described in Deuteronomy. Take time to look up each one and consider how you have experienced God in each way. Also, take time to praise God for all of His attributes and the way He has taken care of you, just as He has taken care of Israel.

**What does this story tell us about humanity?**

This story emphasizes humanity's need to be reminded over and over again that God comes through for His people. And that every generation has a responsibility to pass on the truths of God's word to the next.

**How do we apply this to our lives?**

This story evokes the idea of remembering. It is Moses' way of saying to the people 'don't forget what God has brought us through. And don't forget that He has called us to a certain standard of living.'

*"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that 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." Deuteronomy 30:19-20*

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**WHAT IS MY STORY? (THOUGHTS):**