



DEUTERONOMY

REMEMBER, LOVE & OBEY



OVERVIEW

Deuteronomy records Moses' final covenant addresses to Israel on the plains of Moab, just before the nation enters the Promised Land. A new generation must learn from the failures of the wilderness and personally embrace the covenant given at Sinai. Moses reviews God's faithfulness, explains and applies His law, warns against idolatry and forgetfulness, and calls Israel to wholehearted love and obedience. The book culminates in a choice between life and death, blessing and curse, before Moses commissions Joshua, blesses Israel, views the land, and dies.

GENESIS AT A GLANCE

Author	Moses; the closing account of his death was necessarily recorded afterward
Date Written	At the end of Israel's forty years in the wilderness, shortly before the conquest of Canaan.
Original Audience	The new generation of Israelites poised to enter the Promised Land
Purpose	To prepare Israel for life in the Promised Land by renewing the covenant and calling a new generation to remember the LORD, love Him wholeheartedly, and obey His Word.
Key Verse	Deuteronomy 6:5
Main Theme	God's redeemed people are called to remember His faithfulness, love Him with undivided hearts, and demonstrate that love through faithful obedience.
Key People	Moses, Joshua, Aaron, the new generation of Israel
Key Places	Plains of Moab, Horeb/Sinai, Kadesh-barnea, Jordan River, Mount Ebal, Mount Gerizim, Mount
Key Events	Review of the wilderness journey, restatement of the Ten Commandments, the Shema, explanation & application of the law, covenant blessings and curses, covenant renewal, call to choose life, commissioning of Joshua, Song of Moses, blessing of the tribes, death of Moses

KEY THEMES

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Remember & Do Not Forget

Israel must remember God's redemption, provision, discipline, and faithfulness. Forgetfulness—especially in prosperity—leads to pride and disloyalty.

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Love & Obedience

Love for God is not merely emotional. Wholehearted love expresses itself through loyalty, worship, service, and obedience.

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The Word of God

God's Word is to be heard, learned, obeyed, taught to children, written down, remembered, and allowed to govern every area of life.

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Exclusive Loyalty

The LORD alone is Israel's God. Idolatry is therefore not merely improper worship but covenant betrayal.

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Covenant Blessing & Judgment

Obedience brings covenant blessing, while persistent rebellion brings judgment and ultimately exile. Yet God also promises restoration when His people return to Him.

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The Heart

Deuteronomy repeatedly moves beyond external conformity to inward allegiance: loving God with the whole heart, guarding against pride, circumcising the heart, and anticipating God's work of heart renewal.

PURPOSE AND MESSAGE

Deuteronomy prepares a new generation to live faithfully in the land God promised. Israel must remember His grace, love Him wholeheartedly, obey His Word, reject rival gods, and teach His truth to the next generation.

The book makes the choice plain: covenant faithfulness leads toward life and blessing; rebellion leads toward judgment. Yet even beyond Israel's anticipated failure, God promises restoration and a renewed heart when His people return to Him.

KEY VERSE

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Deuteronomy 6:5