

# THE BOOKS OF MOSES: DEUTERONOMY

17 November 2021 | *Week 7: The Covenant Restated*

## I. Review

## II. Introduction to Deuteronomy

- Historical Context:

*These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness... in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law... Deut. 1:1,5*

- Redemptive-Historical Context

*See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’ - Deut. 1:8*

“The covenant Lord loves and is faithful to his covenant people; they should love and be faithful to him as well” – Dr. Nicholas Piotrowski

“Deuteronomy calls upon Israel to obey Yahweh in order to enter and stay in the land. Only those who submit to Yahweh’s lordship will experience his blessing”  
– Tom Schreiner, *The King in His Beauty*

Deuteronomy is the theological heart of the Old Testament – Scott Redd

### **III. Literary Structure of Deuteronomy: Covenantal**

#### Speech Structure

- 1) Prologue (1:1-5)
- 2) Historical Prologue: Moses' First Speech (1:6-4:43)
- 3) Covenant Stipulations: Moses' Second Speech (4:44 – 26:68)
- 4) Covenant Blessings & Curses: Moses' Third Speech (27-33)
- 5) The Death of Moses (34)

#### Covenantal Structure

- 1) Preamble (1:1-5)
- 2) Historical Prologue (1:6-4:43)
- 3) Covenant Stipulations (4:44 – 26:68)
  - a. Prescriptive Law: 10 Commandments (5)
  - b. Descriptive Law: 10 Commandments Lived Out (6-26)
    - i. 1st Commandment (6-11)
    - ii. 2nd Commandment (12)
    - iii. 3rd Commandment (13:1-14:21)
    - iv. 4th Commandment (14:22-16:17)
    - v. 5th Commandment (16:18-18:22)
    - vi. 6th Commandment (19-21)
    - vii. 7th Commandment (22:13-23:14)
    - viii. 8th Commandment (23:15-24:7)
    - ix. 9th Commandment (24:8-16)
    - x. 10th Commandment (24:17-26:15)
- 4) Document Clauses (27)
- 5) Blessings & Curses (28)
- 6) Oaths & Ratification (29-30)
- 7) Witnesses (31-32:47)
- 8) Conclusion (32:48-32:12)

## IV. Yahweh's Historic & Future Faithfulness – Deuteronomy 1-5

- Signs of God's Faithfulness to Israel

*And I commanded Joshua at that time, 'Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So will the LORD do to all the kingdoms into which you are crossing. <sup>22</sup>You shall not fear them, for it is the LORD your God who fights for you.'* - Deut. 3:21-22

*"For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call on him... Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. - Deut. 4:7,9a*

*"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed... And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. <sup>29</sup>But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup>When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. <sup>31</sup>**For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.** - Deut. 4:28-31*

- Israel's Call to be Faithful (5:6-21)

## V. The *Shema* – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.<sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might” – Deut. 6:4-5*

- “Hear”
- “Heart”
- “Soul”
- “Strength”

*<sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deut. 6:6-9*

- The Word of God permeating all of life (vs. 6-9)

*But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>**On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”- Matthew 22:34-40***

## VI. Israel's Laws – Deuteronomy 6-26

- Prescriptive & Descriptive Law

- The Church Today

## VII. The Essence of the Law – Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

- The Law is good (vs. 12-13)
- The Law requires a new heart (vs. 10:15-16; 30:6)
- The Law is from a good and great God (vs 17-19)

## VIII. Covenant Blessings and Curses – Deuteronomy 27-28

### IX. The Great High Prophet – Deuteronomy 18:15-22

*The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. **<sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.**<sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.<sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’<sup>21</sup> And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’—<sup>22</sup> when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him. – Deut. 18:15-22*

*Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,<sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,<sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.<sup>22</sup> Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.<sup>23</sup> And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.’<sup>24</sup> And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.<sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’<sup>26</sup> God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.” – Acts 3:19-26*

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