

**“THROUGH THE BIBLE”**  
Union Chapel M. B. Church  
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**DEUTERONOMY**  
OUTLINE 1  
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**Theme: “Love God, Obey God”**

Deuteronomy is primarily the retelling of Mosaic law, but its text is still important today.

**Key Verse:** When asked what the greatest commandment is, Jesus cites Deut. 6:5, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy three times when the devil tempts Him in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11).

**Focus:** Deuteronomy focuses on loving God and keeping His commandments (Deut. 11:2), which is exactly what Christ expects of us (John 14:15)

**Important Narrative: Moses’ Farewell Speech**

A farewell speech from Moses to the people of Israel shortly before his death, Deuteronomy recaps the promises of God and provides instructions to obey Him in the Promised Land.

**Finally Ready To Cross Over the River Jordan After 40 Years:**

Israel is just across the Jordan River from the Promised Land of Canaan. Moses has led the young nation out of Egypt on a 40-year journey through the wilderness, and they have just defeated several enemies before setting up camp here. Three of the 12 tribes are already settling the land east of the Jordan, and the whole nation is almost ready to enter the land God promised to their ancestor Abraham (back in the Book of Genesis).

Deuteronomy reviews the Torah and foreshadows the rest of the Old Testament's story.

In Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the people of God's actions in the past:

- His promises to Abraham in Genesis
- His faithfulness in rescuing Israel in Exodus
- His holiness in Leviticus
- His punishment on the disobedient in Number

Moses also gives directions, blessing, and warnings, for the children of Israel in the future:

- The appointment of Joshua as the new leader
- God's expectations of kings - which take effect when Saul becomes king in 1 Samuel
- Prosperity for obeying God - which happens during David's and Solomon's reigns (1 Kings 8:56; 10:14-29)
- Exile for disobedience - which happens when the tribes are conquered by Assyria and Babylon (2 Kings 17:6-23; 25:1-6)
- God's promises to restore Israel - which happens when Cyrus allows the Jews to return from Babylon in the Book of Ezra

### **Quick Outline of Deuteronomy**

1. Recap of Israel's journey from Egypt (Deut. 1-3)
2. Recap of Israel's relationship with God (Deut. 4-10)
3. How to love God and keep His commandments (Deut. 11-26)
4. Blessings, curses, and restoration (Deut. 27-30)

### **More Books Related to Deuteronomy**

- Joshua (next book of the Bible)
- Numbers (previous)
- Exodus, (when God first establishes His covenant laws)
- Leviticus (God's holiness)
- 1 Samuel (Israel demands a king)
- 2 Kings (Israel is exiled)
- Ezra (Israel returns to their land)

### **Concluding Questions and Answers**