

“Deuteronomy: 2nd Law—2nd Chances”

INTRODUCTION

Deuteronomy is about seconds...the second giving of the Law, the second opportunity to enter the land of promise, a second extension of the covenant to a second generation of children who have now taken their parents and grandparents' place.

As I think about this book I think about the passing of time and what the people lived through who received these words. I think about from whom they received these messages--Moses—the oldest man among them. How, over a period of one month, he would speak passionately about remembering the past and learning from their forefather's sin and rebellion, about a new purpose of subduing and living in the land of Promise and accepting fully the responsibilities of being a holy people. And finally, the faithful and venerable prophet would warn and bless the people before handing the reins of leadership over to Joshua.

Deuteronomy

I. The Basics

- A. Authorship: Moses and assumed to be Joshua in chapter 34
- B. Purpose: To prepare a new generation for the work of C_____ and P_____ the Land of Promise
- C. Structure: Three Sermons of Moses to the People
- D. Structure, Part 2: A F_____ T_____ that Re-Establishes the Covenant between God and His Called Out People
- E. Themes: Blessings and Curses; Teach, Listen, Obey; “Hear” (50 times); “Do,” “Keep,” “Observe” (177 times)

II. Sermon 1 : What God Has Done – Historical, 1:1-4:43

“Your children make it impossible to regret your past. They're its finest fruits. Sometimes the only ones.” Anna Quindlen

1: 34 “Then the LORD heard the sound of your words, and He was angry and took an oath, saying,

35 ‘Not one of these men, this evil generation, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers,

A. A Rehearsal of their Parent's F _____ to Obey and the C _____

B. A F _____ of What Is to come as they Obey and Conquer East of the Jordan

1. Respect Extended Family and their Heritage – Don't create Unnecessary Enemies
2. Victory over their First G _____ – Sihon and Og
3. First Settlements for Two and a half Tribes [Reuben, Gad, Manasseh]

III. **Sermon 2: What God Expected of Israel – Legal, 4:44-26:19**

“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” John F. Kennedy

4: 5 *“See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do thus in the land where you are entering to possess it.*

6 *“So keep and do them, for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’*

7 *“For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?”*

A. The Re-Statement of the 10 Commandments,

B. The Exposition of National Laws

1. Ceremonial Law for a R _____ Nation [Loving God]
2. Civil Law for a R _____ and J _____ Nation [Ruling Like God]
3. Social Law for a C _____ Nation [Loving Man]

IV. **Sermon 3: What God Will Do – Prophetical, 27:1-34:12**

“Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.” James Baldwin

30:4 *“If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.*

5 *“The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.*

6 *“Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.*

A. R_____ of the Covenant...Altar and Oaths 27-28

B. Institution of the Palestinian Covenant...Conditional in Time/Unconditional in God's Plan, 29-30

C. Transition of the Covenant M_____...Moses to Joshua

V. **The Scarlet Thread in Deuteronomy**

A. Moses as the T_____ of Christ [Prophet, Priest, Ruler/King]

B. The Forgiveness and Restoration of Sinful People by a Covenant Keeping God

CONCLUSION: Psalm 90

Answer Key: conquering; possessing; formal treatise; failure; consequences; foretaste, giants, religious, righteous, just, compassionate, ratification, mediator

