

# Deuteronomy: The Book of Remembering, Covenant, and Choosing God

## What Does “Deuteronomy” Mean?

The word Deuteronomy means second law or repetition of the law. This does not mean God gave a different law. It means the Law was repeated and explained again to a new generation. The first generation that left Egypt had died in the wilderness because of unbelief. Now their children stood at the edge of the Promised Land. Before they entered, God used Moses to remind them who He was, what He had done, and how they should live.

## Who Wrote Deuteronomy?

The human author of Deuteronomy is traditionally believed to be Moses. Moses likely wrote most of Deuteronomy around 1406 BC, near the end of his life, just before Israel entered the Promised Land. The final section describing Moses' death was likely added by another inspired writer, traditionally connected to Joshua. God guided the writing by the Holy Spirit.

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## What Was Happening at the Time?

Israel had spent forty years in the wilderness. They were now camped on the plains of Moab, just across from the Jordan River, ready to enter Canaan. Moses knew he would not enter the land because of earlier disobedience. So he gave final sermons to the people. He wanted them to remember:

- God rescued you
- God provided for you
- God disciplined you
- God loved you

Do not forget Him when life gets easier  
Deuteronomy is Moses speaking like a loving father to a people about to begin a new season.

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## Main Theme of Deuteronomy



Deuteronomy shows that:

- God wants love, not empty religion
- Obedience flows from relationship
- Remembering God protects the heart
- Choices have consequences
- God keeps covenant promises
- His people must remain faithful



This book is deeply about the heart.

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## Simple Outline of Deuteronomy



### ***Chapters 1 to 4***

- Remember the journey
- Moses reviews Israel's history and wilderness lessons.

### ***Chapters 5 to 11***

- Love and obey God
- The Ten Commandments are repeated.
- Israel is called to wholehearted love.

### ***Chapters 12 to 26***

- How to live in the land
- Worship, justice, leadership, family life, generosity, and holiness.



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### ***Chapters 27 to 30***

- Blessings and warnings
- Life and death are set before the people.

### ***Chapters 31 to 34***

- Final words of Moses
- Joshua commissioned
- Song of Moses
- Blessing of tribes
- Death of Moses



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## Key Stories and Teachings in Deuteronomy

### ***1. The Greatest Commandment***

#### ***God tells Israel:***

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. This is one of the most important statements in the whole Bible.

### ***2. Remembering the Wilderness***

Moses reminds them how God fed them, corrected them, and carried them. Hard seasons had purpose.

### ***3. Blessings and Curses***

Obedience would bring blessing. Rebellion would bring trouble. God was showing that choices matter.

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### ***4. Care for the Vulnerable***

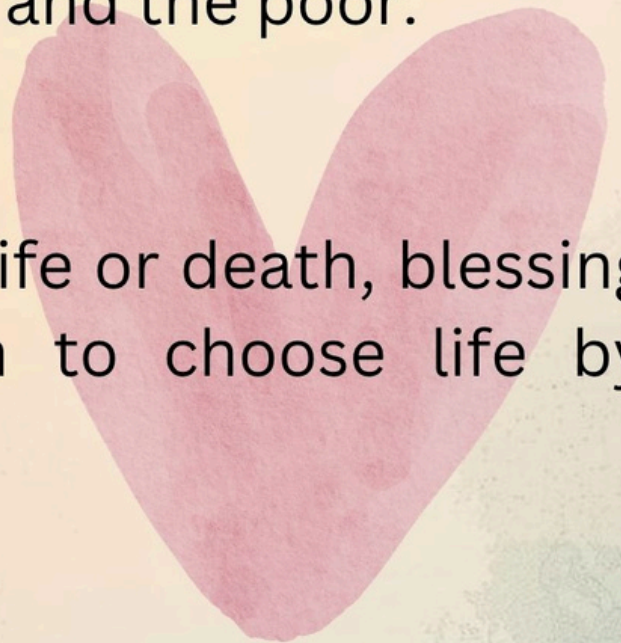
God commands justice and kindness toward widows, orphans, strangers, and the poor.

### ***5. Choose Life***

Moses places before them life or death, blessing or curse, and urges them to choose life by following God.

### ***6. Moses' Final Blessing***

Before dying, Moses blesses the tribes of Israel.



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## How Deuteronomy Points to Jesus

Deuteronomy strongly points to Jesus Christ.

### 1. Jesus Quoted Deuteronomy Often

When tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus answered with verses from Deuteronomy. He showed perfect obedience where Israel had failed.

### 2. A Prophet Like Moses

God promised He would raise up a prophet like Moses. This points ultimately to Jesus, the greater Deliverer and Teacher.

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### 3. Love God Fully

Deuteronomy calls for wholehearted love. Jesus fulfilled this perfectly and teaches us the same.

### 4. Blessing Through Obedience

Israel failed repeatedly. Jesus obeyed perfectly and became the source of blessing for all who trust Him.

### 5. Circumcision of the Heart

Deuteronomy speaks of hearts needing change, not just outward signs. Jesus brings inner transformation through the Holy Spirit.

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## Important Lessons from Deuteronomy

### **Remembering Matters**

Forgetting what God has done often leads to drifting.

### **God Wants the Heart**

External religion without love means little.

### **Prosperity Can Be Dangerous**

When life gets comfortable, people may forget their need for God.

### **Obedience Brings Life**

God's commands are for our good, not our harm.

### **Teach the Next Generation**

Parents were told to speak of God's truth daily.

### **God Is Faithful**

Even after Israel's failures, God still brought them to the land.

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## Key Verse

“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Deuteronomy 6:5

*This is central to the book and to true faith.*

## Why Deuteronomy Still Matters Today

Deuteronomy answers questions people still ask:

- How do I stay faithful in a new season?
- Why do I forget God when life gets easier?
- Does God care about my heart or just actions?
- How do I teach truth to my family?
- Do my choices really matter?

Deuteronomy says yes. God cares deeply about love, loyalty, and daily obedience.

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## Seminary Insight in Simple Words

Deuteronomy is not just law repeated. It is law applied to the heart. Leviticus focused much on worship practices. Numbers showed failure in the wilderness. Deuteronomy prepares a new generation to walk wisely.

It is covenant truth preached pastorally. Moses is not merely giving rules. He is pleading for relationship and faithfulness.

### One Sentence Summary

Deuteronomy is Moses' final call for God's people to remember His faithfulness, love Him fully, and choose the path of life as they enter their future.