



STOP 5: DEUTERONOMY

NAME: "Second Telling of the Law"

PURPOSE: To remind the people of what God had done and encourage them to rededicate their lives to him

AUTHOR: Moses (except for the final summary, which was probably written by Joshua after Moses' death)

ORIGINAL AUDIENCE: Israel (the new generation entering the Promised Land)

DATE WRITTEN: 1407/6 B.C.

WHERE WRITTEN: Just on the wilderness side of the Jordan River

SETTING: The east side of the Jordan River, in view of Canaan

KEY VERSE:

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; (7:9)

KEY PEOPLE: Moses, Joshua

KEY PLACE: The Arabah in Moab

OUTLINE:

- A. WHAT GOD _____ FOR US: MOSES' FIRST ADDRESS (1:1—4:43)
- B. PRINCIPLES FOR _____ LIVING: MOSES' SECOND ADDRESS (4:44—29:1)
- C. A CALL FOR COMMITMENT TO GOD: MOSES' THIRD ADDRESS (29:2—30:20)
- D. THE CHANGE IN _____: MOSES' LAST DAYS (31:1—34:12)

CHRIST IN DEUTERONOMY:

1. The Perfection of the _____ Deut 5
2. Sacrifice with no blemish Deut 15
3. Year of forgiveness of debts Deut 15
4. The Yearly Feasts Deut 16
5. The Great _____ Deut 18:15-22
6. The Cities of _____ Deut 19:1-13
7. Cursed hanged on a tree Deut 21:22-23 Gal 3:3



MEGATHEMES

THEME	EXPLANATION	IMPORTANCE
History	Moses reviewed the mighty acts of God whereby he liberated Israel from slavery in Egypt. He recounted how God had helped them and how the people had disobeyed.	By reviewing God's promises and mighty acts in history, we can learn about his character. We come to know God more intimately through understanding how he has acted in the past. We can also avoid mistakes in our own lives through learning from Israel's past failures.
Laws	God reviewed his laws for the people. The legal contract between God and his people had to be renewed by the new generation about to enter the Promised Land.	Commitment to God and his truth cannot be taken for granted. Each generation and each person must respond afresh to God's call for obedience.
Love	God's faithful and patient love is portrayed more often than his punishment. God shows his love by being faithful to his people and his promises. In response, God desires love from the heart, not merely a legalistic keeping of his law.	God's love forms the foundation for our trust in him. We trust him because he loves us. Because God loves us, we should maintain justice and respect.
Choices	God reminded his people that in order to ratify his covenant, they must choose the path of obedience. A personal decision to obey would bring benefits to their lives; rebellion would bring severe calamity.	Our choices make a difference. Choosing to follow God benefits us and improves our relationships with others. Choosing to abandon God's ways brings harm to ourselves and others.
Teaching	God commanded the Israelites to teach their children his ways. They were to use ritual, instruction, and memorization to make sure their children understood God's principles and passed them on to the next generation.	Quality teaching for our children must be a priority. It is important to pass on God's truth to future generations in our traditions. But God desires that his truth be in our hearts and minds and not merely in our traditions.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(4) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: (5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: (7) And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. (8) And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. (9) And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.