

# *Deuteronomy*

## *"The All-Important Review"*

### **Background Information**

Author: Moses (1:1; 1:5; 31:9; Acts 3:22-23; Romans 10:19)

The English name "Deuteronomy" actually comes from a mistake! An ancient translation wrote 17:18 as "second law" instead of "copy of the law." The Latin Vulgate took the title from this verse, and gave it the name *Deuteronomium*.

The Hebrew title is "These are the words."

The book is not really a "second law," but a review and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law.

### **Time Covered and Outlines**

The book is mostly a series of speeches from Moses, which over about two months' time, likely in the year 1405BC. The book ends with the death of this great leader.

#### Outline

- I. The First Address: A Historical Speech (1:1-4:43)
- II. The Second Address: A Law Speech (4:44-28:68)
- III. The Third Address: A Motivational Speech (29-30)
- IV. Concluding Events
  - A. Joshua takes command (31:1-8)
  - B. Law to be read in future (31:-13)
  - C. The song of Moses (31:14-32:47)
  - D. Death of Moses (32:48-34:12)

### **Major Themes**

"Like Leviticus, Deuteronomy contains much legal detail, but with an emphasis on the people rather than the priests" (John MacArthur).

Victory for the faithful  
Rebellion and punishment  
Holiness of God  
Passing of leadership

## God's Character in Deuteronomy

Accessible (4:7)

Eternal (33:27)

Faithful (7:9)

Glorious (5:24; 28:58)

Jealous (4:24)

Just (10:17; 32:4)

Loving (7:7-8; 7:13; 10:15; 10:18; 23:5)

Merciful (4:31; 32:43)

Powerful (3:24; 32:39)

Providence (8)

Righteous (4:8)

True (32:4)

Wise (2:7)

Wrathful (29:20; 29:27-28; 32:19-22)

## Jesus in Deuteronomy

"The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like [Moses] from among you, from your brothers—it is to Him you shall listen" (Deuteronomy 18:15).

## Key Words in Deuteronomy

"Statutes" (Hebrew *choq*); "to decree" (4:1; 4:14; 5:1; 6:1; 7:11; 10:13; 16:12; 28:15; 30:16)

"Swore" (Hebrew *shaba*); "to bind oneself" (6:13; 7:8; 10:20; 13:17; 19:8; 29:13; 31:7)

"Worship" (Hebrew *shachah*); "to prostrate" (4:19; 8:19; 11:16; 26:10; 30:17)

"Cursed" (Hebrew *arar*). (7:26; 13:17; 27:15; 27:20; 27:23; 28:16; 28:19)

## Elsewhere in the World...

Ethiopia becomes a minor world power, but is an independent state. China is under the Shang dynasty.

## Elsewhere in Scripture...

Deuteronomy dovetails into the story of Joshua, but no other Bible book has contents that overlap with Deuteronomy.