

BIBLE READING FOR 2023

WEEK #10	DEUTERONOMY	03-05-23
Monday - Deuteronomy 1-5	Wednesday - Deuteronomy 13-21	Friday - Deuteronomy 29-34
Tuesday - Deuteronomy 6-12	Thursday - Deuteronomy 22-28	

Deuteronomy is a Greek word that meant second law. It is used as the title of the fifth book of the Old Testament in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and in our modern translations as well. Deuteronomy is the fifth and final book of the Pentateuch. The name should not be understood to imply that Moses gave a second law to the Jews that was different from the first given at Mt. Sinai. Instead, it is referring to the second giving of the very same law that Moses had originally delivered to the Jews.

The author of Deuteronomy was Moses. The only part that would not have been his work is the last chapter, which deals with his death. That section is thought by many to have been written by Joshua, but the author is not identified.

The date of the writing is not certain but if the Exodus was around 1450 B.C. as some think, then Deuteronomy would have been written about 1410 B.C.. We do know Moses wrote just before his death at the age of 120.

The theme of the book is obedience. Moses encouraged the Jews, that were about to enter the land of Canaan, to learn from the past and serve God as they should in the present. By doing that, they could also properly prepare for the future.

An important consideration in the book is the consequence of sin. The entire generation of over 603,000 fighting men, that had not put their faith in God when they were first given a chance to take the land of Canaan, had died during Israel's forty years of wandering in the wilderness. The only two that were spared because they had trusted in God were Joshua and Caleb. And now, at the very end of his life, even Moses was not going to be able to enter into the promised land because of his own sin against God (Deut 32:51-52; Num 20:2-13). We see God is not a respecter of persons and so no one should feel it unnecessary to be obedient to His will.

An outline of the book:

1. Israel's past with God 1-4
2. Israel's present with God 5-26
3. Israel's future with God 27-30
4. Israel's leadership, Joshua replaces Moses 31-34

Questions for Deuteronomy chapters 1-34:

- 1.) In the first part of chapter three, how large was the bed of Og, king of Bashan, who was the last of the Raphaim (giants)?
- 2.) What is the command given in Deuteronomy 6:5, that Jesus in Matthew 22:37 said was the greatest commandment in the Law of Moses?
- 3.) What particular aspect of the Law is dealt with in 14:3-21?
- 4.) In 25:1-3 what was the limit of the number of stripes that an Israelite could receive if he deserved to be beaten?
- 5.) Moses died and was buried in what land in chapter thirty-four?

Answers to questions for Week #9 – Mark chapters 1-16:

- 1.) Fishers of men.
- 2.) They made a whole in the roof and let him down through it on his pallet.
- 3.) Into a herd of swine.
- 4.) Bartimaeus.
- 5.) They would be torn down and not one stone would be left upon another.