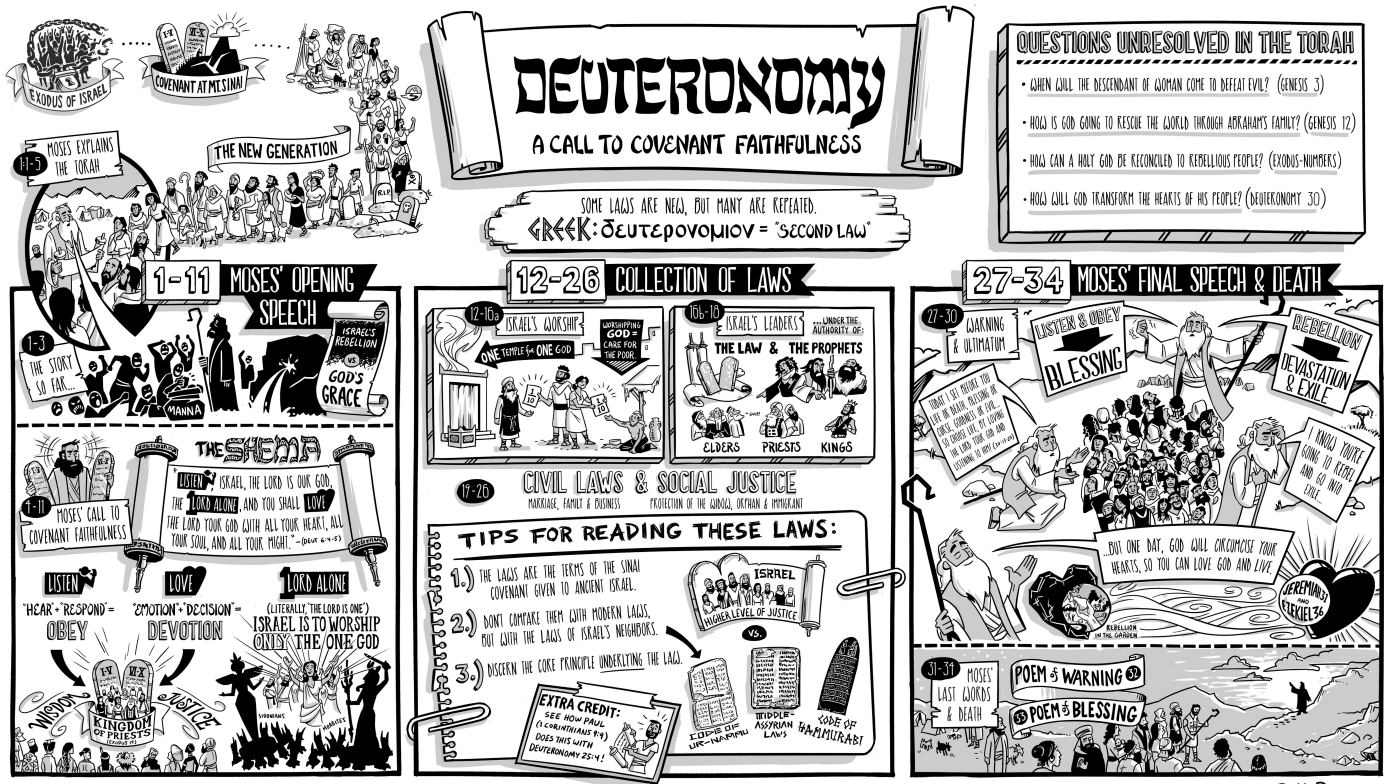


# Deuteronomy

In a word: Heart

In a sentence: The heart of the law is love for God.



Themes

## • Land

- Keep in mind the promises around land and the material blessing in the land tied to obedience come after faith and are specifically given to Israel in the land.

## • Dwelling/Temple/Relationship

- Deuteronomy makes clear that for people to love Yahweh truly is the goal, but they need a new heart to do so- which God will indeed give them one day, but not yet.

## • Royal Priesthood, Image of God & Redemption

- The law gives wisdom (still) so that those who trust God can live in a way that points the world to the wisdom of Yaweh.

## • Royal Seed & War of the Seeds

- The nations in the land are associated with the seed of the serpent. Also keep in mind how God gives them 400 years to "fill up their iniquities"

- We will talk about this more with Joshua, but God does no evil in ordering the conquest.

## • **Blessing/God is With Us/God Fights for Us**

- God fighting for you is one of the core concepts of Deuteronomy. The idea is that if we believe in Yahweh we will love him and trust him to fight for us even in the midst of great terrors.

## • **Covenant & Faith**

- The law was never intended to save. It is intended to point (Torah) to wisdom and teach those who have faith what God's righteousness looks like.
- The laws (especially in Deuteronomy) are expoundings of the ten commandments which are expoundings of the nature of God revealed in Genesis 1.
  - God-----> Creation (10 times "God said")-----> 10 Commandments (lit. 10 "words") -----> Deuteronomy (explanation of laws based on the 10 words)
- The Mosaic covenant has an expiration date and thus was intended from the beginning to be a parallel covenant to the Abrahamic.

### Structure

- Past (1-3), Present (4-30), (Future 31-34)- a series of sermons preached to the new generation right on the edge of the promised land.
- 1-3 Lessons from Israel's Past
  - 1- 1-5 chiasm (sandwich with verse 3 as the emphasis in the middle) - says that god has reversed the sin and kept his promises
  - 1:2-3 11 days vs 40 years..things have not gone as well as they could have, to say the least.
  - 1:6- this book is going to be an explanation of the law
  - 1:8-11 note: land seed blessing
  - 1:22 unbelief maybe festered earlier than we knew
  - 1:25 omission of the main bad report
  - 1:30 the lord will fight for you is a key to understanding this whole period of Israel's history
  - 1:39-40 irony with the kids-they were scared of their children dying, but now the children will inherit, also so sad they were right at the edge of the land- also note they are going back to Egypt in terms of direction
  - 1:41 contrast "we ourselves will fight" with Yahweh will fight for you
  - 1:41-45 is a great example of false repentance
  - 1:32 the issue is always belief
  - 2:5, 9, 19- really interesting language mirroring Israel - implies that Israel was unique but not entirely - again Israel is firstborn sin but god desires all nations
  - 2:30 the conquest is another exodus in that god is the warrior and the people just need to remain pure

- 2:7- you have **lacked** nothing (same as psalm 23)
- 3:11 it appears that Rephaim was a broad term for the unnaturally large races that were relatively common at this time- I would link these to Genesis 6 and Jude and specifically think Moses is purposefully linking them with the satanic influence that polluted the pre-flood world and has somehow continued to permeate unbelieving kingdoms in Moses' day.
- 3:21-22 - this is Moses understanding of these initial conquests - **Yahweh fights**
- 3:26 Moses still seems to shift the blame a bit- he's understandably disappointed- but his sin is described in similar terms as nadab and abihu so god is not being too harsh with him.
- 4- this seems to be his motivating conclusion at the end of his first sermon
  - 4- remember this in light of the fact that they are on the edge of the promised land as the new semi-untested generation and about to start the conquest- so Moses is really trying to get them to see- faith and obedience/purity is what matters
  - 4:6-7 the law gives wisdom not salvation and is an evangelistic method
  - 4:7 the nearness of god draws the nations- this has implications for our evangelism today too
  - **4:9 - this is a key verse for understanding the entire law-** it is about the **heart** and **love=not forgetting**
  - 4:10-14 most of this generation wasn't actually at Sinai! But Moses is showing a principle that still applies now- because of gods word and the passing on of the truth from one generation to the next there is a continuity between gods people that allows us to speak this way and allows application to work - we are cohesively linked amongst gods people in ways that let us say " you were there" (Paul does this in Galatians)
  - 4:14 command 1 is being explained
  - 4:19 ties to gen 11 and ANE understanding of deities
- 4-11 covenant motivation (core of the law) **Big Picture=love Yahweh by listening to him and trust him to fight for you with humility about your own weakness.**
  - 4- reasons to obey (because God judges, because God cares for them and loves them)
  - 4- idolatry is the center of the law- **but idolatry at its core is a heart devotion issue.**
  - 4- **the law is teaching how to apply god's wisdom to live with the grain of God's world**
  - 4- the law is a liberating gift, it is righteous and good and kind.
  - 4:9-24- reminder of the original law giving and original "no other gods"- we look for satisfaction in other things
  - 4:25ff you are going to break the mosaic covenant but god is going to keep the abrahamic covenant. (these verses are going to be paradigmatic in the prophets)
  - 4:32-40 look through all history and see if anyone has ever had a sinai experience-NO
- 5- speech number 2
  - **5-6 their need for god to do something they cannot do themselves**

- 5- this is the law that makes them wise and distinct- given to the new generation
- 5- only difference is sabbath, they aren't slaves working 7 days and it looks forward to the eschatological hope that God will free them and give them rest forever- a final jubilee
- 5:29- who will give them a heart like this? (Ezekiel 36 answers this)- they don't have the right heart
- spark notes of law in 5 and then one sentence in 6
- **6-11 basically expound on prologue and command 1**
- **Keep in mind that idolatry is basically looking to anything other than Yahweh to meet your physical or spiritual needs**
- Chapter 6- the role of the father is to teach and lead in imitation of God, this goes all the way up from family units to the king
  - God's plan for his people- Israel is going to advance God's plan by going into a new eden as a new adam to restore the relationship between yahweh and the world.
  - 6:4-9- this isn't just an ANE suzerain treaty because it calls for LOVE
  - Because he is the only God he is the only one to love.
  - The idea behind putting the law on the hand and the head is that they do the things (hands) and think the thoughts (head) of Yahweh (just like Revelation mark of the beast)
  - you shall repeat them constantly wherever and whenever you- teaching your family is the FIRST outflow of loving God.
  - how does the conquest fit with that?--> God in love is going to bless them with good things in the land- but faith is what will keep them from becoming puffed up from this blessing
  - verses that sound like works=salvation are actually talking about righteousness that flows out of a new heart which Deuteronomy is clear the people need.
  - Remember this is describing how the new generation is to love God.
- Chapter 7
  - 7:2 note emphasis on strength of enemies
  - transition here- motivations will begin to talk about previous generation's failures in chapter 8
  - 7:6-8 God's love has nothing behind it- he never stops loving us because he never started loving us
  - the lord chooses the weak things- nothing special about you- god loves to pick the weak
  - this is the best way to understand election- completely rooted and drenched in love and the character of God.
  - 7:12-15- is this prosperity gospel? no, these are the ways to stay in a safe place- near to god- and it's eden language and curse reversal language that is promised within the mosaic covenant- this is a mosaic shadow of what is going to be true in the new earth.

- 7:17ff
- when you're afraid just remember what god has already done
- Chapter 8- two opposite situations both as a test
- **12-26 covenant stipulations- expositions of the ten words** background-color:: green
  - 12-14 Commands 1-3 - Love God alone, completely
  - 15-16:17 Command 4- Live to show God freed you
  - 16:18-18:8 Command 5- Uphold authority
  - 18:9-22:8 Command 6- Uphold life (don't murder means more deeply to treat all humanity justly)
  - 22:1-12 is a hinge between 6 and 7
  - 22:9-23:14 Command 7- Be pure (even to the point of the fabrics you wear)
  - 23:15-25:4 Command 8- Honor others' ownership
  - 25:5-19 Command 9- Uphold Justice
  - 26 Command 10- Be content
- 27-30 covenant motivation number 2 A sneak peak into the future
  - Deuteronomy clarifies that this necessary change of heart can come only at God's initiative but that it will certainly come. It envisions a future when Israel has experienced both the blessing and the curse outlined in 28:1-68(30:1) but mainly the curse, which has taken the form of exile (28:25-68;29:22-28). After that exile, according to 30:1-10, Israel will return to the Lord and obey what Moses has commanded them "with all [their] heart and with all [their] soul" (30:1-2). The Lord will then gather Israel from the various lands where the conquering nations have exiled them (30:3-5). This change of heart will come from the Lord himself: The L<sup>???</sup> your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the L<sup>???</sup> your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. (30:6) Only God can solve the problem of the corrupt human heart (Gen. 6:5;8:21) that has plagued all humanity, including Israel, from that fateful day in Eden forward. Deuteronomy 30:1-10 envisions a day when God will rescue Israel and the blessing of God will rest on his people permanently.<sup>3</sup> Is-type:: annotation hl-page:: 34 hl-color:: yellow
- 31-34 looking forward (Wrapping Everything Up)