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Deuteronomy records the words that Moses spoke during the final months of his life. It contains a repetition of much of the history and the laws of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers.

The Israelites were encamped in the plains of Moab prior to their entrance into the Promised Land. Moses was not permitted to enter the Promised Land due to his sin of unbelief (Numbers 20:12).

The people were facing war, temptations, and a new, settled way of life - all under the unproved leadership of Joshua. The people needed to be reminded of God's power and God's laws.

Day 72 - Deuteronomy 1-2 • In Deuteronomy 1, Moses reminded the people of the events that occurred 38 years prior at Kadesh-barnea, the place where Israel refused to believe God and enter Canaan from the southwest.

What did God tell Moses at Kadesh, 38 years prior (Deut. 1:34-39)?

Day 73 - Deuteronomy 3-4 • Chapters 2 and 3 recount Israel's journey from Kadesh to Moab. Chapter 4 contains a call to obedience.

By having the Mosaic Law, the nation of Israel was able to distinguish itself from all others by being wise, great, and pleasing to a holy God.

A brief summary of the profound statements about God contained in Chapter 4 follows:

- What great nation is there that has a God so near to it, with righteous statutes and judgments, as did Israel? (vv. 7-8)
- The Ten Commandments (v. 13)
- The Israelites are a people for His own possession (v. 20)
- The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God (v. 24)
- You will find Him (the Lord your God) if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul (v. 29)
- The Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him (v. 35)

- Keep His statutes and commandments so that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time. (v. 40)

What is the command that was given to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4:2 (repeated in 12:32 and Rev. 22:18-19)?

Day 74 - Deuteronomy 5-7 • The Ten Commandments are reiterated in Deuteronomy 5. Deut. 6 commands the Israelites to love the Lord. Deut. 7 commands the Israelites to destroy the Canaanites.

God chose the Israelites to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth (Deut. 7:6).

What is the first and great commandment according to the Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 12:30), in which He quoted Deut. 6:5?

Day 75 - Deuteronomy 8-10 • Although written to the Israelites, the principle in Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18 is applicable to Christians in the 21st century - Many may say in their heart, "My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth." But, it is the Lord your God who gave you the ability to make wealth.

Deut. 8-10 commands the Israelites to remember how God dealt with them in the past.

What did the Lord your God require from Israel, per Deut. 10:12-13? (Modern day Christians would do well to do likewise.)

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Day 76 - Deuteronomy 11-13 • Deut. 10:12-11:32 contains the call to commitment. Chapter 12 regards the central sanctuary. Chapter 13 concerns false prophets.

How did the land in Palestine (that the Israelites were about to possess) differ from the land in Egypt (Deut. 11:10-15)?

Day 77 - Deuteronomy 14-17 • Deuteronomy 14-17 contains laws concerning food, tithes, the Sabbath Year, Festivals, and leaders. Verses 17:15-20 regard the future king, who was to: 1) be chosen by God, 2) be an Israelite, 3) not to imitate the royal courts of other nations, and 4) to have a copy of the law and obey it.

The English title for this book (Deuteronomy, from the Greek Septuagint) means "second-law giving" and comes from the mistranslation of Deut. 17:18, which actually says "a copy of this law".

List the three items that the future king of Israel was instructed not to multiply for himself (17:16-17)?

Day 78 - Deuteronomy 18-21 • The Israelites were instructed not to imitate the detestable things of other nations living in Canaan. For example, the worship of the Canaanites involved human sacrifice in the fire (Deut. 12:31, 18:10).

Of whom does Moses speak in Deut. 18:15-19 as "the prophet" (Acts 3:20-22)?

Day 79 - Deuteronomy 22-25 • Deut. 21-25 contains various commands concerning marriage and family life, the assembly of the Lord, and protection for the weak.

What is an abomination to the Lord your God, according to Deut. 22:5?

Day 80 - Deuteronomy 26-28 • Deut. 27:11-26 describes a ceremony of ratification of the covenant. Six tribes stood on Mount Gerazim, six stood on Mount Ebal, and the Levites were in the valley between. The Levites spoke the 12 curses, and after each all the people responded with "Amen".

List three of the (many) blessings promised to the Israelites in Deut. 28:1-14, if they diligently obeyed the Lord, being careful to do all his commandments.

Day 81 – Deuteronomy 29:1-31:29 • Deut. 29 details the agreement under which the people would enter the land of Palestine. The Palestinian covenant was in addition to the Mosaic covenant given at Sinai.

Deut. 29:29 is an important verse that sets the limits and purpose of God's revelation: some things He chooses to keep to Himself, but what He has revealed (through the Law, in this instance) is the business of His children to obey.¹

Chapter 30:1-10 contains a prophecy that will not be fulfilled until the second coming of Christ. After having been scattered, Israel will be restored to the land of Palestine, be prosperous, and experience a work of grace in their hearts.

Q. Who was commissioned in Deut. 31:23 and what was he to do?

Day 82 – Deuteronomy 31:30-34:12 • The song in chapter 32 was written by Moses and Joshua, to help the people remember the requirements of the covenant more easily. Chapter 33 contains the blessing with which Moses blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

The account of Moses' death in chapter 34 could not have been written by Moses, but that truth in no way negates the Mosaic authorship of the rest of the book. It was quite customary to append an obituary to the final work of a great man.

In what did Moses differ from any other prophet (Deut. 34:10)?

References

¹ *Ryrie Study Bible*, Moody Press, 1995, pp. 273-330.

The Miracles of Moses	
Nile turned to blood	Exodus 7:14-24
Frogs cover the land of Egypt	Exodus 8:1-15
Swarm of gnats	Exodus 8:16-19
Swarm of flies	Exodus 8:20-32
Plague kills Egyptian livestock	Exodus 9:1-7
Boils on Egyptians & their animals	Exodus 9:8-12
Hail destroys slaves, animals, & crops	Exodus 9:13-25
Locusts destroy remainder of crops	Exodus 10:1-20
Darkness over Egypt	Exodus 10:21-29
Death of the firstborn males	Exodus 11:1-12:36
Israel led by pillars of cloud and fire	Exodus 13:20-22
Parted the Red Sea	Exodus 14:1-22
Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea	Exodus 14:23-31
Marah's bitter water made drinkable	Exodus 15:22-27
Quail & manna to feed the Israelites	Exodus 16:1-36; Numbers 11:1-35
Supplied water from a rock	Exodus 17:1-7
Defeat of the Amalekites	Exodus 17:8-16
Healing of Miriam's leprosy	Numbers 12:1-16
Earth swallows Korah & those who rebelled with him	Numbers 16:1-35
Healed snakebites with the bronze serpent on a pole	Numbers 21:4-9