

VIII. UNIT 8 - DEUTERONOMY “Don’t Forget to Remember!”

A. What’s In A Name?

1. “Deuteronomy” comes from the LXX title, meaning “_____ llaw.”
2. This is a fitting but misleading title; it is so much more:
 - a. It is more of a _____ than a restatement (cf. Deut. 29:1).
 - b. It forms a central “_____” in the primary history of the OT.
 - c. It is a book about spiritual formation (relationship), not merely information (laws)
 - d. It is at the heart of the _____ of the remainder of the Old Testament.

B. Getting The Big Picture

1. The Setting: _____ (Num. 36:13; Deut. 34:8).
 - a. Takes place where _____ left off
 - b. Moab was one of the two sons born out of the affair between drunken _____ and his two daughters (Gen. 19:30-38).
 - c. _____, who hired Balaam to curse Israel was king of Moab.
 - d. The Moabite _____ (9th century B.C.) is one of the most supportive archeological finds we have.
2. The Storyline: The “Flow” of Deuteronomy
 - a. Consists of 3 “_____” by Moses and 3 appendices:
 - (1) “Remember Your Parents’ _____!” - ch. 1-4 - looks back on Israel’s journey to Moab
 - (2) “Remember Your Parents’ _____!” - ch. 5-28 - looks ahead to life under God in Canaan
 - (3) “Blessings or _____?” - ch. 29-31 - renewal of the Sinai Covenant
 - (a) the _____ of Moses - ch 32
 - (b) the _____ of Moses - ch 33
 - (c) the _____ of Moses - ch 34
 - b. Follows the literary form of _____ treaties of this era:

Deuteronomy	Treaty Section	Hittite Treaty (Example)
1:1-5	Preamble	<i>“These are the words of Mursilis, the great king of the Hittites, the valiant.</i>
1:6 - 3:29	Historical Prologue	<i>“When your father died, I did not drop you. Since your father mentioned your name to me with great praise, I sought after you. To be sure, you were sick and ailing. But I still let you replace your father and accepted your brothers, sisters, and your land i oath from you.’</i>
Chapters 4 - 26	The Stipulations	<i>“You shall remain loyal to me, the Hittite king, the Hittite land, and my sons and grandsons forever! The tribute imposed upon your grandfather and father (300 shekels of high quality gold) you will also present to me! Do not turn your eyes to anyone else! Your father presented tribute to Egypt; but you shall never do that!</i>
31:9-13, 24-26	Provision for Deposit and Reading of Document	<i>“A duplicate of this document has been deposited before the god Tes-sub. At regular intervals they shall read it in the presence of the king and in the presence of the sons of the country.</i>

Deuteronomy	Treaty Section	Hittite Treaty (Example)
30:19; 31:19-22	List of Witnesses	<i>"The Sun-god of Heaven, the Sun-goddess of Arinna, Ishtar, the gods and goddesses of the Hittites, the gods and goddesses of the Amorites, all the golden gods, the mountains, the rivers, heaven and earth, the winds and clouds – let these be witnesses to this treaty and this oath."</i>
Chapter 28	Curses & Blessings Formula	<i>"Should Duppi-Tessub fail to honor this treaty, may these gods of the oath destroy Duppi-Tessub together with his wife, his son, his grandson, his house, his land and everything that he owns. But if Duppi-Tessub honors the treaty inscribed on this tablet, may these gods protect him together with his wife, his son, his grandson, his house and his country."</i>

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3. The Cast: The "Stars" of Deuteronomy

a. _____ - Deuteronomy 6:4-5

- (1) Absolutely _____ to the ancient near east.
- (2) Reflected in Israel's "Name/Place" _____.
 - (a) Only one place of _____ for the One God.
 - (b) God said His "_____" would dwell in this one place.
 - (c) No graven images meant no other "_____"
 - (d) Decentralization of _____ always produced spiritual decay in their history.

b. _____ - Deuteronomy 32:39

- (1) The Law is not merely information, but _____.
- (2) In Deuteronomy we meet a God who speaks about _____ not merely requirements
- (3) For the Jew, their very _____ was a form of revelation; a record of God's character and conduct.
- (4) knowing their history would create responsibility; one couldn't "know" it and _____ it!

c. _____ - Deuteronomy 34:10-12

- (1) He is mentioned by name ____ times in this book.
- (2) He is mentioned by name in ____ of the 39 OT books.
- (3) His name appears ____ times in our Bible!
- (4) He is mentioned in the closing lines of the Old Testament, along with _____.
- (5) He does not appear again in the pages of Scripture until the _____, again along with Elijah! (Mark 9:2-4).
- (6) We discover from Jude 8-9 that there was an angelic struggle over his _____ in Moab.
- (7) The final book of the Bible depicts celebrants in heaven singing two songs: the "song of _____" and the "song of the Lamb"! (Rev. 15:3).

4. The _____: The Words of Deuteronomy

- a. "_____" - there are 15 references in this book to "fearing" God compared to only 3 in the rest of the Torah.
- b. "_____" - there are 24 references to "love" in this book, compared to only 7 in the rest of Torah.
 - (1) 8 are for _____ love for _____.

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- (2) 10 are for _____ love for _____.
- (3) the rest are for their love for _____.
- (4) "Fear" and "love" are the basis for the biblical idea of _____.
- c. "Remember/ _____" - there are 25 commands or references regarding this in Deuteronomy.
 - (1) This is a key danger for _____ of all generations:

"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."
Deuteronomy 4:9

Reference	WHAT TO REMEMBER / NOT FORGET
Deut. 4:10	They were to remember the day they assembled at Mt. Sinai (Horeb) to receive the "Law" from the mouth of God.
Deut. 5:15	They were to remember their past bondage and how God miraculously delivered them.
Deut. 7:18	They were to remember God's past victories over their enemies.
Deut. 8:2	They were to remember God's faithfulness in leading them in the wilderness, even after they had so clearly disobeyed Him and were wandering as punishment.
Deut. 8:18	They were to remember that God is the One who enables them to succeed in whatever they do, once in the Promised Land.
Deut. 9:7	They were to remember their past sins and how God dealt with His people because of them.
Deut. 16:3	They were to remember (forever) their redemption from bondage in Egypt.
Deut. 32:7	They were to remind each other of the things their parents and grandparents had been through.

- d. The "_____ " (YHWH) - appears ____ times in 36 chapters! (average: 16 times per chapter).
- e. The "land" - _____ references in Deuteronomy; (average: 2 times per chapter).

C. Deuteronomy and The Old Testament

- 1. The _____ - God gave specific commands regarding Israel's king long before they had one:
 - a. He was NOT to accumulate _____ from Egypt, wives and silver and gold (Deut. 17:14-17).
 - b. He was to make a handwritten copy of "this law" and read from it _____ (Deut. 17:15-20).
 - c. It would keep his heart _____ and his reign pure.
 - d. _____ violated everyone of these instructions (cf. 1 Kings 10:14 - 11:9).
- 2. Josiah and "the _____" - 2 Chronicles: 34:1-28; 2 Kings 22:1-20
 - a. There is a strong possibility that this was Deuteronomy because of where it was _____.
 - b. Josiah's "_____ " movement after finding the "book" can all be linked to Deuteronomy:

Josiah's Behavior	Record in 2 Kings	Command in Deuteronomy
The destruction of Canaanite "high places" and the centralization of worship.	2 Kings 23:4-20	Deuteronomy 12
Passover celebration in the Temple rather than in homes as prescribed in Exodus 12.	2 Kings 23:21-22	Deuteronomy 16
No divination, sorcery or witchcraft allowed.	2 Kings 23:24	Deuteronomy 18:14-22
The "book" given to Josiah had "curses" in it.	2 Kings 22:13,19	Deuteronomy 28
The kings of Israel were supposed to have their own copy of the law.	2 Kings 22:11; 23:2-3	Deuteronomy 17:18-19
It was called the "book of the covenant."	2 Kings 23:2	Deuteronomy 29:9,21

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reflects the "Name/Place" theology of Deuteronomy	2 Kings 23:27	Deuteronomy 12:5,11

D. Deuteronomy and the New Testament

1. There are at least ____ direct quotations from 34 passages in Deuteronomy (perhaps as many as 40 more allusions)
2. Some have cited it as _____, "favorite" book"
 - a. He quotes from it at least eleven times:

JESUS' STATEMENT	PASSAGE IN DEUTERONOMY
And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Deuteronomy 8:3	But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4
"You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah. Deuteronomy 6:16	And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Luke 4:12
It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. Deuteronomy 6:13	Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10
'You shall not murder. Deuteronomy 5:17	"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'" Matthew 5:21
"And you shall not commit adultery. Deuteronomy 5:18	"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'" Matthew 5:27
"When a man takes a wife and marries her, if then she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some indecency in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, and she departs out of his house, and if she goes and becomes another man's wife, and the latter man hates her and writes her a certificate of divorce and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house, or if the latter man dies, who took her to be his wife, Deuteronomy 24:1-3	"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'" Matthew 5:31
"If you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay fulfilling it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and you will be guilty of sin. Deuteronomy 23:21	"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'" Matthew 5:33
Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. Deuteronomy 19:21	"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'" Matthew 5:38
"Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 5:16	For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'" Matthew 15:4
"A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. Deuteronomy 19:15	But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. Matthew 18:16

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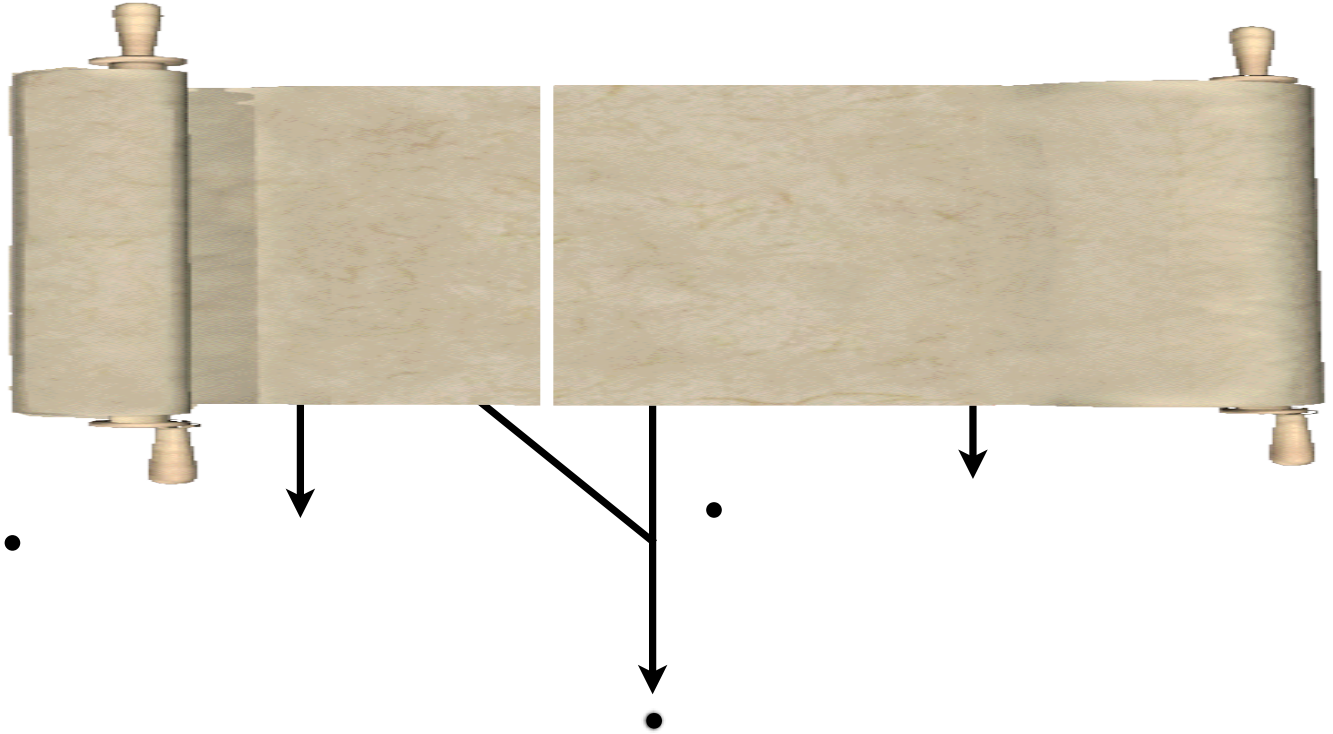
D. Deuteronomy and the Christian

1. We may need to revisit our appreciation for _____ as a role model.


And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, **Deuteronomy 34:10**

2. We need to balance "_____" and "_____" as the grounds of our relationship with God in Christ.

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Key Word:

Key  **Information**

Key Chapters:

Basic Geography:

Book summary: