

God's Masterwork, Volume One
Beginnings — A Survey of Genesis – Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy: Remember! Remember!
A SURVEY OF DEUTERONOMY



The Heart of the Matter

The wilderness wandering was, at last, over. A new generation was on the scene. Canaan—the Promised Land—was just beyond the border. The Hebrews were eager to invade and claim the territory. For almost 500 years they had lived away from home, like fugitives. They longed to settle down and deepen their roots. But a very strategic matter had to be settled beforehand. This vast multitude of people needed to be instructed and warned. Once they moved into Canaan, it would be easy for the people to forget those hard lessons from the wilderness. Becoming fat and presumptuous in Canaan, they could easily drift into moral compromise and, ultimately, direct disobedience. So God pulled them aside and directed Moses to speak, to challenge, to remind, to warn. Deuteronomy is mostly a collection of Moses's words just before the people entered the Promised Land.



Discovering the Way

1. Some Important Facts

The name *Deuteronomy* comes from two Greek words meaning "second law," the idea being that Moses was restating the Law for the people once again, just before they entered the Promised Land.

2. Some Things to Remember

Moses encouraged the people to remember God's faithfulness in the past, the holiness of God today, and the warnings of God in the future.

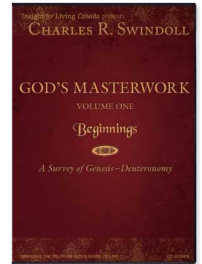


Starting Your Journey

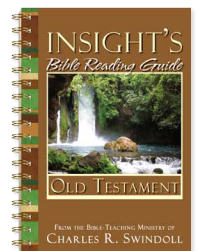
We can pull three overarching lessons from Deuteronomy: look back and thank God for His faithfulness, look at life today in light of God's holiness, and listen to His voice regarding tomorrow.



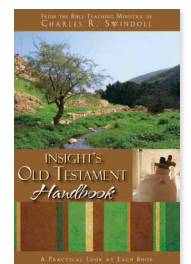
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DEUTERONOMY

WILDERNESS WANDERING	Looking Back	Looking Up	Looking Ahead
	<u>REMEMBER!</u> Failure at Kadesh-barnea <u>Faithfulness of God</u>	<u>REMEMBER!</u> Blessings accompany obedience Compromises weaken distinctives Consequences follow disobedience	<u>REMEMBER!</u> The land is yours; possess it! <u>The Lord is holy; obey Him!</u>
	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 1–4	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 5–26	<i>CHAPTERS</i> 27–34
Location	Everything occurs on the edge of the Promised Land of Canaan.		
Leadership	At the beginning of the book, MOSES is the leader (34:5) by the end of the book, JOSHUA is the leader (1:38; 34:9)		
Time	The sermons recorded in Deuteronomy were first spoken (1:6) then written (31:24) during a period of 40 days (compare Deuteronomy 1:3; 34:8; Joshua 4:19).		
Theme	Remember to love the Lord your God and keep His commandments.		
Key Verses	6:4–9; 10:12–13; 30:19–20		
Christ in Deuteronomy	“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your countrymen, you shall listen to him” (18:15); Moses himself is also a type of Christ.		

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