Deuteronomy

Bible Order: 5 of 66 **Old Testament:** 5 of 39

Single Word Summary: Second-Law

Book Outline:

1:1-4 A Brief Background to the Speech

1:5-26 The Speech

27-32 The Epilogue of the Speech

Context & Notes:

It is the last of the 5 books of what we call the Pentateuch, or the Torah (meaning, the Law).

The book of Deuteronomy is the farewell address of Moses. It is called Deuteronomy, meaning "second law."

It is, in essence, a restatement of the law that God had given 40 years previously on Mt. Sinai.

Israel has wandered 40 years in the wilderness. The generation that came out of Egypt has died, except for Moses, Caleb, and Joshua. Moses dies in the last chapter, leaving Joshua to succeed him. The book stresses the importance of obeying God.

The usage of the words are telling: The biggest observation is about the use of the word "**heart**."

God wants our hearts, not just us following rules.

Devotional Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-19

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

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Joshua

Bible Order: 6 of 66 **Old Testament:** 6 of 39

Single Word Summary: Victory

Book Outline:

1. Possessing the Land 1-12
2. Dividing the Land 13-24

Context & Notes:

The book of Joshua is the book of triumph and success and is considered the most positive book in the Older Testament.

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, this "new" Israel now goes in and takes the land (Canaan), just as God had previously asked them to do.

In Joshua, God stresses the blessings of complete obedience. Obedience, not in terms of having a "to-do" checklist. But in a relational: *Let God Lead* way. There are only two accounts of disobedience or sin–the sin of Achan and the sin of Joshua in not seeking the LORD with respect to the Gibeonites.

One other time, Israel thought there had been sin, but it turned out not to be so (Joshua 22:10-31).

The book is about obedience to God's command/direction and God's blessing. Never in the history of Israel has there been a generation like this one.

Pragmatically, the one who follow's Christ should and can live within the Victory of God's strength and blessing on a daily basis.

Devotional Reading

Joshua 1:7-9 (1:8 is the book's Key Verse)

Joshua 6

Joshua 24:14-15