



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

Part 1: The Pentateuch



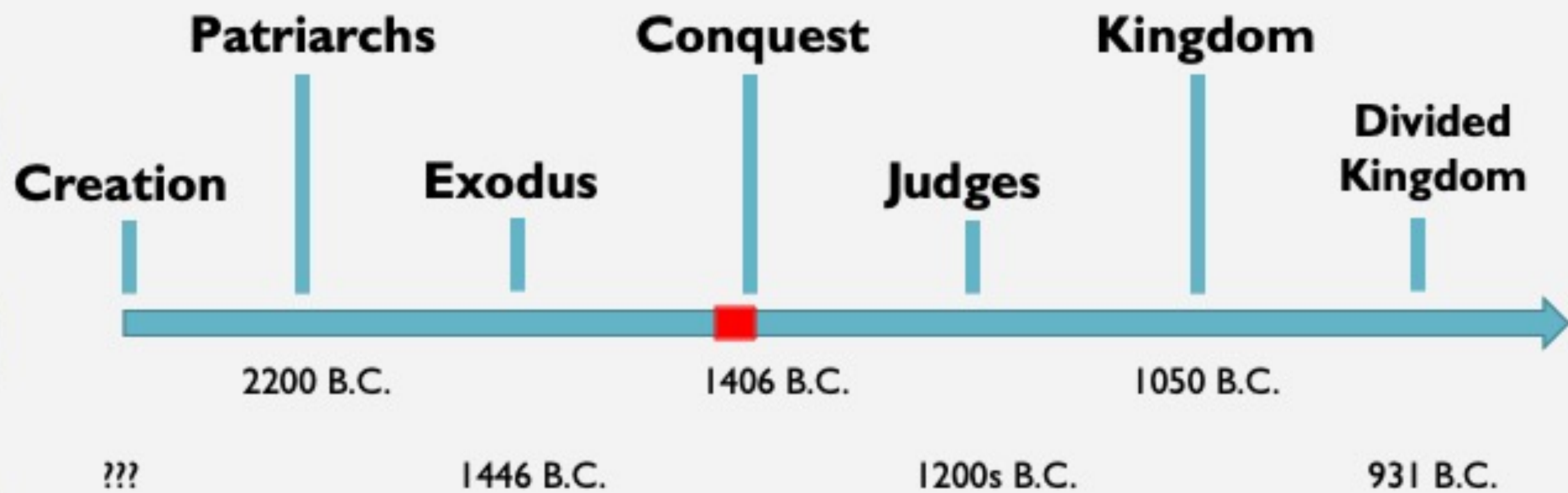
**WEEK 7:
BOOK OF
DEUTERONOMY**

WORDS OF PREPARATION

PENTATEUCH

GENESIS	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY
CREATION	REDEMPTION	WORSHIP	FAITH	OBEDIENCE
God Of Promise	God Of Power	God Of Purity	God Of Perseverance	God Of Preparation
Formation of the Family of God	Deliverance out of Bondage & Slavery	The people shall treat God as Holy	Wilderness Wanderings	Revisit the Law before entering the Land

Old Testament Timeline



DEUTERONOMY: CONTEXT

These are the commandments and the rules that the LORD commanded through Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

(Numbers 36:13)

These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness.

(Deuteronomy 1:1)

DEUTERONOMY: CONTEXT

It is *eleven days'* journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. In the *fortieth year*, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them.

(Deuteronomy 1:2–3 ESV)



Mt. Seir
Location?

The Exodus

From the Land of Egypt

DEUTERONOMY: OVERVIEW

“Deuteronomy, Moses’ ‘Upper Dessert Discourse,’ consists of a series of farewell messages by Israel’s 120-year-old leader. It is addressed to the new generation destined to possess the Land of Promise – those who survived the forty years of wilderness wandering.”

(Wilkinson & Boa, *Talk Thru The Bible*, p. 37)

DEUTERONOMY: OVERVIEW

- Deuteronomy literally means, “**second law.**”
- Moses **repeats & expands** upon the stipulations of the covenant given at Sinai.
- The next generation who will enter the Land needs to **know how to live** as the people of God.
- Moses **warns** this generation not to repeat the same mistakes made by their fathers.

DEUTERONOMY: KEY VERSES

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that ***I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life***, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

(Deuteronomy 30:19–20 ESV)

COVENANT STRUCTURE

“The overall structure of Deuteronomy seems directly related to the Hittite treaties...the book’s appeal for wholehearted devotion to God could be taken straight from an Assyrian vassal treaty... In a sense, Deuteronomy appears to be dependent on two models of covenant, the Hittite one and the Assyrian one.”

(Arnold & Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament*, p. 124)

COVENANT STRUCTURE

Ancient Treaty Structure	Deuteronomy
Preamble	<u>1:1-5</u>
Historical Prologue	<u>1:6-4:43</u>
General Stipulations	<u>4:44-11:32</u>
Specific Stipulations	<u>12:1-26:19</u>
Blessings and Curses	<u>27:1-28:68</u>
Document Clause	<u>31:9-29</u>
Witnesses	<u>32:1-47</u>

DEUTERONOMY: OUTLINE

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GOD'S ACTIONS FOR ISRAEL

[30] The LORD your God who **goes before you** will himself **fight for you**, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, [31] and in the wilderness, where you have seen how **the LORD your God carried you**, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

(Deuteronomy 1:30–33 ESV)

GOD'S ACTIONS FOR ISRAEL

[32] Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the LORD your God, [33] who went before you in the way **to seek you out a place** to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, **to show you by what way you should go.**

(Deuteronomy 1:30–33 ESV)

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EMPHASIS: LISTEN & LIVE

“And now, O Israel, **listen** to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may **live**, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

(Deuteronomy 4:1 ESV)

THE SHEMA

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

(Deuteronomy 6:4–6 ESV)

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EMPHASIS: LISTEN & LOVE

“Obedience to these laws is not about legalism or trying to earn God’s favor—it’s about love and active listening. If an Israelite loves God, they can more easily listen and respond to his teachings and guidance. This is why the words “listen” and “love” are so tightly connected and repeated through these opening speeches of Deuteronomy.”

~ From: <https://bibleproject.com/articles/what-is-the-shema/>

EMPHASIS: COVENANT LOVE

“[Deuteronomy] emphasizes the covenant love of God as he performs mighty deeds to fulfill his promises to Israel.”

(Goldsworthy, *According to Plan*, p. 152)

EMPHASIS: COVENANT LOVE

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his ***treasured possession***, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD ***set his love on you*** and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples...

(Deuteronomy 7:6–9 ESV)

EMPHASIS: COVENANT LOVE

“but it is because the LORD *loves* you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt...

(Deuteronomy 7:6–9 ESV)

EMPHASIS: COVENANT LOVE

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and ***steadfast love*** with those who ***love him*** and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations

(Deuteronomy 7:6–9 ESV)

EMPHASIS: COVENANT LOVE

“The basis of the nation’s relationship to God flowed from his love for Israel and from Israel’s appropriate response of obedience. When God’s people break his commandments, they break the relationship of love. Obedience to God’s law is a by-product of a relationship of love. Love is the essence of the relationship; law is the natural result.”

(Arnold & Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament*, p. 125-126)

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THE LAWS OF CHAPTERS 12-26

Main Issues	Regarding God	Regarding Humans
Authority	Commandment 1	Commandment 5
	Dt. 12	Dt. 16:18-18:22
Dignity	Commandment 2	Commandments 6, 7, 8
	Dt. 12	Dt. 19:1-24:7
Commitment	Commandment 3	Commandment 9
	Dt. 13:1-14:21	Dt. 24:8-16
Rights & Privileges	Commandment 4	Commandment 10
	Dt. 14:22-16:17	Dt. 24:17-26:15

Arnold & Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament*, p. 119)

TIPS ABOUT READING THESE LAWS

1. The laws are the terms of the Sinai covenant given to ancient Israel
2. Don't compare with modern laws, but with the laws of Israel's neighbors
3. Discern the core principle underlying the law.

(The Bible Project: [Book of Deuteronomy Summary Video](#))

ILLUSTRATION FROM PAUL

[8] Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same? [9] ***For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.”*** Is it for oxen that God is concerned? [10] Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. [11] If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you? (1 Corinthians 9:8–11 ESV)

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EMPHASIS IN DEUTERONOMY

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it...

(Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ESV)

EMPHASIS IN DEUTERONOMY

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess...

(Deuteronomy 30:15–20 ESV)

CLOSING EXHORTATION

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that ***I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life***, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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PENTATEUCH: CHIASTIC STRUCTURE

- Genesis ~ Blessings & Curses; Jacob dies & speaks to 12 sons
- Exodus ~ Deliverance, Wilderness, Sinai
- Leviticus ~ Life in proximity to the Holy One
- Numbers ~ Sinai, Wilderness, Deliverance
- Deuteronomy ~ Blessings & Curses, Moses speaks to 12 tribes & dies

PARALLELS BETWEEN GENESIS & DEUTERONOMY

- Both books have highest concentration of “blessings” and “curses” in the Torah.
- Both books begin by recounting failure to trust God (Adam in Garden, Israel in Wilderness)
- Both books end with Israel outside of the promised land (Egypt & Moab).
- Both books end with a leader (Jacob & Moses) prophesying & predicting God’s plan for the 12 tribes.

CONNECTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Jesus came to fulfill the Law (Matt. 5:17-20)
- Jesus quoted Deuteronomy & Psalms more than any other OT books (e.g. Luke 4).
- The Greatest Commandment is found in Deut. 6:4-5
- Jesus also emphasized the need to listen, love, & live!
- Moses is a type of Christ in many ways (teacher, prophet, priest, leader, intercessor, etc.)
- Moses predicted that “God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your midst...” (18:15)

THE OLD TESTAMENT POINTS TO JESUS

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in ***the Law of Moses*** and ***the Prophets*** and ***the Psalms*** must be fulfilled.”

(Luke 24:44 ESV)

ORGANIZATION OF HEBREW BIBLE

LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

*Former
Prophets*

*Latter
Prophets*

PROPHETS

Joshua
Judges
1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

*Pre-
Exilic
Writings*

*Post-
Exilic
Writings*

WRITINGS

Psalms

Job
Proverbs
Ruth
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes

Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Ezra-Nehemiah
1-2 Chronicles

CONCLUDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

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And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

(Deuteronomy 34:10–12 ESV)

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“Behold, *I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.* And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

(Malachi 4:5–6 ESV)

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- The Law concludes with an echo of Israel's need for a prophet like Moses
- The Prophets conclude by announcing that "Elijah" would come to prepare the people for the Day of the Lord.
- The Writings conclude with the anticipation of one from David's line who will build a house for the Lord

CONCLUDING THE OLD TESTAMENT

“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and **he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem**, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.’”

(2 Chronicles 36:23 ESV)



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