

RCF Academy—Old Testament
Class 8: “The Covenant Renewed”
Deuteronomy



REFORMATION
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION: *Transitions*

CONTEXT:

STRUCTURE:

HISTORICAL PROLOGUE | DEUT. 1-4

- Deut. 4:35, 40: Be faithful to the faithful God

GENERAL STIPULATIONS | DEUT. 5-11: *LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS*

- Deut. 6:4-6: Love the LORD your God
- Deut. 7:7-8: The LORD’s electing love

SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS | DEUT. 12-26: *JUSTICE AND HOLINESS*

- Structure: Shaped by the Ten Commandments (see back of handout)

- Application:
 - *Redemption History:*
 - Deut. 27:26, 21:22-23 – the curse
 - Gal. 3:13, 3:24-25 – the curse falls on Christ
 - *The law fulfilled in Christ*
 - *Categories of laws:*
 - Moral
 - Civil
 - Ceremonial
- 1. Follow the New Testament's instruction on the law.
- 2. Understand what the law teaches about God's character.
- 3. Appreciate Jesus' perfection: he upheld the whole law!

COVENANT RENEWAL | DEUT. 27-30

- Deut. 28:10-11: Blessings
- Deut. 28:36-37: Curses
- Deut. 29:4: The covenant demands a new heart
- *Hope in God's Grace:*
 - Deut. 30:2-3: Restoration for those who repent
 - Deut. 30:6 God will circumcise the heart

CONCLUSION: ISRAEL'S FUTURE | DEUT. 31-34

- Deut. 32:18: Exile

- Deut. 32:43: Restoration and atonement

- Deut. 18:18 and 34:10-11: The prophet to come

OUTLINE OF DEUTERONOMY

- I.** Preamble | Dt. 1:1-5
- II.** **Moses' First Speech:** Historical Prologue | Dt. 1:6-4:43
- III.** **Moses' Second Speech:** Covenant Stipulations | Dt. 4:44-26:19
 - A.** General Stipulations: Love and Faithfulness | Dt. 4:44-11:32
 - B.** Specific Stipulations: Justice and Holiness | Dt. 12:1-26:19
- IV.** **Moses' Third Speech:** Covenant Renewal | Dt. 27:1-30:20
 - A.** Blessings and Curses | Dt. 27:1-28:68
 - B.** Covenant Ratification and Final Exhortation | Dt. 29:1-30:20
- V.** Conclusion: Israel's Future | Dt. 31:1-34:12
 - A.** Moses Transfers Leadership to Joshua | Dt. 31
 - B.** Moses Prophecies Exile and Restoration | Dt. 32
 - C.** Moses Blesses the Tribes | Dt. 33
 - D.** Moses Dies | Dt. 34

A CLOSER LOOK AT MOSES' SECOND SPEECH:

How the 10 commandments (5:6-21) shape the covenant stipulations¹

Theme	Relating to God	Relating to Man
Authority	Commandment 1 5:7 → 6:1-11:32	Commandment 5 5:16 → 16:18-17:13
Dignity	Commandment 2 5:8-10 → 12:1-32	Commandments 6-8 5:17 → 19:1-21:23 5:18 → 22:1-23:14 5:19 → 23:15-24:7
Commitment	Commandment 3 5:11 → 13:1-14:21	Commandment 9 5:20 → 24:8-16
Rights & Privileges	Commandment 4 5:12-15 → 14:22-16:17	Commandment 10 5:21 → 24:17-26:15

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¹ Adapted from Introduction to the Old Testament, Tremper Longman & Raymond B. Dillard, p. 114.