

## DEUTERONOMY: Israel's Covenant with the Great King

**1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness ...<sup>8</sup> See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.'**

**Deuteronomy 1:1,8**

### **Context:**

There's much more at stake for the Israelites than just a place to live. Israel is a nation founded on the promises of God that's been sustained by the power of God. They've been redeemed from slavery, constituted as a nation, brought into covenant with Yahweh, given good laws and a tabernacle where God's glory dwelt. Possession of the land of Canaan is the last of the puzzle pieces to come together for God to make good on all of his promises to Abraham.

### **Structure:**

*Covenant =*

*W/Abraham ...*

*w/Moses ...*

### **Chapters 1-4 - Historical Prologue**

Theme: The JUSTICE and MERCY of God

Therefore ...

### **Chapters 5-11 - The (General) Commandments Reiterated**

At the heart of all the commandments is God's command to LOVE - Deut. 6:4-6

What does this love look like?

Their love for God was a response to His ELECTING love of them - Deut. 7:7-8

An essential part of loving God is obeying the FIRST commandment.

### **Chapters 12-26 - Specific Laws**

*12:1 "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth."*

The point of these 15 chapters is that as God's people in God's land, they were to

- 1) worship God ALONE.
- 2) reflect God's HOLINESS.
- 3) and represent God's JUSTICE.

What do we do with all the laws that don't seem to apply to us? (Like, how to destroy idols (Chs. 12-13), clean and unclean food (Ch. 14), tithes, animal property, and national feasts (Chs. 14:22-16:17)).

Redemptive history ...

- Deut. 27:26, 21:22-23 – the curse
- Gal. 3:13, 3:24-25 – the curse falls on Christ
- Rom. 6:14 – The law fulfilled in Christ

Three categories of Law:

- 1) MORAL law
- 2) CIVIL law
- 3) CEREMONIAL law

John Calvin's 3 uses of the law ...

Applying the Law today:

- 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!
- 4) Most importantly ...

### **Chapter 27-30 – Renewal of the Covenant**

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: The promise that God will "circumcise the heart"

### **Chapters 31-34 – Israel's Future**

Death of Moses

Exile

Restoration

Atonement

The Prophet who is to come ...

**Next week: *Jesus in the Pentateuch***