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Theological Insight from Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy is the final of the five *Books of the Law*. The book is made up of the words Moses spoke to the people “beyond the Jordan.” This occurred in the “*fortieth year ... according to all that the Lord had given him in commandment to them.*” This occurred after the iconic defeat of Sihon of Heshbon and Og of Bashan (*Numbers 21:21-35.*)

1:1 These are the **words** that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah over against Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. ²It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadeshbarnea. ³**And 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,** ⁴after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. ⁵Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law, saying, ⁶“The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain; ⁷turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland, and in the Negeb, and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. ⁸Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and take possession of the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their descendants after them.’”

The name Deuteronomy means “second law” from the Greek translation known as the Septuagint (70) (Deut. 17:18). The Hebrew name is “Words” (Deut. 1:1)

The Book itself is made up of three addresses of Moses to the people and several supplemental materials:

The purpose of Deuteronomy is to provide guidelines for the younger community (who were born after the Exodus) to live obediently before God. This prepared the people for their move into the land God had promised and provided.

OUTLINE:

First Address of Moses: 1:1– 4:49 containing lessons from the history of Israel.

- Preface and historical introduction 1:1-5
- Review of Israel's history 1:6 – 4:49

Second Address of Moses: 5:1–26:19 containing lessons from the Law.

- A series of exhortations 5:1-11:32
- A series of laws and statutes 12:1-21:23
- A series of laws for Israel's social life 22:1-26:19

Third Address of Moses: 27:1-30:20 containing the way of the blessing and the way of the curse.

- A provision for future renewal of the covenant 27:1-26
- Covenant blessings and curses 28:1-29:15
- Final exhortation to obedience 29:16-30:20

Final days of Moses 31:1-34:12

- Designation of Moses Successor Chp.31

31:1-8 *So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. ² And he said to them, "I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I am no longer able to go out and come in. The LORD has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.'³ The LORD your God himself will go over before you; he will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them; and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken. ⁴ And the LORD will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. ⁵ And the LORD will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to all the commandment which I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."*

⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua, and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall go with this people into the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them; and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸ It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed."

- Song of Moses Chp.32
- Moses final blessing of Israel Chp.33
- Death of burial of Moses Chp.34

34:1 *And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.*