

A Tour Through the Divine Library  
(Deuteronomy)

I. General Introduction to Deuteronomy

-Title: Hebrew: דְּבָרַי: “words” (Deut. 1:1); LXX: δευτερονόμιον: “second law” (17:18)

-Author/Date: Moses, shortly before his death in 1405 B.C. (1:16, 18; 3:21; 4:44; 29:1, 5; 31:9, 24-26; 34:1, 5; Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; 19:7, 8)

-Theme/Purpose: “Beware lest you forget.” (8:11, 18, 19)

-Structure:

I. Introduction (1:1-4)

II. Sermons

A. First Address (1:5-4:43)

B. Second Address (4:44-28:68)

C. Third Address (29:1-31:13)

III. Appendices

A. Moses’ Song (31:14-32:47)

B. Moses’ Blessing (32:48-33:29)

C. Moses’ Death (34:1-12)

II. General Overview of Deuteronomy

-1<sup>st</sup> Sermon: Historical Review (chs. 1-4)

-2<sup>nd</sup> Sermon: Review and Application of God’s Laws (chs. 5-26); Two Significant Prophecies: the coming king (17:14-20) and the coming prophet (18:15-22); Ebal and Gerizim (11:29, 30; chs. 27, 28); Prophecy of Future Exile (28:36, 64; see also 4:27); Consequences of Disobedience (28:15-68)

-3<sup>rd</sup> Sermon: Renewal of the Covenant (chs. 29, 30); Final Counsels (31:1-13)

-Appendices: Song of Moses (31:14-32:47); Blessing of Moses (32:48-33:29); Death of Moses (ch. 34)

III. Christ in Deuteronomy

-Deuteronomy 21:22, 23 (see Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24) “*Jesus died on a tree of death so that we might eat from the tree of life.*”

-Moses is a type of Christ: Priest, Leader, and Prophet (Deut. 18; Mark 9:7; Acts 3:22, 23)

IV. Prominent People and Themes in Deuteronomy

-People: God (1:11; 2:7; 3:24; 4:7, 8, 24, 31-35, 40; 5:24; 6:4, 5; 7:7-9, 13; 8:2,15,18; 10:15, 17, 18; 23:5; 28:58; 29:20, 27, 28; 32:4, 19-22, 39, 43; 33:26, 27); Moses (*passim*); Joshua (1:37, 38; 3:21-28; 31:3-23; 32:44; 34:9)

-Themes: Instructing our Children (4:10; 6:7); Warning to Obey God (Rom. 11:22); the Gospel (9:4; 30:11-14 with Rom. 10:6-10)

Practical Lessons

1) Disobedience to God is no small matter.

2) Salvation from sin is found only in Jesus Christ.