

# Class Schedule

# DEUTERONOMY

Day	Date	Lesson	Lesson Title
Sun	30-Oct	<b>1</b>	Introduction - Historical & Literary Setting
Wed	2-Nov	<b>2</b>	History of Israel Recounted (1:1-4:49)
Sun	6-Nov	<b>3</b>	The Commandments & Covenant (5:1-7:26)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9-Nov</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>History &amp; Exhortation to Obedience (8:1-11:32)</b>
Sun	13-Nov	<b>5</b>	Laws of Worship (12:1-16:17)
Wed	16-Nov	<b>6</b>	Laws of Leadership (16:18-18:22)
Sun	20-Nov	<b>7</b>	Laws of Community Life - Part 1 (19:1-22:30)
Wed	23-Nov		
Sun	27-Nov	<b>8</b>	Laws of Community Life - Part 2 (23:1-26:19)
Wed	30-Nov	<b>9</b>	Blessings & Curses (27:1-30:20)
Sun	4-Dec	<b>10</b>	Joshua Commissioned (31:1-29)
Wed	7-Dec	<b>11</b>	Song , Blessing, & Death of Moses (31:30-33:29)
Sun	11-Dec	<b>12</b>	Review - Theme 1
Wed	14-Dec	<b>13</b>	Review - Theme 2

# Course Goals

## DEUTERONOMY

1. Learn the structure of the book of Deuteronomy, to prepare for future study and teaching others.
2. Know the key themes and most significant verses in the book, with references.
3. Deepen our appreciation and comprehension of the New Covenant, by understanding the Old (see Deut. 18:15-22; Jer. 31:31-34).
4. Expand our understanding of God's plan for human behavior, based on an understanding of His inspired civil code (see Rom 15:4; I Cor 10:11; Heb 5:14; Eph 5:10; Rom 12:2).

# Chiastic Structure

## DEUTERONOMY

**A The Outer Frame: A Look Backward (ch. 1-3)**

**B The Inner Frame: The Great Exhortation (ch. 4-11)**

**C The Central Core: Stipulations of the Covenant (ch. 12-26)**

**B The Inner Frame: The Covenant Ceremony (ch. 27-30)**

**A The Outer Frame: A Look Forward (ch. 31-34)**

# Outline, by chapter

# DEUTERONOMY

**(Chapters 1-4) Review of Israel's History**

**(Chapters 5-11) Restatement & Importance of the Law**

**(Chapters 12-26) Further Explanation of the Law**

**(Chapters 27-30) Appeal for Commitment**

**(Chapters 31-34) Change in Leadership**

# What Chapter?

# DEUTERONOMY

- 4:1-2** “Not add to ... nor take from it..”
- 4:6** “This is your wisdom ... in the sight of the peoples”
- 6:4-6** [Shema] “Hear, O Israel: The Lord... is one! You shall love the Lord...”
- 6:7-9** “... you shall teach them diligently to your children...”
- 6:24** “... for our good always...”
- 7:6** “you are a holy people .. Chosen you to be a people for Himself...”
- 8:3** “Man shall not live by bread alone...”
- 12:11** “...a place where the Lord chooses to make His name abide.”
- 18:15-19** “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me...”
- 28:36-37** “... you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, a byword...”
- 30:11-14** “Who will ascend into heaven.. Bring it to us...”
- 30:19** “I have set before you today life and death, blessing and cursing...”
- 31:23** [to Joshua] “Be strong and of good courage... I will be with you.”

# Detailed Outline

# DEUTERONOMY

## 1) The First Address of Moses (Chapters 1-4)

- Historical overview (Deuteronomy 1:6-3)
- Appeal for commitment to God (Deuteronomy 4)

## 2) The Second Address of Moses

- God's covenant with Israel (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
- A Message about the First Commandment (Deuteronomy 6-9:6)
- A Survey of the Laws Given on Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 9:7-10:11)
- Reminders of God's Laws (Deuteronomy 10:12-11)

## 3) The Laws (Chapters 12-28)

- Place of Worship (Deuteronomy 12)
- Separation from Idolatry (Deuteronomy 13)
- Clean and Unclean Meats (Deuteronomy 14:3-21)
- Tithes (Deuteronomy 14:22-29)
- Year of Release (Deuteronomy 15:1-11)
- Releasing Slaves (Deuteronomy 15:12-18)
- Firstlings of Cattle and Sheep (Deuteronomy 15:19-23)
- Yearly Pilgrimage Feasts and Festivals (Deuteronomy 16:1-17)
- Leaders of the Nation (Deuteronomy 16:18-28:22)
- Right of Asylum (Deuteronomy 19)
- Conduct of War (Deuteronomy 20, 21:10-14, 23:9-14)
- Marriage and Family Life (Deuteronomy 21, 22, 24:1-4, 25:5-10)
- Humanitarian Regulations (Deuteronomy 21, 22, 24, 25)
- Blessings and Curses on the People (Deuteronomy 27)
- Results of Observance and Neglect (Deuteronomy 28)

## 4) The Last Days of Moses (Chapters 29-34)

- Third Address (Deuteronomy 29-30)
- Last Words and Acts of Moses (Deuteronomy 31-33)
- Death and Burial of Moses (Deuteronomy 34)

# Content of Deuteronomy

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Focus	Backward						Inward						Upward			
Divisions	Renewing the Wanderings		Renewing God's Demands for Obedience		Remembering Lessons in Obedience		Religious Laws for Canaan		Civil Laws for Canaan		Social Laws for Canaan		Commitment to the Covenant		Farewell & Death of Moses	
	1	4	5	7	8	11	12	16	17	20	21	26	27	30	31	34
Topics	Lessons from the Past						Lessons from the Future						Lessons of a Leader			
	The Obedient Life						The Orderly Life						One Man's Life			
Place	Moab (North of the Dead Sea)															
Time	About 2 Years															
Author	Moses															

# God's Care for Israel (8:1-20)

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- In the wilderness (humbled & tested), as a chastening father (1-5)
  - Allowed to hunger
  - Fed with (strange) manna
  - Preserved garments
  - Did not let “feet swell,” (compare to Dt 29:5)
- **In the Promised Land (6-13)**
  - **Water, Food, Minerals**
  - **Beautiful houses, herds & flocks, silver & gold**
- In Egypt – Bondage (14)
- In the Wilderness (15-16)
  - Serpents, scorpions, no water (15)
  - Water from Rock & Manna (15-16)

**‘My power and the  
might of my hand have  
gained me this wealth.’**

# Israel's Undeserving (9:1-11)

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- Giants in the Land (2)
  - “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.” (Num 13:26)
  - And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. (Josh 11:21)
- Promise to Abraham (5)
  - On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates...” (Gen 15:18, and remember 1:10 and Gen 15:5)

# Sinai Chronology (9:7-10:10)

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1. Moses went up to receive the tablets (9)
2. Stayed 40 days/night (9)
3. Jehovah gave Moses the tablets, written with His finger (10)
4. Jehovah tells Moses, 'your' people have acted corruptly (12)
5. Moses descends, sees the people, broke the tables (17)
6. Moses falls down again in petition for 40 days/nights (18, 10:10)
  - For Aaron too (20)
  - Argument based on promises to patriarchs and Jehovah's reputation (25-29)
7. Moses burns & crushes the calf and throws it in water (21, & see Ex 32:20)
8. Moses cuts new stones and re-ascends the mountain (10:1-2)
9. (God passes by Moses) (Ex 34)
10. God re-writes on the tablets and they are put in the ark, when built (10:5)
11. (Aaron made high priest (Ex 40:13)
12. Levites began duties of priesthood (10:8)
13. Aaron succeeded by Eleazar (10:6, & Num 33:38)

# Other Incidents (9:22)

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- **Taberah** - Now when the people complained, it displeased the LORD; for the LORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the LORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp.<sup>2</sup> Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the LORD, the fire was quenched. <sup>3</sup> So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the LORD had burned among them. (Num 11:1-3)
- **Massah** (see Dt 6:16) - And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why *is* it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!” <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” (Ex 17:3-7)

# Other Incidents (9:22)

- **Kibroth Hattavah** – And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. <sup>33</sup> But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. <sup>34</sup> So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving. (Num 11:32-34)
- **Kadesh Barnea** – So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. <sup>2</sup> And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” <sup>4</sup> So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” (Num 14:1-4)

# Circumcision of the Heart

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- Therefore **circumcise** the foreskin of your **heart**, and be stiff-necked no longer. (Dt 10:16)
- And the LORD your God will **circumcise** your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. (Dt 30:6)
- **Circumcise yourselves** to the LORD, And take away the foreskins of your **hearts**, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.” (Jer 4:4)
- ...But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and **circumcision** is that of the **heart**, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. (Rom 2:29)

# God's Nature to Imitate (10:12-22)

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- No partiality, no bribe (17)
- Justice to fatherless and widow (18)
- Loves the stranger (18)
- Gives food and clothing (18)

# Other Points from Chapter 11

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- Pharaoh and Dathan and Abiram mentioned together (2-7)
- The Promised Land is not like Egypt, a 'vegetable garden' (9-12)
- Similarity of 11:18-20 and 6:6-8 (see below)
- Mighty nations to be driven out... (11:22-25, and see 7:1)
- Blessing and Cursings (see Dt 27 and Josh 8:33-35)

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (6:6-8)

Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup>You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>20</sup>And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates... (11:18-20)

# Questions to Discuss

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- Why does Moses talk to these Israelites as if they were their parents?
- Why the direct connection between spiritual obedience and physical blessings?