

Deuteronomy:

Greek: “Deuteronomion” Second Telling

Hebrew: “Devarim” Words (of Moses)

- 3 Sermons of Moses and His Death Account
- Recalls the Story and Explains the Law in Brief
- Bridge Between Torah & Books of History
- Sh'ma “Greatest commandment...”
(Deu. 6:4-9)
- The Song of Moses
- Most Quoted OT Book by Christ
- Moses Recounting Israel’s History and Relationship with God to the New Generation
- Explaining the Law
- Calling People to Righteousness
- Calling People to Faithfulness in their Covenant

First Sermon (Ch. 1-11):

- Remember & Learn from Unfaithfulness
- Remember God’s Justice & Faithfulness
- 6:4-5 Shema: “Hear & Respond” (Obey)
- Ahab: “To Love” (Devotion of Whole Self)

An Example to the Nations:

- Kingdom of Priests (Ex. 19:6)
- Torah Makes Israel Unique
- Commanded to Serve No Other God
- Displays the
 - o Justice of God
 - o Mercy of God
 - o Wisdom of God
 - o Faithfulness of God
- Through Israel the World will Know God
- Canaanites will Try to Tempt Israel Away from God
 - o Worshipped Aspects of Creation
 - o Enticed through Bodily Pleasures
 - o Performed Human Sacrifices
 - o Discredit Israel’s Example
 - o Discredit Israel’s God

Second Sermon(Ch.12-26):

- The Worship of God (12-16a)
 - o One Central Place of Sacrifice
 - o Worship through Care for the Poor
 - Tithe to the Temple & Poor
- The Leadership of Israel (16b-18)
 - o Character Qualifications & Statutes
 - Elders, Priesthood, Kings
 - (Executive & Judicial Branches)
 - No Legislative (Law Already Given)
 - All Subordinate to the Torah
 - Policed by the Prophets
- Civil Laws (19-26)
 - o Personal Liability (Tort)
 - o Marriage & Family
 - o Business & Trade
 - o Provision & Protection for the Destitute & the Traveler (Foreigner)
 - o Worship & Accountability to God

When Reading the Laws of Israel:

- Culture Related to Yet Distinct from Its Neighbors
- Terms of a Near Eastern Covenant to Ancient Israel
 - o Cultural & Sacrificial Isolation Fulfilled in Christ
- Look for the Ethical Underpinnings
 - o Love, Justice, Mercy, Devotion
 - o Compare with the Laws of Other Nations
 - o (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Rome)
 - o Look for NT Echoes or Restatements

Third Sermon & Death Account(27-34):

- Final Challenge to Obedience
 - o Promises of Blessing for Faithfulness
 - o Promises of Curses for Unfaithfulness
 - o Prophecy of Exile
 - o Plead to Choose Life
 - o Promise of God’s Grace to Forgiveness
 - o Promise of Inner Transformation
- Song of Moses
 - o Warnings for the Unfaithful (32)
 - o Prophecies for the Tribes of Israel (33:1-43)
 - o Final Instructions to Joshua (33:44-47)

