

Deuteronomy

Key Text: Deuteronomy 6.4–5 (ESV)

4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Key Word: Love & Loyalty

Deuteronomy begins where Numbers leaves off - on the plains of Moab, across from Jericho

Numbers = Mt. Sinai ---> Paran/Kadesh ---> Plains of Moab

All of Deuteronomy takes place on the plains of Moab

Moses' final sermons

Deuteronomy summarizes OT theology in the way that Romans does for the NT.

Quoted by Jesus more than any other book

When Jesus was tempted, He quotes Deuteronomy 6.16 - do not test, Deuteronomy 6.13 - fear the Lord

THE STRUCTURE OF DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy has all of the pieces of a near-Eastern treaty.

This is the story about the treaty, not the treaty.

Deuteronomy 1-4

- God's grace as motivation
- How good God has been to them

Deuteronomy 5-26

- God's instruction or life
- Stipulation - rules for relationship

Deuteronomy 27-30

- Consequences for choices (sanctions for treaty)

Deuteronomy 31-34

- God's grace as motivation

THE MESSAGE OF DEUTERONOMY

Loyalty and Love

Loyalty

- Deuteronomy 5.7 - no other gods
- All commands flow out of this commandment
- Deuteronomy 6.14 - do not follow other gods.

Love

- Deuteronomy 11.1 - love the Lord, keep commandments
- John 14.15 - Love me, keep commandments
- Deuteronomy 30.16 Love the Lord through obedience