

DEUTERONOMY

The final book of the Pentateuch

- Gets its name from a Greek word meaning the "second law", or the "law repeated".
- Moses starts with a brief history lesson, recounts the wilderness wanderings,
- reviews Gods covenant and the 10 commandments
- Moses' farewell address to a new generation

-Since much of Deuteronomy is a repeat, I only want to point out a couple of things:

-I have often wondered how a loving God could be so cold and allow His chosen people to take the Promised Land from the people living there

- especially since they rebelled against Him so often
- In Deuteronomy, we get the answer

-before entering the Promised Land, God tells them:

Deu 9:4 "Do not say in your heart when the LORD your God has driven them out before you, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD is dispossessing them before you.

Deu 9:5 "It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you are going to possess their land, but *it is* because of the wickedness of these nations *that* the LORD your God is driving them out before you, in order to confirm the oath which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Deu 9:6 "Know, then, *it is* not because of your righteousness *that* the LORD your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people.

-notice that God repeats it 3 TIMES to them!

-He wants to make sure they understand it's not because of their efforts

-it's because of 2 things

- The other people's wickedness (like Sodom and Gomorrah)
- and because He made a promise to Abraham way back in Gen. ch. 12

Gen 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.

Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

Gen 12:7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land."

-So we can learn 2 things for sure

- God will always keep His promises
- It is not because of our efforts that God delivered us

Isa 64:6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

- Deuteronomy closes with Joshua being commissioned and Moses dying
- but before Moses dies, God takes him up on a mountain
- sad ending

Deu 34:4 Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

Deu 34:5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

Deu 34:6 And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day.

- God buries Moses Himself

- Many people get confused in the typology of the Promised Land
- they think it is a picture of heaven, which it is not
- we will discuss that in the book of Joshua

- It's easy to dismiss Deuteronomy as just a boring repeat of the law
- but it appears that this book had a very special place in the heart of Jesus
- After baptism, Satan came to tempt Jesus several times
- Jesus rebuked Satan with scripture

...It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD **Deuteronomy 8:3**]

...it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST **Deuteronomy 6:16**

...For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY [**Deuteronomy 6:13**

- without exception, every scripture He quoted came from the book of Deuteronomy
- so if Jesus took strength and encouragement from this book when He was at His lowest, it should be worth reading for us too

Picture Types:

-Obviously the picture of Moses again
(Repeating of the Leviticus)