

Deuteronomy

OT Order

5

Chapters

34

Section

The Law

Historical Setting

Set in the plains of Moab,
40 years after leaving Egypt.

OVERVIEW:

Written by:

Moses
The Man of God

Written to:

The children
of Israel.
A new generation!

Written for:

To renew the terms of
the covenant made at
Mount Sinai
with their fathers

Key Theme or Verse

And thou shalt love the LORD thy
God with all thine heart, and with all
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Remembrance

Chapters 1-4

The Report

Israel's refusal to enter the land
Recalling the wilderness years
Wars with their enemies
Joshua appointed Moses' successor
Cities of refuge east beyond Jordan

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Review

Chapters 5-26

The Recollection

The 10 Commandments
Loving God, teaching their children
Their sin and God's forgiveness
The LORD'S chosen place of worship
Laws concerning Israel's Kings
Laws concerning marriages
Laws concerning first fruits and tithes

3

Ratification

Chapter 27-30

The Recitation

The Law written on plastered stones
Blessings and curses: Gerizim & Ebal
Blessings for obedience – on Gerizim
Curses for disobedience – on Ebal
The covenant renewed in Moab
The choice of life or death

4

Replacement

Chapters 31-34

The Resignation

Moses final words to Israel
The Law to be read every 7 years
Joshua commissioned to lead Israel
The song of Moses
Moses' final blessing on Israel
The death of Moses



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Looking back on the past experiences of ourselves and others with God, should strengthen and encourage us moving ahead, to ensure our future blessing.

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The Literary structure of Deuteronomy follows Hittite Treaties

1 Treaty Preamble

Chapter 1v1-v5

Introduction

The parties involved:

ch.1v1

These are the words which
Moses spoke to all Israel

2 Treaty Prologue

Chapter 1v6-ch.3

Historical basis

Recap their failures
and God's goodness

- Refusal to enter the land
- The wilderness years
- Their enemies defeated:
King Sihon
King Og

3 Treaty Present

Chapter 4

The Purpose

Obedience commanded:

ch4v1

Now, O Israel,
listen to the statutes
and the judgments which
I teach you to observe
that you may live

4 Treaty Stipulations

Chapter 5-26

Obligations

Ten Commandments:

- No other Gods
- No Idols
- No taking his name in vain
- Keep the Sabbath
- Honor parents
- No murder
- No adultery
- No theft
- No lies
- No coveting

5 Treaty Sanctions

Chapter 27-28

Blessing/Cursing

Written in stone:

Curses pronounced
Blessings pronounced

6 Treaty Continuity

Chapter 29-34

Safeguards

Provisions for continuation:

Song of Moses as a witness
for the people

The book of the Law as a
witness for the Levites

The death of Moses
Joshua a new leader chosen



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