

INTRODUCTION TO DEUTERONOMY

I. MEANING OF DEUTERONOMY

"Second law". However, this book is much more than just a restatement of the law.

A. Book of "retrospect". Looking back

Book of "prospect". Looking forward.

"looking back with "hindsight". Actually with Divine Insight.

B. 1:5 Last spot before children of Israel enter promised land

34:5,6 The place where Moses is buried - Remember!!

C. Divine Insight - "commentary". In that sense it stands in the same relationship as does the book of Chronicles to the historical section Divine lessons from past history.

II. MAIN FEATURES OF DEUTERONOMY

A. Declaration of the Supremacy of God 4:39 5:6 6:4-5

Not one among many / Monotheism / Uniqueness of God, LORD

B. Affirmation of the Love of God (22 mentions) 7:7-8 10:15 23:5

His sovereign choice / unmerited / His longsuffering

C. Terms of the covenant of God (27 mentions) 4:9-13 5:1-7 29:1-4

Sinaitic and Palestinian covenants / 4:9-13 5:1-27 29:1-4

D. Israel as a Holy People of God 7:6 14:21 26:19 28:9

Separated unto LORD / His possession / Holy laws for holy nation

E. Blessing Found in Obedience to God 11:8-9 28:1-14 28:15-68

Disobedience brought curses / obedience brought blessing

III. OT USAGE OF DEUTERONOMY

A. Josiah's reforms. The finding of the "Book of the covenant" 2 Kings 22 cp.

Deut.28:61 29:1,9

IV. NT USAGE OF DEUTERONOMY

A. All three of Lord Jesus' answers to Satan from Deuteronomy

B. Deut. 6:5 Matt. 22:37

Deut 25:4 I Cor. 9:9

Deut.30:11-14 Ro. 10:6-8

C. Some favorite passages 33:12 33:25 33:26

V. LESSONS OF DEUTERONOMY

A. Not addressed to "leaders" but to "rank and file"

B. Moses standing in the plains of Moab - viewing the promised land but not able to go in ! What a warning to that and subsequent generations.

C. An entire generation that didn't go in to the promised land. Another warning.

D. No new events of God woven throughout the fabric of the Israelites experience.

E. In the end, God glorified. Ultimately, this will be our end.

F. Two quotes that dominate the teaching of this book

1. "Beware lest ye forget" 4:9,23 5:15

2. "Thou shalt remember" 6:12 8:2,11
I Corinthians 10:11 Romans 15:4