

Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 20:10-18; 28:1-6, 15-19
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I. Introduction

II. Overview

A. Border document

B. Titles

1. Hebrew: “The words” (1:15; 4:45-46; 29:1-2; 33:1-2)
2. Greek: second law

C. Documentary hypothesis

1. JEP
2. D: Deuteromistic/Deuteronomic Historian
 - a. 7th-5th centuries BC
 - b. Deuteronomy - 2 Kings, Jeremiah

D. Center/mid-point of Old Testament

III. History of Deuteronomy 12-26 (2 Kings 22:8, 10-11)

IV. Content

- A. Centers around Decalogue (5:16-21) and Shema (6:4-5)
- B. Sinai/Horeb covenant is supreme
- C. Centralization of worship in Jerusalem
- D. Israel will lose the land if unfaithful
- E. Special concern for vulnerable

V. Application

- A. We are repeatedly on the border
- B. How to appropriate the past for the new

VI. Passages

A. Deuteronomy 6:4-9: Shema

1. The heart of the matter (6:4-5)
 - a. Center is a relationship with God (6:4)
 - b. Love as a verb: serve, obey (6:5)
 - c. Heart, soul, might: totality of person (6:5)
 - d. Repeated multiple times per day

2. Prominence of Shema (6:6-9)

B. Deuteronomy 20:10-18: Holy War

1. Offer them slavery (20:11)
2. Kill all males (20:13)
3. If in promised land, kill all (20:16-17)
4. *The Quran*

C. Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 15-19: Theodicy for OT

VII. What else is applicable for us?

VIII. Questions and comments

IX. LET US PRAY!

Next time: March 1 Judges

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 20:10-18

¹⁰“When you draw near to a town to fight against it, offer it terms of peace. ¹¹ If it accepts your terms of peace and surrenders to you, then all the people in it shall serve you at forced labor. ¹² But if it does not accept your terms of peace and makes war against you, then you shall besiege it, ¹³ and when the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword. ¹⁴ You may, however, take as your plunder the women, the children, livestock, and everything else in the town, all its spoil. You may enjoy the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you. ¹⁵ Thus you shall treat all the towns that are very far from you, which are not towns of these nations here. ¹⁶ But as for the towns of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you must not let anything that breathes remain alive. ¹⁷ Indeed, you shall annihilate them—the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites—just as the LORD your God has commanded, ¹⁸ so that they may not teach you to do all the abhorrent things that they do for their gods and you thus sin against the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 15-19

If you will only obey the LORD your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; ² all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the LORD your God: ³ Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. ⁴ Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. ⁵ Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. ⁶ Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. . . .

But if you will not obey the LORD your God by diligently observing all his commandments and decrees that I am commanding you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you: ¹⁶ Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. ¹⁷ Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. ¹⁸ Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. ¹⁹ Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.