

DEUTERONOMY

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

5

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

34

TYPE

HISTORY/LAW, PENTATEUCH



OVERVIEW

The entire Book of Deuteronomy takes place in Moab, in preparation for Israel entering Canaan. Moses gives his farewell address and encourages the army to stay God-centered after crossing the Jordan River. The title of the book means “second law” or “repetition of law” and Moses repeats many of the laws and commandments that were revealed by the Lord.



WRITTEN

Around 1400 BC
during and following
the Exodus



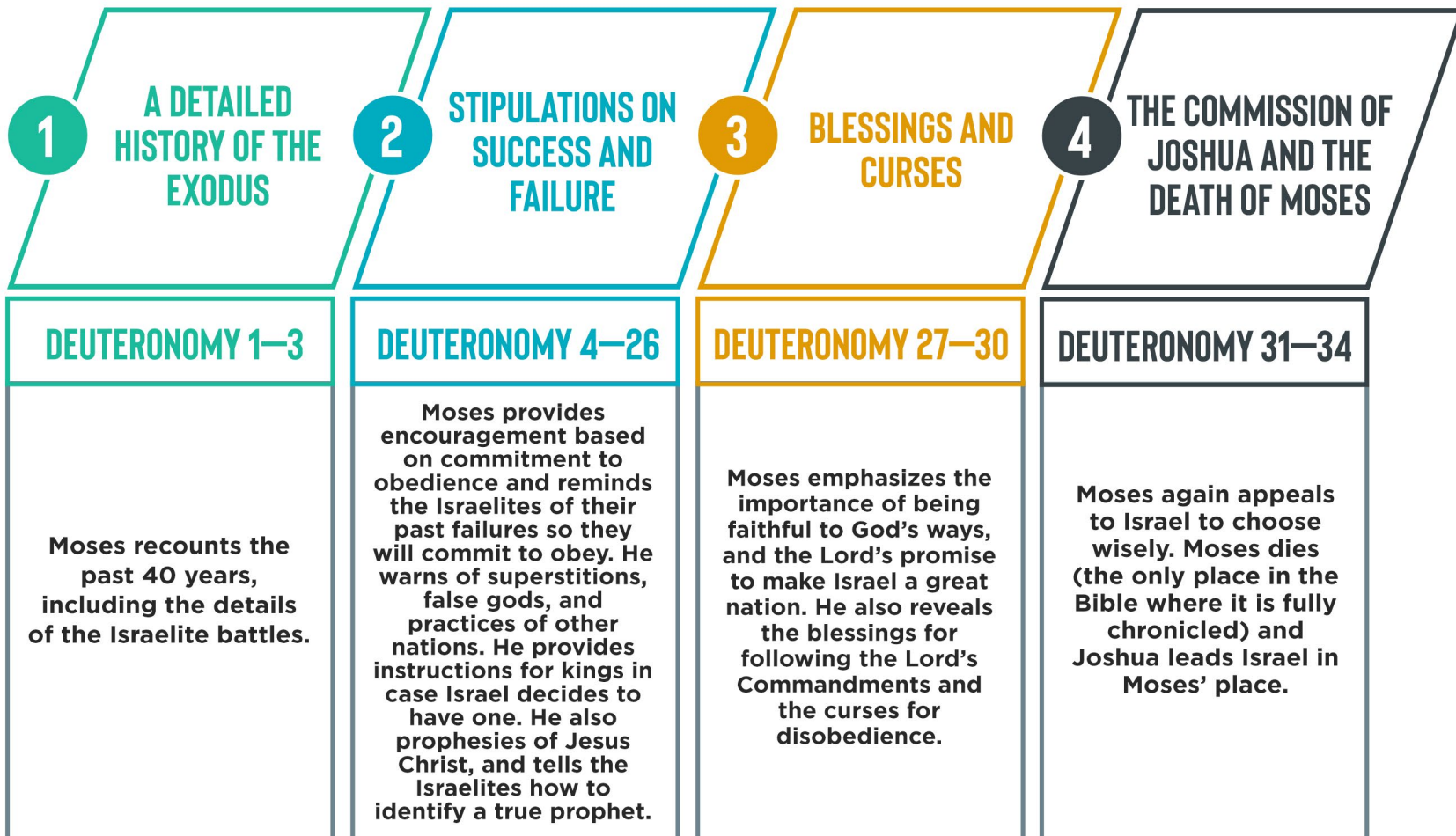
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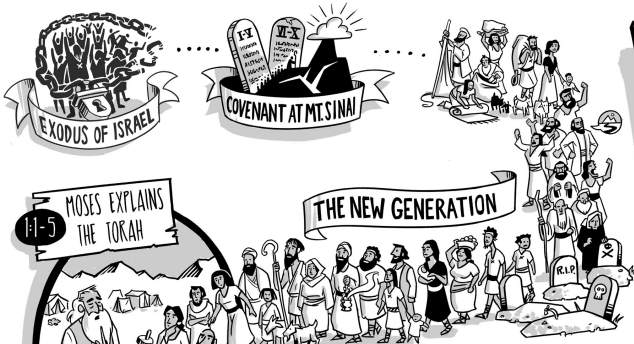
1450-1400 BC



AUTHOR

Moses and
unnamed scribes





DEUTERONOMY

A CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

SOME LAWS ARE NEW, BUT MANY ARE REPEATED.
GREEK: δευτερονομιον = "SECOND LAW"

QUESTIONS UNRESOLVED IN THE TORAH

- WHEN WILL THE DESCENDANT OF WOMAN COME TO DEFEAT EVIL? (GENESIS 3)
- HOW IS GOD GOING TO RESCUE THE WORLD THROUGH ABRAHAM'S FAMILY? (GENESIS 12)
- HOW CAN A HOLY GOD BE RECONCILED TO REBELLIOUS PEOPLE? (EXODUS-NUMBERS)
- HOW WILL GOD TRANSFORM THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE? (DEUTERONOMY 30)

1-11 MOSES' OPENING SPEECH

7-9 THE STORY SO FAR...

ISRAEL'S REBELLION

GOD'S GRACE

MANNA

THE SHEMA

11 MOSES' CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

LISTEN ISRAEL, THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE, AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIGHT! —(DEUT 6:4-5)

LISTEN "HEAR" + "RESPOND" = OBEY

LOVE "EMOTION" + "DECISION" = DEVOTION

LORD ALONE (LITERALLY, "THE LORD IS ONE") ISRAEL IS TO WORSHIP ONLY THE ONE GOD

WISDOM KINGDOM OF PRIESTS (EXODUS 17)

JUSTICE

SHODNANS

AMBITES

12-26 COLLECTION OF LAWS

12-16a ISRAEL'S WORSHIP

ONE TEMPLE for ONE GOD

WORSHIPPING GOD = CARE FOR THE POOR.

16b-18 ISRAEL'S LEADERS

... UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF:

THE LAW & THE PROPHETS

ELDERS PRIESTS KINGS

19-26 CIVIL LAWS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

MARRIAGE, FAMILY & BUSINESS PROTECTION OF THE WIDOW, ORPHAN & IMMIGRANT

TIPS FOR READING THESE LAWS:

- 1.) THE LAWS ARE THE TERMS OF THE SINAI COVENANT GIVEN TO ANCIENT ISRAEL.
- 2.) DON'T COMPARE THEM WITH MODERN LAWS, BUT WITH THE LAWS OF ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS.
- 3.) DISCERN THE CORE PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING THE LAW.

ISRAEL HIGHER LEVEL OF JUSTICE

VS.

CODE OF UR-NAMPU

MIDDLE-ASSYRIAN LAWS

CODE OF HAMMURABI

EXTRA CREDIT: SEE HOW PAUL (1 CORINTHIANS 9:9) DOES THIS WITH DEUTERONOMY 25:4!

27-34 MOSES' FINAL SPEECH & DEATH

27-30 WARNING & ULTIMATUM

LISTEN & OBEY → BLESSING

REBELLION → DEVASTATION & EXILE

... BUT ONE DAY, GOD WILL CIRCUMCISE YOUR HEARTS, SO YOU CAN LOVE GOD AND LIVE.

REBELLION IN THE GARDEN

JEREMIAH 31 AND EZEKIEL 36

31-34 MOSES' LAST WORDS & DEATH

POEM & WARNING

POEM & BLESSING