

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DEUTERONOMY

**AUTHOR:** Moses has been traditionally recognized as the author of Deuteronomy, since the book itself testifies that Moses wrote it (1:1, 5; 31:9, 22, 24). Both the OT (1 Kin. 2:3; 8:53; 2 Kin. 14:6; 18:12) and the NT (Acts 3:22, 23; Rom. 10:19) support the claim of Mosaic authorship. While Deut. 32:48–34:12 was added after Moses’ death (probably by Joshua), the rest of the book came from Moses’ hand just before his death.<sup>1</sup>

### OUTLINE OF DEUTERONOMY

- I. Introduction: Preamble to Moses’ Speeches (1:14)
- II. Historical Prologue (1:5:4:43)
- III. Covenant Stipulations (4:44-26:19)
  - A. General Stipulations: Love and Faithfulness | Dt. 4:44-11:32
    - i. The Ten Commandments (5:1–33)
    - ii. The total commitment to the Lord (6:1–25)
    - iii. Separation from the gods of other nations (7:1–26)
    - iv. A warning against forgetting the Lord (8:1–20)
    - v. Illustrations of Israel’s rebellion in the past (9:1–10:11)
    - vi. An admonition to fear and love the Lord and obey His will (10:12–11:32)
  - B. Specific Stipulations: Justice and Holiness/Life in the New Land (12:1-26:19)
    - i. Instructions for the life of worship (12:1–16:17)
    - ii. Instructions for leadership (16:18–18:22)
    - iii. Instructions for societal order (19:1–23:14)
    - iv. Instructions from miscellaneous laws (23:15–25:19)
    - v. The first fruits and tithes in the land (26:1–15)
    - vi. The affirmation of obedience (26:16–19)
- IV. The Blessings and Curses of the Covenant (27:1–28:68)
  - A. Covenant Ratification and Final Exhortation (29:1-30:20)
- V. Conclusion: Sneak Preview of Israel’s Future (31:1-34:12)
  - A. Moses Transfers Leadership to Joshua (Deut. 31)
  - B. Moses Prophesies Exile and Restoration (Deut. 32)
  - C. Moses Blesses the Tribes (Deut. 33)
  - D. Moses Dies (Deut. 34)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Deuteronomy: Bible Introductions, GRACE TO YOU (Feb. 8, 2010), available at: <https://www.gty.org/library/bible-introductions/MSB05>. Copyright 2010, Grace to You. All rights reserved. Used by permission

<sup>2</sup> Adapted from Grace to You, *supra* note 1 & TREMPER LONGMAN III & RAYMOND B. DILLARD, INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT (2d. ed. 1994) at 110.

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### A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SPECIFIC STIPULATIONS:<sup>3</sup>

How do the 10 Commandments (5:6-21) shape the covenant stipulations?

<b>Table 4</b>		
<b>Deuteronomy as Exposition of the Decalogue</b>		
Adapted from Walton (1987)		
<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>RE: GOD</b>	<b>RE: MAN</b>
Authority	Commandment 1 5:7 (chaps. 6–11)	Commandment 5 5:16 (16:18–17:13)
Dignity (19:1–24:7)	Commandment 2 5:8–10 (12:1–32)	Commandments 6–8 5:17–19 6th: 19:1–21:23 7th: 22:1–23:14 8th: 23:15–24:7
Commitment	Commandment 3 5:11 (13:1–14:21)	Commandment 9 5:20 (24:8–16)
Rights and Privileges	Commandment 4 5:12–15 (14:22–16:17)	Commandment 10 5:21 (24:17–26:15)

<sup>3</sup> Taken from TREMPER LONGMAN III & RAYMOND B. DILLARD, *supra* note 2, at 114.