

READING PLAN + STUDY QUESTIONS

Deuteronomy

READING PLAN OVERVIEW

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HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

- 1. READ THE GENRE + BOOK OVERVIEW ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**
- 2. READ THE CHAPTERS IN THE BIBLE FOR EACH SESSION**
- 3. READ THE CHAPTER SUMMARIES ON [EVERYDAYSCRIPTURE.ORG](https://everydayscripture.org)**
- 4. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS + REFLECT ON THE READING**

This study encourages going at your own pace, allowing each session to be a day, a week, or however long you need. Each session contains questions to be used for individual reflection or small group discussion.

This study was made to be used alongside Bible reading. Although we have created chapter summaries, there is no substitute for reading God's Word.

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- What type of literature is this book of the Bible? Does that affect the interpretation?
- Who is the intended audience of this book? What purpose does it serve?
- What does this passage of Scripture reveal about God's character?
- What can I learn from this Scripture passage? How does it apply today?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Everyday Scripture: Deuteronomy](#)
- [Everyday Scripture: Old Testament Law](#)
- [The Bible Project: Deuteronomy Overview Video](#)

GENRE OVERVIEW: OLD TESTAMENT LAW

The first five books of the Bible – known as the books of the law or the Pentateuch – tell of the creation of the earth, the fall of man, and God’s pursuit of restoration with humanity. This section of Scripture contains epic stories that reveal God’s faithfulness and expose the sinfulness of humanity. God establishes His chosen people and leads them on a treacherous journey out of oppression and into His provision.

Throughout Scripture, God uses unlikely people to fulfill His purposes, including Abraham, Noah, and Moses. God makes covenants with His people, wanting them to follow God alone and live in righteousness. Although humanity consistently fails to be faithful, God remains steadfast in His love and mercy.

BOOK OVERVIEW: DEUTERONOMY

Moses wanted the Israelites to be faithful in the Promised Land, so he gave them laws and instructions from God for how to live in righteousness. Focusing on God’s faithfulness and Israel’s failures, Moses recalled many stories from Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers to the new generation of Israelites. Told through a series of three sermons, Deuteronomy is an expansion on the original law that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai.

MAIN IDEA: KEY EVENTS + KEY PEOPLE

While the Israelites traveled in the wilderness toward the land that God has set out for them, Moses shared God’s law with the new generation. Because the previous generation was rebellious, they died before they could enter the Promised Land. Although Moses was a faithful leader, he would also not be allowed to enter the Promised Land.

The new generation of Israelites consisted of the children of those who witnessed the Passover and crossed the Red Sea. This generation had not experienced God’s miracles firsthand but heard about them from the previous generation. Moses reminded the Israelites of God’s goodness and urged them to keep the covenant and obey the law. Moses knew they would face many challenges in their new land, and he attempted to set up the new generation for success and faithfulness.

SESSION ONE: DEUTERONOMY 1-11

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- **Read Deuteronomy 1:30-31. How did Moses use God's past faithfulness to encourage the new generation of Israelites?**
- **Why did Moses honor Joshua and Caleb in Deuteronomy 1:35-38?**
 - **Review Numbers 13-14 as a reminder of Joshua + Caleb's faithfulness.**
- **Moses was not allowed into the Promised Land. How did God respond to Moses' pleas in Deuteronomy 3:23-26?**
 - **How did Moses refer to God in Deuteronomy 4:31? What does this reveal about Moses' relationship with God?**
- **In Deuteronomy 6-8, do any of Moses' phrases remind you of Jesus' words? Read Matthew 4:1-10. How did Jesus reference these passages in a time of temptation?**
- **In Deuteronomy 7:6, was the statement about the Israelites applicable only to them, or is it true of all believers? Today, who are God's chosen people?**
- **Why did Moses remind the Israelites of the golden calf incident in Deuteronomy 9? What lessons can be learned from this historical event?**
- **What does circumcision represent throughout the Bible, and why is it significant? What did Moses mean by "circumcision of the heart" (10:16)?**

SESSION TWO: DEUTERONOMY 12–26

OBEYING GOD'S LAWS

- Which laws in Deuteronomy 12–26 stood out to you? Do any of them sound familiar or remind you of other parts of Scripture?
- In Deuteronomy 18:15–19, Moses foretold a future, greater prophet. To whom do you believe he was referring?
- Who was excluded from the battle in Deuteronomy 20:5–9? Do the reasons for this seem valid? What does this say about God's value system?
- What does Deuteronomy 21:22–23 say about a man killed on a tree?
 - Read Acts 5:30. How did Jesus take on the curse of sin for humanity?
- Where have you seen the law of Deuteronomy 24:19 elsewhere in Scripture?
 - Read Ruth 2:1–3.
- Consider the law in Deuteronomy 25:5. How does it correlate with the narrative of Judah and Tamar in Genesis 38?
- Review the laws related to offerings in Deuteronomy 26. How do they reflect the Israelites' worship practices and their generosity toward God?

SESSION THREE: DEUTERONOMY 27-34

COVENANT RENEWAL + THE LEGACY OF MOSES

- In Deuteronomy 27-34, which mountain was associated with blessing, and which was associated with cursing?
- How would you summarize the main idea of Deuteronomy 28 in your own words? What key themes or messages are conveyed in this chapter?
- In Deuteronomy 30, what instructions were given to the Israelites for when the covenant was broken? How does this demonstrate God's grace and desire for reconciliation?
- How could Deuteronomy 31:6 have provided encouragement and reassurance to the Israelites as they prepared to face the challenges ahead?
- Read Psalm 90, the Psalm of Moses. What common themes does this psalm share with Deuteronomy 33?
- Consider the powerful moment when God allowed Moses, who was not permitted to enter the Promised Land, to see it from afar. What emotions or lessons can be drawn from this situation?