

In the Wilderness Series: Choose Life

Deuteronomy:

- Our modern anglicized title for this book comes from the Septuagint title: *Deuteronómion*,
 - Meaning “second law” as it is the summation and representation of the law to the next generation of Israel.
- However, in the Jewish Torah it is titled: *Dəḇārīm*
 - Meaning “the words” as this book records the last acts and last words of Moses.
 - **Deuteronomy 1:1a** These are the words that Moses spoke...
- The structure is a series of three speeches or sermons followed by an epilogue of Moses.
 - Sermon #1 - **1:1 - 4:43**
 - Sermon #2 - **4:44 - 29:1**
 - Sermon #3 - **29:2–30:20**
 - Epilogue - **31:1 - 34:12**
 - Joshua replaces Moses
 - The song of Moses
 - The final blessing of Moses
 - The death of Moses

Moses’ Last Sermon (Chapter 29 – 30): The Covenant is Renewed:

- **Chapter 29, Verse 1:** These are the words...
 - This is the same Hebrew phrase as in **1:1** and the title of the book.
- Deuteronomy is a summary of the first four books, and this last sermon is a summary of Deuteronomy.
- So, this is a summary of a summary.
Verse 6: that you may know that I am the LORD your God
Deuteronomy 6:10b - 12a
...When the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, then take care lest you forget the LORD...
- **Verse 18:** Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit
Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;
- **Verse 21:** the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.
- The blessings and the curses of this book are spelled out in **chapters 27** and **28**.
Deuteronomy 27:26 “Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’
- In **chapter 28**, blessings and more curses are recorded.
 - The blessings are 14 verses.
 - The curses are 54 verses.

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Deuteronomy 28:68 And the LORD will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer.

- **Chapter 30, Verse 6:** the LORD your God will circumcise your heart

Deuteronomy 29:4 But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

Jeremiah 32:37 - 41

37 Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety.

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

Ezekiel 36:26 - 28

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Romans 2:29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

- **Verse 14:** the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Romans 10:4 - 9

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

6 But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.