

DEUTERONOMY

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To guide the nation in covenant renewal under Joshua. To offer God's people a document that lovingly outlines the details of God's relationship with his people.

Author

Moses

Date

The majority of Deuteronomy was written by Moses around 1410 BC.

Audience

The Israelites as they were making plans to enter the promised land.

Setting

The Plains of Moab at the border of the Promised Land.

Special Features

The second giving of the Law, the passing of leadership from Moses to Joshua, Moses' final blessing upon the Children of Israel, and the death of Moses on Mount Nebo.



Key Verses

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (6:4-5 ESV)

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!" (30:19 NLT)

"There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face." (34:10 NLT)

Key People

Yahweh, Moses, Israelites, Joshua.

Key Places

Plains of Moab.