

## Purpose

To remind people of what God had done and to encourage them to rededicate their lives to Him

## Meaning of Deuteronomy

“Repeated or Second Law”

## Penman

Moses (except for the final summary, which was probably written by Joshua after Moses’ death)

## Date Written

1410-1400 BC

## Setting

The east side of the Jordan River, in view of Canaan

## Key People

Moses and Joshua

## Key Places

Moab, Mt. Nebo (Pisgah)

## Key Verse

“Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and constantly loves those who love Him and obey His commands.”

*Deuteronomy 7:9*

## An Overview (34 Chapters)

- What God Has Done, *1:1-4:43*
- Principles of Godly Living, *4:44-29:1*
- A Call for Commitment to God, *29:2-30:20*
- The Change in Leadership, *31:1-34:12*

## Major Themes

- *History*: By reviewing God’s works in the past, we can learn more about His character. We can also see mistakes that people have made and try to avoid them.
- *Laws*: For a nation to continue to be successful, its laws must be based on God’s laws (Natural Law), and every generation must embrace them.
- *Faithfulness*: By observing history, one can see how faithful God is to keep His promises. One can also see that God blesses those who are faithful to Him.
- *Teaching*: God commanded that the Israelites teach their children His laws and statutes. It must be the first goal of all parents to pass on to their children the knowledge of God, His Son, and His works, and to encourage their own faith in Him.