Old Testament Deuteronomy

Book: Deuteronomy

Author: Moses

Date: 1450 – 1400 BC

Purpose: Exhort God's covenant people to love God by their obedience to God's commands.

Background, History & Content:

Deuteronomy was a series of 8 sermons delivered by Moses to the children of Israel on the plains of Moab just prior to their entering into the promised land. The whole series of exhortations and narrative takes place during 37 days, and then is recorded by Moses, just prior to his death, and handed over to Joshua who succeeded Moses as the spiritual and military leader of Isreal. The book is largely exhortation and explanation of many of the laws given already in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, with the addition of instructions and regulations regarding the conquest and future life in Canaan. Moses calls on the new generation of Isrealites to love the Lord, and obey His commands, recalling to them the many rebellions of their fathers in the wilderness, and the judgments and mercies of God. This was to prepare them to enter into the promised land, with warnings of curses & judgments for disobedience, and promised prosperity for their obedience.

Major Doctrines:	References
1. Remembering History	4:9
2. Love = Obedience	11:1,13,22; 13:3; 19:9; 30:6
3. Training children	6:7, 11:19, 32:46
4. Leadership succession	34:9
5. Importance of God's Word	6:6-9
6. Relationship to the world	20:1-20

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Deut. 6:5

Deuteronomy 1. New Generation 2. Love is Obedience

