

THE MESSAGE OF DEUTERONOMY

Introduction – This is Moses' last communication to the people of Israel who are preparing to enter the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership. The format of the book follows the standard Hittite International Treaty.

- A. Yahweh is identified as the Great King offering a covenant relationship to Israel (Deut. 1-3).

This section records past interactions with Yahweh leading up to the establishment of this covenant.

- B. The obligations of both parties under this Covenant are outlined (Deut. 4-26).

1. The Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

2. Their relationship is based on grace.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9

- C. Covenant Consequences (Deut. 27-31)

1. A written record is stipulated.

Deuteronomy 27:2-4

2. They are to rehearse the covenant blessings and curses, which are dependent on Israel's choices.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- D. Concluding material (Deut. 32-34)

It includes the song of Moses, Moses' final blessing on the tribes, and Moses' death.

Conclusion – Deuteronomy calls on the covenant people to listen, obey, and remember the will of God. The key to their success had to do with the condition of their hearts.

Deuteronomy 10:14-16

Deuteronomy 30:6

Colossians 2:9-13