

BIB 201

Lesson 12 **Israel national history part IV** - Deuteronomy

Intro. The book of Deuteronomy prepares the children of Israel to enter the Promised land. The old generation has passed away as God promised for their unbelief and now he gives a second giving of the law from which the name comes from to ensure their understanding of their relationship to God. This is not a second law rather a reminder given to a new generation. This book covers only one month of time as Moses knows that he will not enter the promised land so he gives a series of discourses to prepare them.

I. First discourse (1-4)

A. Retrospect of where they have come from and been.

Note: it is good to look back and see where God has taken us from and brought us to.

B. Reminder to remain faithful to privileged position 4:8-10,32-35

II. Second discourse (5-26)

A. Sinaitic Law

B. Recital of the Decalogue (10 commandments) (5)

C. Exposition of Decalogue - Charge to nation for entering the land (5:22-11)

D. Special Laws

1. Religious or Worship laws (12-16:17)

a. House of God (12) a central permanent place

b. False prophets (13)

c. Separation of the people (14)

d. Year of release, servitude, money

e. Feasts of the Lord (16)

2. Government laws (16:18-20)

a. Selecting judges (16:18-22)

b. Principles for judgment (17)

c. Levites and prophets - religious leaders (18)

d. Manslaughter, cities of refuge (19)

e. Foreign war policy (20)

3. Social laws (21-26:15)

a. Human rights (21)

b. Property and marriage (22)

c. Civil rights (23-26)

4. Conclusion (26:16-19)

III. Third discourse (27-28)

A. Curses on Mt. Ebal (27)

B. Blessings on Mt. Gerizim (28)

C. Fourth discourse (29-30)

D. Covenant in retrospect (29) God's past dealings with the nation

E. Covenant in prospect (30) God's future dealings with the nation

- F. Fifth discourse (31-34)
 - G. Moses' parting words
 - H. His charges to Joshua his successor (31)
 - I. His song (32) "swan song"
 - J. His punishment (32:48)
 - K. His blessing on the nation (33)
 - B. Eulogy (34)

Conclusion

Let us learn the lessons from history and be a new generation that walks with God and does not make the same mistakes again. They that are ignorant of history are doomed to repeat it.

Don't get frustrated with God's people.