

BIBLE SURVEY IV: MASTERING THE BIBLE
Week Three: Deuteronomy-Ruth

I. RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW, 1-11

A. Sermon 1: Motive—God's Blessings (Remember), 1-4

1. Departure, 1
2. Diary, 2
3. Success, 3
4. Sanctity, 4

B. Sermon 2, 5-26

1. Moral Law—God's Goodness (Respond), 5-11
 - a. Measures of the law, 5-7
 - 1) Record (listen), 5
 - 2) Responsibility (love), 6
 - 3) Response (Obey), 7
 - b. Mentality of the law, 8-11
- 1) Praise God, 8-9
 - a) Reception, 8
 - b) Rejection, 9
- 2) Fear God, 10-11
 - a) Replacement, 10
 - b) Reverence, 11

II. PROSPECTIVE PREVIEW, 12-34

A. God's Word: Reflect, 12-26

1. Ceremonial Statutes (Religion), 12-16
2. Civil Ordinances (Government), 17-20
 - a. Officials, 17
 - b. Offerings, 18
 - c. Refuges, 19
 - d. War, 20
3. Societal Regulations (Society), 21-26

B. Sermon 3—The Future: Regard, 27-28

1. Commands, 27
2. Consequences, 28

C. Sermon 4—God's Covenant: Resolve, 29-30

D. Song—God's Man: Requiem, 31-34

1. Successor, 31
2. Singing, 32
3. Blessing, 33
4. Benediction, 34

Remembering to Learn, Psalm 90-91

Deuteronomy: GETTING BLESSED TO BECOME

Defn.: A *covenant* is an _____ set by the initiating party, and affirmed by the one entering into it.

The Books in Two Parts

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis: Creation to Clan • Exodus: Confinement to Commandments • Leviticus: Oblation and Consecration • Numbers: Condemned and Campers • Deuteronomy: Conversation and Covenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua: Conquer to Claim • Judges: Compromise and Corruption • 1 Sam-2 Chron: Crowns to Captivities • Ezra-Esther: Construction and Conservation
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GENESIS-NUMBERS	DEUTERONOMY
Human Story	Its Spiritual Significance
Outward Facts	Inward Spirit
Experience God's Ways	Relationship with God's Words
Course of History	Prophecy of History
God Speaks to Moses	Moses' Sermons to the People
God's Performance	God's Principles

Socket: Exodus and Deut illustrate the two _____ of every Christian life: a step "out of" the world into Christ as Savior, and a step "in to" the world with Jesus as Lord.

Background: The book of Deuteronomy is a series of _____ preached by Moses.

Thesis: Deuteronomy means a second copy, and the second copy is not this book, it is _____.

Deuteronomy Life Survey 1. Love is the _____ for obedience.

FOUR REASONS LOVE LEADS US TO FOLLOW GOD

1. God wants to _____ his children, 4:1
2. God wants us to display our _____, 4:7-8
3. God _____ us, 4:37
4. We _____ to God, 14:1

DEUTERONOMY: Three Reviews		
Of History CH 1-4	Of the Law CH 5-26	Of the Covenant CH 27-34
Past	Present	Prospect
Recall	Reflect	Resolve
Transition	Anticipation	Admonition
Remember	Reminder	Refrain
Learning	Looking	Legacy
History Historical	Holiness A. Moral, 5-11 B. Ceremonial, 12-16 C. Civil, 17-20 D. Social, 21-26	Hero Prophetical 1. Regard the Future, 27-28 2. Renew the Covenant, 29-30 3. Requiem of Moses, 31-34

Deuteronomy in Three Words:

SIX SALIENT THINGS

- Moses brings the new generation their final instruction from him
- He reviews the desert
- He reemphasizes fundamental features of the law
- He reveals their future in light of their covenant
- He teaches them a new song
- He blesses the 12 tribes

Thesis: There is an _____ for God's people.

BOOK: *Deuteronomy*

AUTHOR: Moses, 1:1

DATE: 1451 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Moses' Review of God

Doctrinal—Review of Israel's Accountability

Inspirational—Our Reminder of the Covenant

MEANING OF TITLE: A copy of the law, 17:18

THEME: Handbook of Experience & Obedience

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our True Prophet, 18:15; John 1:45; Acts 7:37

KEY VERSE: 6:4-5

KEY WORD: Love 22x, Obey 10x

CHAPTERS: 34 **VERSES:** 959 **WORDS:** 28,461

LESSON: New Reminder of Old Promises

Deuteronomy Life Survey 2. After we get saved we are in the suburbs of spirituality, only on the periphery of promise, so _____.

Deuteronomy Life Survey 3. God's word not only speaks to you about where you are, but also _____ in God's Eternal Purpose.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

- *Be Equipped* by Warren Wiersbe, Cook Communications
- *Deuteronomy: Mastering the Old Testament*, John Maxwell, Nelson
- *Deuteronomy: Thru the Bible* by J. Vernon McGee, Thomas Nelson
- *The Pentateuch: Chapter by Chapter* by W.H. Griffith Thomas, Kregel
- *Moses: The Emancipator of Israel* by John Butler, LBC
- *The Covenants* by Kevin Conner, City Bible Publishing

Joshua: WADE IN THE WATER

I. DIVIDE & CONQUER FROM LORDS, 1-12

A. ENTERING, 1-5

1. Messenger, 1
2. Mission, 2
3. Passage, 3
4. Pillars, 4
5. Presence, 5

B. OVERCOMING, 6-12

1. Beginning Central Campaign, 6-8
 - a. Conquest, 6
 - b. Corruption, 7
 - c. Consecration, 8
2. Completing Campaigns, 9-12
 - a. Deceived Captain, 9
 - b. Southern Campaign, 10
 - c. Northern Campaign, 11
 - d. Defeated Kings, 12

II. DIVIDE & COLONIZE AS LANDLORDS, 13-24

A. CLAIMING THE INHERITANCE, 13-21

1. Five Tribes & Caleb, 13-17
 - a. Promise, 13
 - b. Partition, 14-17
 - 1) Allotment, 14
 - 2) Area, 15-16
 - 3) Appeal, 17
2. Seven Tribes & Levites, 18-21
 - a. Reservations, 18-19
 - 1) Delay, 18
 - 2) Divisions, 19
 - b. Refugees, 20
 - c. Residences, 21

B. RENEWING THE COVENANT, 22-24

1. Confusion, 22
2. Caution, 23
3. Conclusion, 24

GENESIS- DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA-2 CHRONICLES	SOCKET
Preparation	Occupation	• Deut 30— _____
DEUTERONOMY	JOSHUA	• Deut 31-32— _____
Prospect Before	Experience Entered	• Deut 33-34— _____
The Ideal	The Actual	
The Possibility	The Reality	
Vision for Faith	Venture of Faith	
Faith in Principle	Faith in Action	
Inheritance	Possession	

The nine marks of the normal Christian life: Life (v 6), gives power (v 7), to follow the word (vv 8-11), which brings communion (v 12), fruitfulness (vv 13-17), enabling ministry (vv 18-19), done in light of a judgment seat (vv 20-21), to overcome (vv 22-23), and multiply (vv 24-25).

Life Survey 1 in Joshua. Most Christians today are satisfied to be servants wandering in the wilderness, instead of acting as _____.

BOOK: *Joshua*

AUTHOR: Joshua, 24:26 **DATE:** 1451-1420 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Invasion & distribution of the land
Doctrinal—Jesus' route & rout at the 2nd Coming
Inspirational—God brings triumph after tragedy

MEANING OF TITLE: Jesus (Jehovah) Is Savior

THEME: Obedient Faith = Abundant Blessing

CHRIST SEEN AS: Captain of our salvation, 5:14; Heb 2:10

KEY VERSE: 1:8; 11:23 **KEY WORD:** Possess(ed)(ion)
 23x

CHAPTERS: 24 **VERSES:** 658 **WORDS:** 18,858

LESSON: God's Work Must Be Done God's Way

PARALLELS BETWEEN THE INHERITANCE

JOSHUA & EPHESIANS

1. Predestined for a chosen people, Eph 1:3-4
2. Provided by a divinely ordained leader, Josh 1:6; 11:23; Eph 1:18-22
3. Presented by grace to be received by faith, Josh 1:1-2; Eph 2:5-8
4. Purposed to give a striking revelation, Josh 4:24; Eph 3:8-10
5. Proving us in a scene of conflict, Josh 1-12; Eph 6:12

Joshua in Three Words: _____

Thesis: The only solution for your wandering is to go wading in the water, and while that means war, God gives us the conquering _____.

Life Survey 2 in Joshua. While promise is _____, possession is _____.

Life Survey 3 in Joshua. God will not make a way out of no way until you have enough faith to _____.

Life Survey 3 in Joshua. God transforms impossible situations into life transitions, so you can have a providential transformation, and come out on _____. Psalm 90:2

FOUR FOUNDATIONAL _____

1. Death of self, 1-9 (pictured by circumcision)
2. Testimony to atonement, 10 (pictured by Passover)
3. Meditating on the word, 11-12 (pictured by the fruit of the land)
4. Submission to Jesus as Lord, 13-15 (pictured by Captain of the Lord's host)

JOSHUA: 2 Divisions	
1-12	13-24
Divide & Conquer	Divide & Settle
Conquest 7 Years Action	Casting Lots 19 Years Allocation
Faith's Victories 1452-1445 BC	Faith's Rewards 1445-1426 BC
Entering, 1-5 Overcoming, 6-12	Claiming, 13-21 Occupying, 22-24

The Law of Subsequent Mention: God in later scripture adds _____.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

- *Be Strong* by Warren Wiersbe, Cook Communications
- *Joshua*, Men of Character series, Gene Getz, Holman
- *Joshua-Judges: Thru the Bible* by J. Vernon McGee, Thomas Nelson
- *Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History* by Francis Schaeffer, Good News
- *Joshua: The Conqueror of Canaan* by John Butler, LBC

Judges: NEW RERUNS OF OLD DRAMA

Thesis: If we view biblical history and our own our life events believably, we do not have to learn the ways of God only through _____.

Judges in Three Words: _____

SOCKET

JOSHUA	JUDGES
Spiritual Progress	Spiritual Regress
One Person Prominent	All Persons Dominant
Israel a Tutored Child	Israel an Adolescent
Victory	Defeat
Fidelity	Apostasy
Heavenlies	Earthlies
Spirit	Flesh
Song of Joy	Sobs of Sorrow
Faith	Unbelief
Freedom in Opportunity	Bondage in Oppression

Judges Cycles (7x)	
1. Sin, 3:7	Fall
2. Slavery, 3:8	Consequence
3. Supplication, 3:9	Repentance
4. Savior, 3:9-10	Salvation
5. Silence, 3:11-12	Sanctification

Defn.: A *judge* was a brave-heart, a William Wallace of his day, leading a militia force of countrymen to attack and _____.

Judges = The _____ of the Israelites

JUDGES – TWO MATES			
CH 1-16		CH 17-21	
Faithfulness of a Husband		Failures of a Wife	
7 Cycles of Deliverance		2 Cycles of Decline	
God Forbearing		People Forsaking	
Deliverances Recorded		Demands Ignored	
1-2	3-16	17-18	19-21
Introduction	Oppression	Idolatry of Dan	Immorality of Benjamin
1-2	3-16	17-21	
Compromise	Conquerors	Collapse	

Life Survey 1 in Judges. Satan likes to hide _____,

but God's word connects them.

Life Survey 2 in Judges. Israel was to draw nations to the light in the tabernacle, since they failed, we get the inverted assignment: to take the light _____.

THREE TYPES OF JUDGES

- Warrior-judges (Gideon and Samson)
- Priest-judges (Eli)
- Prophet-judges (Deborah and Samuel)

Life Survey 3 in Judges. Here is humanity's continual failure and God's _____.

SEEING OUR LIFE SURVEYED

1. The wickedness of the human heart (Judges 2:11-13, 17, 19; Judges 8:33-35; Judges 10:6; Judges 13:1)
2. God's delight in using _____ things (1 Cor. 1:26-29)
3. The _____ in Judges
 - Othniel—"The Spirit of the Lord came upon him" (Judges 3:10)
 - Gideon—"But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon" (Judges 6:34)
 - Jephthah—"Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah" (Judges 11:29)
 - Samson—"And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him" (Judges 13:25; 14:6; 15:14, etc.)

THE ABC'S OF JUDGES

BOOK: *Judges*

AUTHOR: Samuel, 1 Sam 10:25 **DATE:** 1425-1096 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Failures Under Priests

Doctrinal—Seven Pictures of the Tribulation

Inspirational—God Brings Triumph After Tragedy

MEANING OF TITLE: Sentencing

THEME: Judgment on Sin

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Deliverer, 3:9 cf. Rom 11:26

KEY VERSE: 17:6 **KEY WORDS:** Delivered 28x, Evil, In *those days* 4x

CHAPTERS: 21 **VERSES:** 618 **WORDS:** 18,976

LESSON: Sin Brings Bondage, Seeking God Brings Salvation

Life Survey 4 in Judges. We see the patience of God, and His immediate readiness to respond to _____

_____. Rom 5:20

APPENDIX, JUDGES 17-21

- Confusion in religion (17-18)
- Confusion in morals (19-20)
- Confusion in politics (21)

Ruth: INTERLUDE OF LOVE

Ruth in Three Words: _____

Life Survey 1 in Ruth. Ruth gives us the keys to _____ in the midst of a day full of stresses, just like the days in which we now live.

Life Survey 2 in Ruth. Sooner or later you discover if you leave the word of God, which is your only storehouse of bread as a Christian, you have to _____.

RUTH - TWO ROMANCES			
CH 1-2 Ruth & Naomi	CH 3-4 Boaz & Ruth		
Gentile Romance with Israel 1. Grief 2. Boaz Looks Rest Forsaken & Desired Love Resolved & Responsive Ruth's Decision & Service Ruth a Daughter & Gleaner Faithfulness	Redeemer's Romance of Gentiles 3. Boaz Loves 4. Rejoicing Rest Sought & Secured Love's Request & Reward Ruth's Appeal & Joy Ruth a Pray-er & Mother Virtuous		
Ch 1 Resolve Makes Choice Faithful Daughter	Ch 2 Response Gets Job Industrious Gleaner	Ch 3 Request Stakes Claim Virtuous Fiancée	Ch 4 Reward Is Married Beloved Mother
Geographical	Chronological		Personal

YOUR LIFE SURVEYED IN RUTH
1. Chapter one presents the right reaction to _____
2. Chapter two presents how to have a right response to _____

SINGLES: HOW TO FIND A

- _____
- A. Know God
 - B. Make up your mind to follow God, 1:18
 - C. Trust in God's grace, 2:2
 - D. Get busy in ministry

3. Chapter three presents a right response to _____
 - A. She was available but careful (vv 1-7)
 - B. She was responsive but pure (vv 8-13)
 - C. Both were interested but patient (vv 14-18)
4. Chapter four presents the right response to _____
 - A. He proclaims himself her redeemer, v 9
 - B. He gives his promise of deliverance, vv 10-13

THREE LINGERING LESSONS

1. Even in the worst of times, God still directs your path
2. In spite of normal and natural desires, God is still to be _____
3. There is no joy like reproducing yourself in ministry

THE ABC'S OF RUTH

BOOK: *Ruth*

AUTHOR: Samuel, 1 Sam 10:25

DATE: 1322-1312 BC

BACKGROUND: *Historical*—Parenthesis between the failure of Israel (Judges) and the glory of the kingdom (Samuel)

Doctrinal—Gentile Blessing is Through Abraham's Seed, and the Messiah Redeeming Israel in the Tribulation

Inspirational—Redemption Is by Resting in a Relationship

MEANING OF TITLE: Satisfied (by friendship)

THEME: The Romance of Redemption

CHRIST SEEN AS: Our Kinsman-Redeemer, 2:1 cf. Titus 2:14

KEY VERSE: 4:14

KEY WORDS: Kinsman (Redeemer)

CHAPTERS: 4 **VERSES:** 85 **WORDS:** 2,578

LESSON: New Redemption Via a New Relationship

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.