

# Deuteronomy

**D**euteronomy is a look back and a look forward. In it, Israel's history is reviewed, the Law is given again, and we get a glimpse into Israel's future in the Promised Land. God makes it clear that Israel has choices to make, and that its future depends on those choices. He then warns that some choices are better than others. The book ends with the death of Moses; Israel is to be led into the Promised Land by his successor, Joshua.

While some readers struggle with the repetition evident in *Deuteronomy*, others appreciate the breather that the familiar terrain affords them. In either case, it is clear that the repetition is intentional... that this is information deemed worth repeating.

Since then, no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

### Old Testament Timeline

| BC   | 2000-1700  | 1700                   | 1250                                  | 1210   | 1030  |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Creation/Fall</b><br>Adam & Eve<br>Noah | <b>Patriarchs</b><br>Abraham<br>Isaac<br>Jacob<br>Joseph | <b>Israel in Egypt</b> | <b>The Exodus</b><br>Moses<br>The Law | <b>Promised Land</b><br>Joshua<br>Deborah<br>Gideon<br>Sampson | <b>United Kingdom</b><br>Samuel<br>Saul<br>David<br>Solomon |

PEOPLE

**Aaron** Moses' older brother (by three years); priest and spokesman for Moses; a Levite, his descendants are to carry on his duties as priest **Abraham** founder of the Hebrew nation; father of Isaac; grandfather of Jacob **Amalekites** descendants of Esau who become enemies of Israel **Ammonites** descendants of Lot living in land adjacent to Moab **Amorites** enemy of Israel living in Canaan **Asher** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Balaam** a prophet hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel **Caleb** one of the twelve spies who enter the Land of Canaan; he and Joshua are only two spies who return favoring the invasion of Canaan **Canaanites** original inhabitants of Canaan **Esau** Jacob's twin brother; Isaac's son; father of the tribe of Edom **Gadites** one of the twelve tribes of Israel **Isaac** son of Abraham, father of Jacob and Esau **Jacob/Israel** son of Isaac, father of the twelve tribes of Israel **Je-busites** ancient tribe in control of Jebus (later Jerusalem) **Joshua son of Nun** Moses' lieutenant and successor **Judah** one of 12 tribes of Israel; ancestors of Christ **Levites** Aaron, Miriam and Moses are Levites; line of priests and their assistants **Manasseh** one of 12 tribes of Israel **Manassites** members of the tribe of Manasseh **Moabites** descendants of Lot living in land adjacent to Ammom **Moses** under God's direction, leads Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land **Perizzites** descendants of Judah's son Perez **Reubenites** members of Reuben, one of the twelve tribes of Israel

TERMS

**ark of the covenant** a wooden chest containing the Ten Commandments **Asherah poles** wooden images of a Canaanite goddess **burnt offering** a meat offering (bull, ram or male bird without defect), given voluntarily, in which all but the hide is burned; primarily to atone for unintentional sin **circumcision** spiritually: a symbol of the covenant between God and his chosen people; physically: cutting off a section of excess skin at the top of a male's penis **covenant** agreement between two parties **Feast of Tabernacles** a celebration lasting 7 days during the harvest season in which the people live in shelters reminiscent of their days of living in tents in the Wilderness; the celebration begins on the 15th day of the seventh month of the Jewish calendar (September/October) **Feast of Unleavened Bread** a seven-day celebration, beginning with Passover, in which only unleavened bread is eaten to commemorate that the Hebrew women had no time to let their bread rise at they hastily fled Egypt during the Exodus; occurs during the first month of the Jewish year (March/April) **Feast of Weeks** Pentecost; celebration at end of the harvest, held fifteen days after Passover set apart for God's use **manna** bread from heaven **prophet** one who is inspired by God to speak for him **redeem** to buy back **stiff-necked** stubborn **Thummim** along with Urim, unspecified objects, possibly stones, worn in or on the high priest's clothing **tithes** one tenth of a person's possessions or income **unclean (ceremonially)** classification depicting impurity as described most specifically in *Leviticus* and *Numbers* **unleavened** prepared without yeast **Urim** along with Thummim, unspecified objects, possibly stones, worn in or on the high priest's clothing

**Genealogy of Christ**



930

722

587

538

336

63 BC

**Divided Kingdom**

North: Ahab  
Elijah  
South: Hezekiah  
Isaiah

**Samaria**  
falls to  
Assyria,  
scatters

**Jerusalem**  
falls to  
Babylon,  
exiled

**Judeans return**  
Esther  
Ezra  
Nehemiah

**Greek**  
rule

**Roman**  
rule