Deuteronomy

- Past – Deuteronomy 1-4 – history
- Present – Deuteronomy 5-26 – Law/Covenant
- Future – Deuteronomy 27-34
The Next Generation

- Numbers 20-26, 31
- How can this nation endure?
- Elect and non-elect individuals
- How shall we live?
The Nation Israel

› A nation – real or typical?
  • It dominates the O.T. but is lost in the N.T.
  • Important for revelation and the pathway for the Messiah
  • Question: Is there a role for the nation Israel yet?
  • The Bible speaks of a future restoration for Israel
  • Is it literal or just a figure of the final victory for God’s people

› Israel, the great nation – the Everlasting Covenant
Past – Deuteronomy 1-4

- Ready to enter the Promised Land
- Judges
- Unbelief at Kadesh
- Edom, Moab, Ammon – bypassed
- Sihon, Og – utterly destroyed
- 2½ tribes receive their inheritance
Lesson 3

- Moses summarizes the history lesson (4)
- 10 Commandments and Covenant at Horeb (5)
- How to live in the land (4:40; 26:16-19)
The distinctive for God’s people (4:1-8)

- Listen (v. 1) . . . keep and do (v. 6)
- Statutes – decrees of God – God’s order for life
- Judgments – standards
- No additions or subtractions
- Baal-peor – Numbers 25:1-3; 31:15-16
- The mark of God’s people – the wisdom of God
- Shows God is near (1 Kings 10:23-24)
- Statutes and judgments are righteous
Give heed to yourself. Keep your soul. (4:9-24)

- Do not forget what you have seen with your eyes
- Teach them to your sons and grandsons
- Remember Horeb – heard words but saw no form
- Remember Moses – unbelief
- Watch yourself (4:23)
- The LORD your God is a consuming fire (4:24)
A look to the future (4:25-40)

- Rebellion and destruction (4:25-26)
- Return from exile (4:29)
- The compassion of God (4:31)
- The faithfulness of God (4:32-38)
- Know and take it to your heart (4:39-40)
- Cities of Refuge (4:41-43)
- Introduction to the survey of the Law (4:44-49)
Teaching the statutes and judgments

- A pastor ministers to his people
- Ten Commandments
- Summarized by two Great Commandments
- Duties to God
- Duties to man
The Covenant at Horeb (5:22-33)

- The 10 Commandments
  - Deuteronomy 4:12-13
  - Written on 2 tablets of stone (5:22)
- Response of the people – servile fear
- Mediator to protect from God
- Response: “We will obey!”
The response of God (4:28-33)

- The people have done well
- No heart to fear and keep His commandments
- The dilemma of Israel – 2 Covenants
  - The promise to destroy (4:25-26)
  - The promise not to destroy (4:31)
The Divine Solution

- The 10 commandments: exposes but does not fix
- Deut. 10:16 – circumcise your own heart
- Deut. 29:4 – not yet given a new heart
- Deut. 30:1-2 – obey with all your heart . . .
- Deut. 30:6 – a circumcised heart
- Ezekiel 36:26 – a new heart
- Jeremiah 31:31f – a new covenant
Final word (5:31-33)

- Teach commandments, statutes, judgments
- Faith comes by hearing . . . (Psalm 119:130)
- Observe commandments
- Walk in the way
- A personal message now – national later