

These are the Words
A Study of Deuteronomy

Pollution Control
Deuteronomy 19-21
Lesson 10

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Deuteronomy

1. The Past – Deuteronomy 1-4
2. The Present – Deuteronomy 5-26
3. The Future – Deuteronomy 27-34

The Past – Deuteronomy 1-4

- ▶ Setting: Ready to enter the Promised Land (1:8)
- ▶ Purpose: One Nation under God (4:1-2)
- ▶ Their character: faithless (1:32)
- ▶ The character of God
 - God is a consuming fire, a jealous God (4:24)
 - God is a compassionate God – not fail, nor destroy, nor forget (4:31)
- ▶ A call to obey (4:39-40)
- ▶ Judges and cities of refuge (1:13; 4:41-43)

Present – part 1 (Deut. 5-11)

- ▶ The 10 Commandments and the Covenant
- ▶ The fatal flaw – no heart to fear and obey God (5:29)
- ▶ The core – Love God . . . (5:4-6)
- ▶ The promises – with Patriarchs (9:27)
- ▶ The ways of God – with Israel in the wilderness
- ▶ The ways of Israel – rebellion (e.g. the golden calf)
- ▶ The new old covenant – renewal of duty and promise

Present – part 2 (Deut. 12-26)

- ▶ Statutes and judgments to be obeyed
- ▶ An edited review from Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers
- ▶ Holiness (12-13)
- ▶ Worship – religious activities (14-16)
- ▶ Civil order – judges and kings (17)
- ▶ Prophetic ministry – a coming Prophet (18)
- ▶ Various laws (19-26)

Future (Deut. 27-34)

- ▶ 9 messages by Moses and the death of Moses
- ▶ Future rebellion and restoration

Pollution Control

- ▶ Numbers 35:33-34 – not pollute or defile the land
- ▶ Deuteronomy 21:23 – not defile the land
- ▶ The dwelling place of God
 - Exodus 29:45-46
 - Zechariah 2:10-13

Lesson 10: Pollution Control

- ▶ Cities of refuge (19:1-13)
- ▶ Boundary markers and false witnesses (19:14-21)
- ▶ Warfare (20:1-20)
- ▶ Unwitnessed murder (21:1-9)
- ▶ Captive woman (21:10-14)
- ▶ Unloved wife and the heir (21:15-17)
- ▶ Rebellious son (21:18-21)
- ▶ The curse of God (21:22-23)

Cities of refuge (19:1-13)

- ▶ Not shed innocent blood . . . blood guiltiness (19:10)
- ▶ Num 35:33 – blood pollutes the land – requires the killer’s death
- ▶ Traumatic death by intent or accident – manslaughter or murder
- ▶ Example of manslaughter – axe head falls off (19:5)
- ▶ Brings guilt upon the land/nation
- ▶ Avenger of blood – Literally: Redeemer of the blood
- ▶ Death of killer “expiates” (cover over, atone) the land
- ▶ Substitute – death of high priest
- ▶ Death pollutes – the innocent or the guilty
- ▶ Death atones – the innocent or the guilty

The death of Abel (Genesis 4:10-15)

- ▶ He was a child of God by faith (Heb 11:4) – innocent
- ▶ He was killed by his brother – first to taste death
- ▶ What was his blood crying to God?
 - Revenge?
 - Justice?
 - Deliverance from the curse?
- ▶ Cain did not die for this sin . . . No atonement!
- ▶ Luke 11:51 – from the blood of Abel to Zechariah

The death of Christ (Hebrews 12:24)

- ▶ His blood speaks better than the blood of Abel
- ▶ Job 16:18 (Job 19:25-29)
- ▶ Jeremiah 50:33-34
- ▶ Psalm 44:22-26
- ▶ Rom 8:36-39
- ▶ Revelation 6:9-11
- ▶ Christ's blood removes the pollution of sin once for all

Landmarks and witnesses (19:14-21)

- ▶ Marks out family inheritance
- ▶ Curse for removing landmark (Deuteronomy 27:17)
- ▶ No single witness
- ▶ False witness receives the penalty

Rules for warfare (20)

- ▶ Trust in the LORD (20:1-9)
- ▶ A distant city (20:10-15) – offer peace
- ▶ A near city (20:16-18) – total destruction
- ▶ Do not cut down the trees

Unwitnessed murder (21:1-9)

- ▶ Unsolved murder in the open country
- ▶ Ritual defined:
 - Death appears to be a result of violence
 - Nearest city
 - Unused heifer sacrificed over springwater
 - Levites officiate
 - Elders of the city deny knowledge
 - A call for forgiveness
- ▶ An appeal to the LORD Redeemer
- ▶ Bloodguiltiness removed from the nation
- ▶ Doing what is right in the eyes of the LORD

A woman captive (21:10-14)

- ▶ Would usually be taken as a slave
- ▶ Taken as a wife
- ▶ May not be made a slave again

Unloved wife and the heir (21:15-17)

Rebellious son (21:18-21)

The curse of God (21:22-23)

The Scriptures teach of Christ

- ▶ The cities of refuge – pollution of the curse
- ▶ The Redeemer of the blood
- ▶ The curse of God
- ▶ One sacrifice, once for all (Hebrews 10:12)