

DEUTERONOMY

Bible reading guide

Introduction

This Bible reading guide is to help us read through Deuteronomy for ourselves whilst we are listening to it together at Emmanuel on Sundays and in our Connect Groups. In the list below, the book is divided up into 16 passages. You could maybe read these consecutively (one passage per day to last a fortnight or so), or two per week (for the next eight weeks alongside our Sunday sermons from 03 February to 17 March).

Getting started

Deuteronomy 1:3 summarises the whole book. Moses is passing on God's instructions to Israel, as the nation is about to make her second attempt to enter The Promised Land. The structure of this book is a series of three 'sermons' (ch 1-4, 5-28, 29-30) that Moses preached to check that Israel has learnt from her previous mistakes.

The guide below suggests that the entire second sermon (ch 5-28) is structured around an exposition of the Ten Commandments. This is just a theory (and not necessarily right!): you can decide if you think this is how the book should be divided.

Warning: the passages are of uneven length, chosen to bring out how the book is put together (not necessarily to provide 'bite size' chunks for morning devotions!).



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1	1:1-3:29	Looking back over Israel's history
2	4:1-49	Israel's history applied to the new generation
3	5:1-33	The Ten Commandments: the foundation of the covenant relationship
4	6:1-11:32	Exposition of the first commandment (= 5:7)
5	12:1-13:18	Exposition of the second commandment (= 5:8-10)
6	14:1-29	Exposition of the third commandment (= 5:11)
7	15:1-16:17	Exposition of the fourth commandment (= 5:12-15)
8	16:18-18:22	Exposition of the fifth commandment (= 5:16)
9	19:1-22:8	Exposition of the sixth commandment (= 5:17)
10	22:9-23:14	Exposition of the seventh commandment (= 5:18)
11	23:15-24:7	Exposition of the eighth commandment (= 5:19)
12	24:8-25:4	Exposition of the ninth commandment (= 5:20)
13	25:5-26:15	Exposition of the tenth commandment (= 5:21)
14	27:1-28:68	Blessings for obedience, cursings for disobedience
15	29:1-30:20	What the future looks like (1): a new land, but the same old problem
16	31:1-34:12	What the future looks like (2): without Moses