

# *Notes on Deuteronomy*

**Overall:** Three farewell speeches (Moses) emphasizing their past (with a point), & need to obey when in the Promised Land.

**Name:** from Greek *Deuteronomion*, from *deuter-* + *nomos* law = 2<sup>nd</sup> Law [ch. 17:18 – “he shall write him a copy of this law in a book.” Only a 2<sup>nd</sup> law in that laws on Sinai were adapted and expanded to meet new situations in the land.]



Black Sea

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Lake Sevan

Caspian Sea

• Troy

Halys River

**Old Hittite Kingdom**

Kushshar

Mt. Ararat ^

**Hurrians**

Lake Van

Lake Urmia

Taurus Mts.

Orontes River

Haran

**Padan-Aram**

**Assyria**

• Nineveh

**Kingdom of Mari**

Tigris River

Scale of Miles

0 100 200 300

Crete

Rhodes

**CYPRUS**

• Hamath

• Tadmor

• Mari



The Great Sea  
(Mediterranean Sea)

Zagros Mountains

• Damascus

Euphrates River

**Babylonia**

• Babylon

**Arabian Desert**

• Shechem  
• Bethel

Lava Beds

Salt Sea  
(Dead Sea)

**THE WORLD OF THE PATRIARCHS**

**Akkad**

• Shinar

**Sumer**

• Ur

**Elam**

Persian Gulf

**EGYPTIAN KINGDOM**

• Tanis

Goshen

• On

Memphis

Nile River

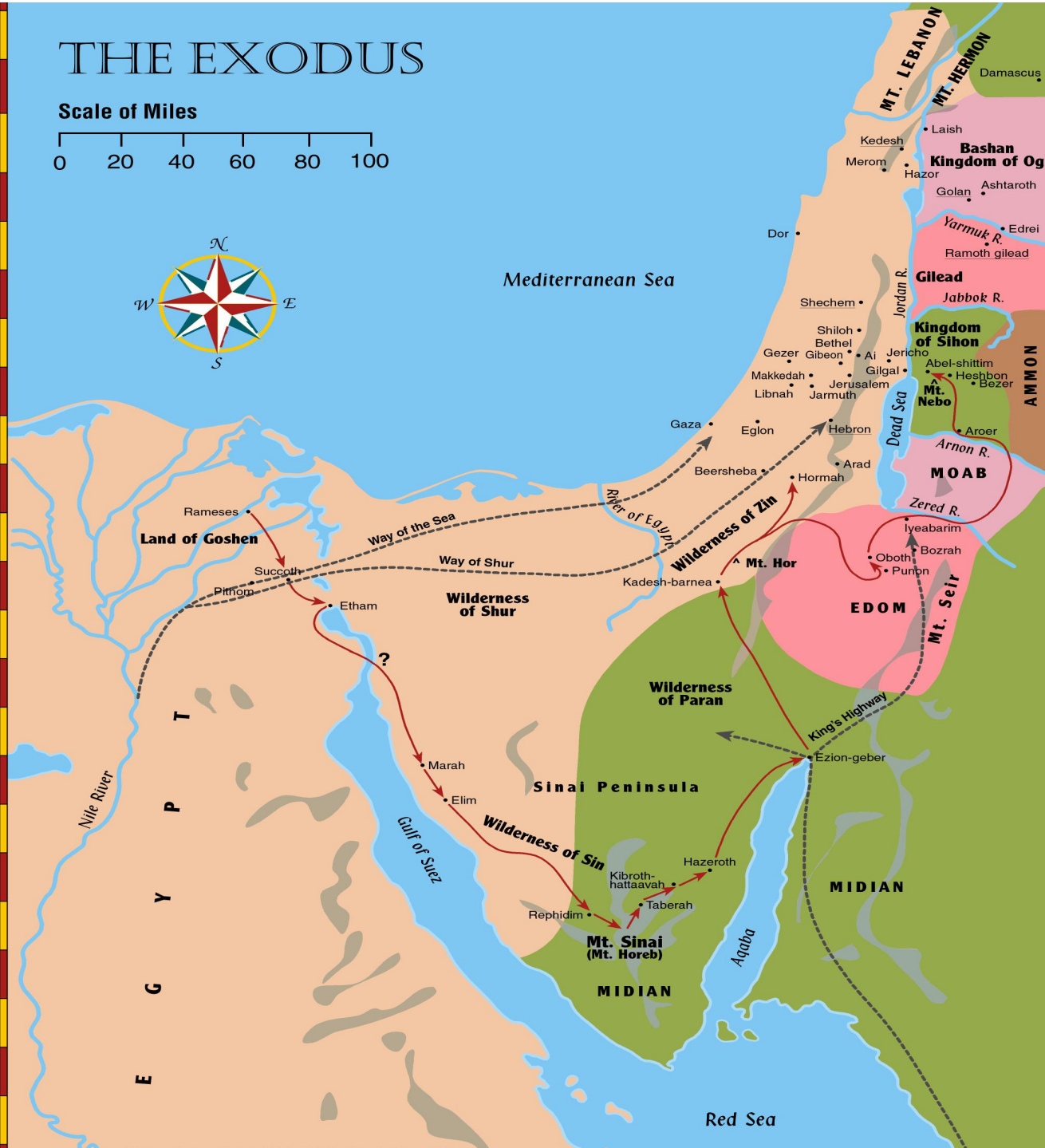
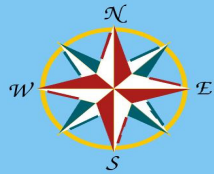
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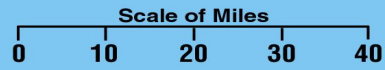
# THE EXODUS

Scale of Miles



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# CANAAN TRIBAL TERRITORIES OF ISRAEL



Mediterranean Sea



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## **Themes & Lessons:**

[Renewal of **covenant** given at Sinai]

- 1. What God has done for Israel** [God's provisions, protection, & punishment when disobedient]  
(chs. 1 – 4:43).
- 2. What God expects of Israel** [warnings to flee from idolatry, other pagan practices, preparation for a kingdom] (chs. 4:44 – ch. 26)
- 3. What God will do for Israel** [predictions, blessings & curses] (chs. 27-34)

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## **3. Moses pleads for Israel to be faithful in their immediate future & throughout their generations.**

-- We are able to glimpse God's "heart" reflected in Moses. Both want Israel to prosper.

# *Outline of Deuteronomy*

## **I. Moses' first speech (1:1 – 4:43) -- *What God has done for Israel.***

(History of Israel's wanderings)

### A. Review (1:6 – 3:29).

1. From Horeb to Kadesh-Barnea, ch. 1.
2. Kadesh-Barnea to Heshbon, ch. 2.
3. Heshbon to Beth-Peor, ch. 3.

### B. Exhortations to obedience (4:1-43).

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## **II. Moses second speech (4:44 – 26:19)**

### **-- *What God expects of Israel.***

A. Introduction (4:44-49).

B. Moses' address (5:1 – 26:19). [divided into 2 major divisions]

1. General (chs. 5-11, Repetition of Decalogue)

a. Review of Ten Commandments and circumstances surrounding their being given, ch. 5.

b. Application of first 2 commandments (chs. 6-11).

1) Exhortations and warnings, ch. 6.

2) Entire separation from idolatry, ch. 7.

3) Exhortations to obedience prompted by Jehovah's gracious dealings with Israel in the wilderness, ch. 8.

4) Review of Moses' receiving two tables in the Mount, and warning against self-righteousness, ch. 9.

5) Renewed exhortations to obedience, chs. 10-11.

2. Special Laws (chs. 12-26 – laws observed when in land).

a. Religious laws, chs. 12:1 – 16:17.

b. Political laws, chs. 16:18 – 20:19.

c. Social laws, chs. 21-26.

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## **III. Moses' third speech – Blessings and curses (27 – 34)** **-- *What God will do for Israel.***

(Re-emphasis of Israel's responsibilities in the land)

### A. Ratification of covenant (chs. 27-30).

1. Law to be recorded at Ebal, ch. 27.
2. Consequences of obedience and disobedience, ch. 28.
3. Renewal of covenant and exhortations to keep it, chs. 29-30.

### B. Close of Moses' life and works (chs. 31-34).

1. Moses' final charge, appointment of Joshua, handing over of law to priests, ch. 31.
2. Song of Moses and announcement of his death, ch. 32.
3. Moses' blessing of Israel, ch. 33.
4. Moses' death, ch. 34.



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