

The Story of the Bible:

Cover to Cover

Pop Quiz!

- How many books are in the Old Testament?
- Where is the story of Abraham found?
- What 3 things did God promise Abraham?
- Who led the Hebrew people out of Egypt?
- What were the names of the 2 spies who demonstrated faith after spying out the promise land?

Pop Quiz!

- Who sheltered the spies sent into Jericho?
- Where is the story of Samson found?
- Who were the 3 kings of Israel?
- Where is the Davidic covenant found?
- What country overthrew Israel? Judah?

Question:

What is the Bible?

Quote

“The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy . . .”

Quote

“It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet . . .”

Quote

“Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contexts.”

--Gideons International pocket Bible

Understanding The Parts:

Structure of the Old Testament

Structure

For many of us, the Bible is like a . . .



Structure

The Bible is composed of 66 books that are divided into two covenants, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

- The Old Covenant: 39 books
- The New Covenant: 27 books

Structure

OLD COVENANT

- Begins with Creation
- Speaks of God's people (Jewish people) up until 400 years before the time of Christ
- Written by roughly 28 different authors
- Covers a time period of over two thousand years

NEW COVENANT

- Begins with the birth of Christ
- Speaks of the life of Christ and the ministry of His disciples
- Written by nine different authors
- Covers a time period of less than 100 years

Structure

Historical (17)

Poetical (5)

Prophetical(17)

Structure

HISTORICAL

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1-2 Samuel
- 1-2 Kings
- 1-2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

Structure

LAW OR PENTATEUCH (MOSES)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

Structure

PRIMARY HISTORICAL BOOKS

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

2 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Structure

POETICAL

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

Structure

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Structure

MAJOR PROPHETS

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Pre-exilic

Exilic

Post-exilic

MINOR PROPHETS

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Putting It All Together:

Integration of the Old Testament

Integration

Secondary Historical Books		Leviticus	Deuteronomy	
Primary Historical Books	Genesis 1	Exodus 2	Numbers 3	Joshua 4
Poetical	Job			
Prophetical				

Integration

Secondary Historical Books	Ruth		1 Chronicles
Primary Historical Books	Judges 5	1 Samuel 6	2 Samuel 7
Poetical			Psalms
Prophetical			

Integration

Secondary Historical Books	2 Chronicles			Esther	
Primary Historical Books	1 Kings 8	2 Kings 9	(Exile)	Ezra 10	Nehemiah 11
Poetical	Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon				
Prophetical		Isaiah – Lamentations & Hosea -- Zephaniah	Ezekiel Daniel	Haggai Zechariah	Malachi

Understanding the Story:

Ten Periods of the Old Testament

Ten Periods

- Creation
- Patriarchs
- Exodus
- Wanderings
- Conquest
- Judges
- Kingdom
- Exile
- Return
- Silence

Ten Periods

CREATION

- The creation of the world and man, and early events.

PATRIARCHS

- The birth of the Hebrew people through a family of patriarchs, covering a period of two hundred years.

Ten Periods

EXODUS

- The exodus of the Hebrew people as they are delivered out of four hundred years of slavery in Egypt.

WANDERINGS

- A “new generation” of Hebrew people wander in the wilderness for 40 years, one year for every day the spies spied out the Promise Land.

Ten Periods

CONQUEST

- The conquest of the Promise Land by the Hebrew people upon their return from Egypt.

JUDGES

- A four-hundred-year period during which Israel is governed by rulers called judges.

Ten Periods

KINGDOM

- An additional four-hundred-year period during which Israel becomes a full-fledged nation ruled by a monarchy.

EXILE

- A seventy-year period during which Israel's leaders live in exile, having been conquered by foreign countries (Israel by Assyria & Judah by Babylon).

Ten Periods

RETURN

- The return of exiled Jews to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and the temple.

SILENCE

- A final four-hundred year period between the close of the Old Testament and the opening of the New Testament.

Ten Periods

- Creation
- Patriarchs
- Exodus
- Wanderings
- Conquest
- Judges
- Kingdom
- Exile
- Return
- Silence

Key Dates to Remember:

A Timeline of the Old Testament

Timeline

**2167 Abraham
Born**

**1527 Moses
Born**

**1010 David
Becomes King**

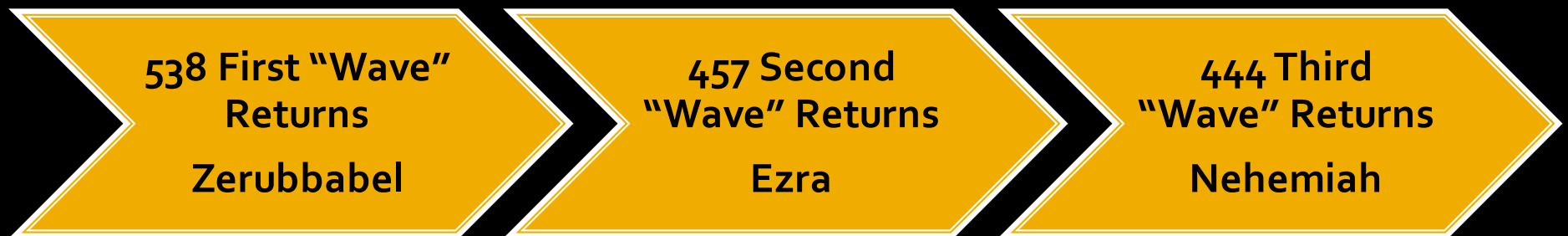
Timeline

**931 Israel
Divides**

**722 Israel
Conquered**

**586 Judah
Conquered**

Timeline



A Closer Look:

Primary Historical Books

Beginnings:

Genesis

Genesis & The Entire Bible

"The major themes of Scripture may be compared to great rivers, ever deepening and broadening as they flow; and it is true to say that all these rivers have their rise in the watershed of Genesis. Or, to use an equally appropriate figure, as the massive trunk and wide spreading branches of the oak are in the acorn, so, by implication and anticipation, all Scripture is in Genesis"

Genesis & The Entire Bible

"... Here we have in germ all that is later developed. It has been truly said that 'the roots of all subsequent revelation are planted deep in Genesis, and whoever would truly comprehend that revelation must begin here.'"

-- J. Sidlow Baxter

Genesis: Beginnings

FOUR EVENTS (1-11)

1. **Creation:** Man created in the “image of God”
2. **Fall:** Sin entered the world
3. **Flood:** Judgment for sin
4. **Tower of Babel:** Beginning of the nations

FOUR PEOPLE (12-50)

1. **Abraham:** Father of the Hebrew people
2. **Isaac:** Second father of promise
3. **Jacob:** Father of the nation of Israel
4. **Joseph:** Leader in Egypt

Genesis: Beginnings

Author: Moses

Purpose:

1. Universal Focus (1-11): To reveal the origin & purpose of the universe, life and humanity
2. National Focus (12-50): To reveal to the exodus generation God's plan for Israel & why they can trust Him

Genesis: Beginnings

Theme: Promise

Christ in Genesis: Abraham Offering
Isaac (Genesis 22)

Unique Features: Creation & Fall

Genesis: Beginnings

Key Chapter(s): 12

Key Verse(s): 15:6

Key Words: Generations

Abrahamic Covenant

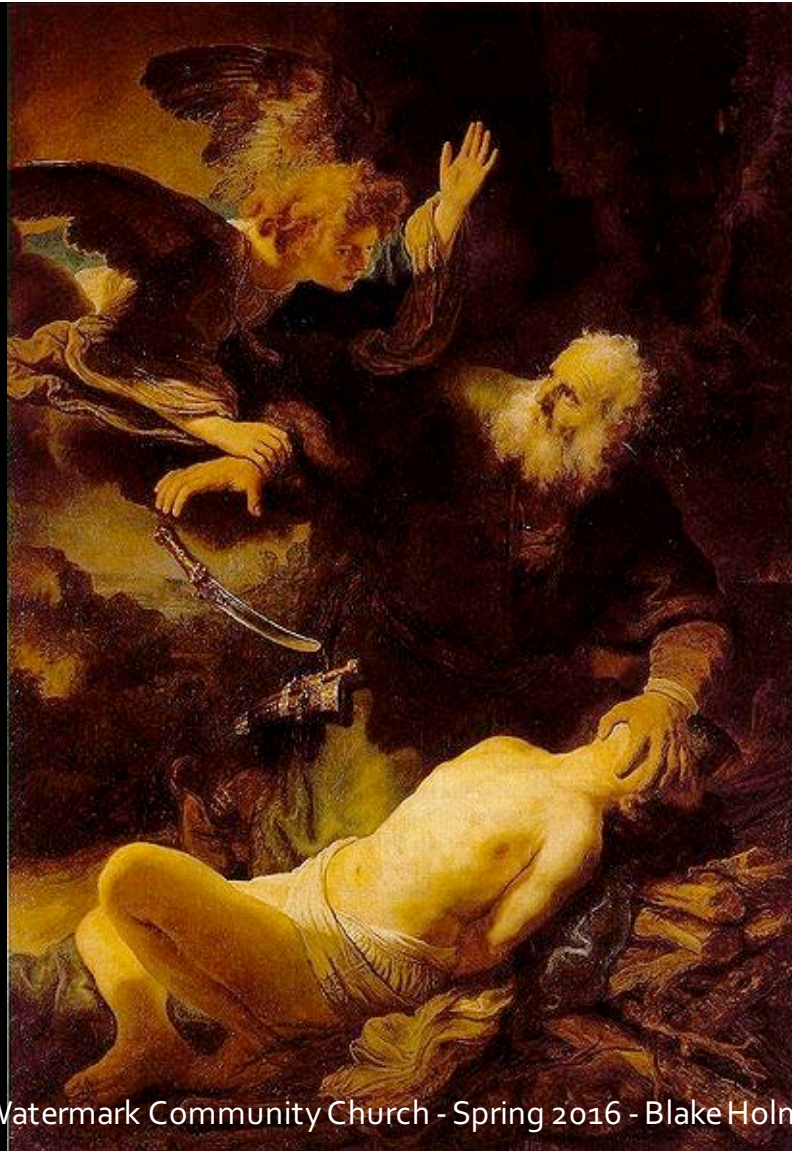
1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the **land** that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a **great nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a **blessing**. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 12:1-3

Fulfillment of The Abrahamic Covenant

6 “. . . just as Abraham ‘believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness’? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’”**

Galatians 3:6-8



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Abraham's Faith

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Hebrews 11:17-19

Mt Moriah

- Site of where Abraham offered Isaac
- Solomon's Temple
- The Second Temple (Zerubbabel)
- Herod the Great's Temple (Jesus' day)

And today . . .



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Escape:

Exodus

Exodus: Escape

OUTLINE:

- **Redemption:** Freedom from Slavery in Egypt (1-19)
- **Revelation:** God's Commandments at Mount Sinai (20-40)

Exodus: Escape

Author: Moses

Purpose: To record the events of Israel's deliverance from Egypt and development as a nation

Theme: Redemption

Unique Feature: Plagues; Red Sea; Law

Exodus: Escape

Christ in Exodus: Passover Lamb

Key Chapter: 12

Key Verse(s): 19:5-6

Key Words: I AM

God's Purpose for Israel

5 "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Exodus 19:5-6

Purposes of The Mosaic Law

1. **Revelatory:** Revealed the holiness of God and sinfulness of man
2. **Regulatory:** Served as a guide for how a redeemed people were to relate to God and man

Parts of The Mosaic Law

1. **Moral:** Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
2. **Civil:** Diet, sanitation, taxation, marriage, military service, etc. (Exodus 21-34)
3. **Ceremonial:** Seven Levitical Festivals & Five Levitical offerings (Exodus 35-40)

Nature of the Law

12 “So then, the Law is **holy**, and the commandment is **holy** and righteous and **good**.” (Romans 7:12)

16 “But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is **good**.”
(Romans 7:16)

8 “But we know that the Law is **good**, if one uses it lawfully . . .” (1 Timothy 1:8)

The Law as a Tutor

24 “Therefore the Law has become our **tutor** to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.”

Galatians 3:24

Fulfilled by Christ

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.** 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

Matthew 5:17-18

Significance of the Tabernacle

8 And let them **make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst** . . . 44 I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. 45 **I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.** 46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

Exodus 25:8; 29:44-46

Brazen Altar



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Brazen Laver



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Table of Showbread



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Lampstand



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Altar of Incense



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Ark



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Contents in Ark – 10 Comd's, Aaron's Rod & Manna



Tabernacle Furniture

Furniture	Symbolical Meaning	Typical Meaning
Brazen Altar: Animal sacrifice	Atonement through sacrifice	The atonement of Christ
Brazen Laver: Used for cleansing	Spiritual Renewal	Regeneration and Renewal by the Holy Spirit
Table of Showbread: Held 12 Loaves of Bread	Spiritual Sustenance	Christ the Bread of Life, the Holy Spirit the Water of Life
Lampstand: Seven Lamps	Spiritual Illumination	Christ the Light of the World
Altar of Incense: Sweet aroma	Supplication	Prayer in the name of Jesus
Ark: Copy of the 10 Commandments	Access to God	Christ as the covenant-ground of our access to God
Mercy Seat: Blood spilled	Presence of God	Christ as Mercy Seat

--J Sidlow Baxter, *Explore the Book*

Holiness:

Leviticus

Leviticus: Holiness

Author: Moses

Purpose: To show Israel how they were to live as a holy nation in the presence of a holy God

Theme: The presence of the Lord living with His people

Unique Feature: Leviticus has a larger percentage of material attributed to God as the speaker than any other book in the Bible

Leviticus: Holiness

Christ in Leviticus: Jesus is our perfect High Priest and Sacrifice

Key Chapter(s): 16

Key Verse(s): 20:26

Key Words: Holy (92x)

Wandering:

Numbers

Numbers: Wandering

OUTLINE

- **Old Generation:** “The Exodus Generation” --21 years old and older (1-12)
- **Tragic Transition:** Rebellion Outside the Promise Land & Subsequent Consequences (13-20)
- **New Generation:** “The Conquest Generation” --20 years old and younger (21-36)

Numbers: Wandering

Author: Moses

Purpose: To tell the story of how Israel prepared to enter the Promised Land, how they sinned and were punished, and how they prepared to try again

Theme: Rebellion

Unique Features: Census

Numbers: Wandering

Christ in Numbers: Bronze Serpent
(21:4-9; cf. John 3:15-16)

Key Chapter: 13

Key Verse(s): 14:26-31

Key Words: Complain

Numbers: Wandering

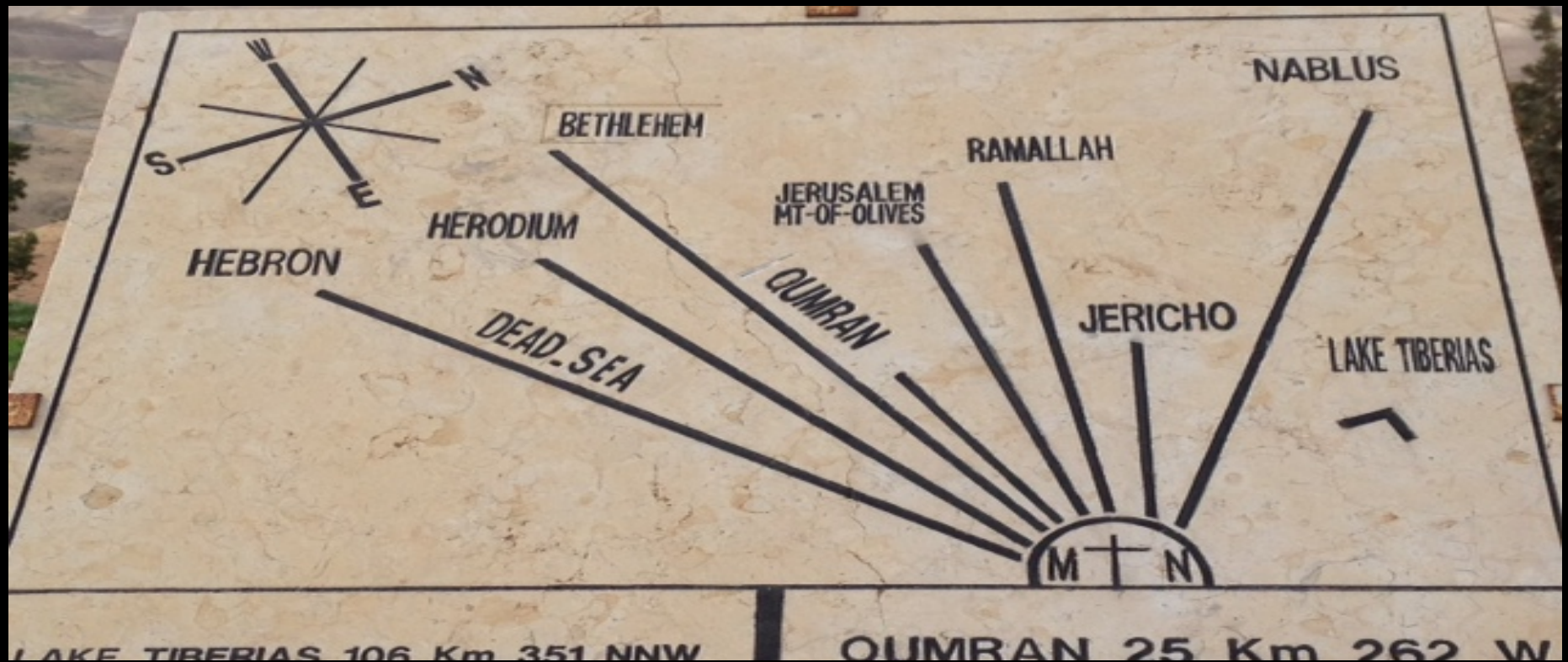
26 And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
27 "How long shall this wicked congregation grumble
against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people
of Israel, which they grumble against me. 28 Say to
them, 'As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said
in my hearing I will do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall
fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in
the census from twenty years old and upward, who have
grumbled against me . . .

Numbers: Wandering

30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected.”

Numbers 14:26-31

View from Mt Nebo



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Review:

Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy: Review

Outline:

- **1st Sermon (Historical):** Reviews Israel's History (1:1-4:43)
- **2nd Sermon (Legal):** Reviews the Law (4:44-26:19)
- **3rd Sermon (Prophetical):** A Call to Obedience (27-34)