

# The Pentateuch IV: Deuteronomy

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Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9:30pm

## Course description

### The Pentateuch Part IV: Deuteronomy

This is the fourth and final course on the Pentateuch, covering Deuteronomy specifically. Deuteronomy is a speech from Moses to Israel as the nation prepares to enter Canaan. Deuteronomy is a perfect book with which to conclude the series because (i) naturally, it is the last book of the Pentateuch; (ii) it contains detailed summaries of the Law and the narrative contents of the previous books. Furthermore, Moses offers special pleas to heed the revealed Word of God both in the Pentateuch itself and in the words of the prophets to follow.

PENTATEUCH PARTS I-III ARE **NOT** PREREQUISITES!

### Course Expectations

*Attendance* You must attend 4 of 5 classes to receive credit. Roughly, everyone has 1 “excused absence” before receiving an incomplete. Any further absence is negotiable, to be discussed with the instructor.

*Readings, Homework, Final Assignment* There will be weekly readings to keep in step with the material being covered each week. Questions on the readings can be found on the back of this sheet. These are strictly completion based. The **final assignment**, due on the last week, is to find and cite as many extra-Deuteronomical Pentateuchal references within Deuteronomy as possible. Try to supply at least one from each chapter. You must turn in the final assignment to pass.

### Calendar

Date	Week	Content	Readings
5/11	1	Review & Introduction	Deuteronomy 1-11
5/18	-	No Class	
5/25	2	History, Covenantal Introduction	
6/1	3	Covenantal Features up to Commandment IV	Deuteronomy 12-16
6/8	4	Covenantal Features up to Commandment X	Deuteronomy 17-26
6/15	5	Pentateuchal Typology; Summary & Conclusion	Deuteronomy 27-34

### Miscellaneous

Students will be responsible for their own notes. We will provide notebooks and the presentations will be available upon request.

**Homework 1-** Read the weekly selection-Reflect on and answer the following questions.

- A. Give two reasons to believe from reading this section that Moses is the author of Deuteronomy.
- B. In Deuteronomy 4:12-20, Moses indicates that God deliberately avoided appearing to them in any particular form. What might explain God's later willingness to appear through Christ "in the likeness of man" (Philippians 2:7)?
- C. Moses issues several commands concerning "your son" and even "your grandson." Give at least three reasons why these generational commands are so urgent.

**Homework 2-** Read the weekly selection - Reflect on and answer the following questions.

- A. In Deuteronomy 13, Moses describes a false prophet capable of doing miracles. What are the some of the clues Moses supplies to determine that prophet is false?
- B. Why might someone think that Deuteronomy encourages and/or sanctions slavery? Use the Deuteronomic text to respond to this potential problem.

**Homework 3-** Read the weekly selection - Reflect on and answer the following questions.

- A. Imagine you're confronted with Deuteronomy 21:10-14 by a non-Christian. How would you respond to it? (Hint: compare Jesus' remarks in Mark 10:2-9 concerning Deuteronomy 24:1-5).
- B. Select one of the laws concerning justice and describe how it is manifested in the American justice system or if not, why it should be.

**Homework 4-** Complete Reading and turn in Deuteronomy Survey.