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The Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy is the fifth book of the Torah (Moses' book of Law). The main theme of the book is the "Second Law". It is called this because it was the second reading of the law. The book of Deuteronomy is the sermon Moses addressed to the Children of Israel prior to their entry into the Promised Land. In this sermon Moses go over the events of their history and the law. He also gives them the conditions, set by God, for entering and possessing the Promised Land. They entered into the Promised Land on the condition of obedience.

The key figures of the book of Deuteronomy are God who delivered the Children of Israel out of Egypt and who parted the Red Sea, Moses who appointed by God lead the People of Israel out of Egypt to the edge of the Promised Land, the new generation (these are the children of the exodus generation) of the People of Israel, Joshua who was appointed as Moses' successor to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land , and the tribe of Levi or Levitical Priest who

carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord, to stand before the Lord, to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name as they do today.

The events, on an historical context basis, take place on the Plains of Moab which is situated on the east bank of the Jordan River opposite the city of Jericho. The last of the Exodus generation had finally died and now Moses led the new generation to the Plains of Moab. Encamped there they were waiting to cross the Jordan River and possess the Promised Land as God had promised them. But before they could enter certain events had to happen. The covenant, which had been broken by the older generation, must first be renewed by the new generation .

What so significant in Deuteronomy is Moses' expounding of the Law and expansion of it , and also included the promise of the blessings of God and includes the curses for disobedience. Moses pleads and stresses over and over the importance to the new generation of obedience to the covenant set by God to man.