

OT1 Unit 9: Deuteronomy

Quiz from Unit 8 – un-shuffle the letters

The opening scene in the book of Numbers.
 Type of community Israel should be.
 The theme that binds the book together.
 The typical behaviour of Israel on the way.
 Why Israel failed to enter the Land.
 Years spent wandering in the wilderness.
 Those who arrive at the end.
 Closing scene in the book of Numbers.
 The big question about Moses.

IS MOUNTAIN _____
 A CONVENT _____
 MAGPIE GIRL _____
 HATES SINFUL FUN _____
 BLUE FINE _____
 HIT THY TIGER _____
 A RENEWING TONE _____
 BOO FINAL MAPS _____
 CUES CROSS _____

Context?

- Looking back:
- Looking forward:
- Looking onward:



Genre?

- Style: Deuteronomy as preaching.
- Structure: Deuteronomy as a vassal treaty.

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2 nd Millennium	Deuteronomy
Title/Preamble	1:1-5
Historical Prologue	1:6-3:29
Stipulations	4-26
Deposition of Text	31:9, 24-26
Public Reading	31:10-13
Witnesses	31:16-30; 32:1-47
Blessings and Curses	28:1-68

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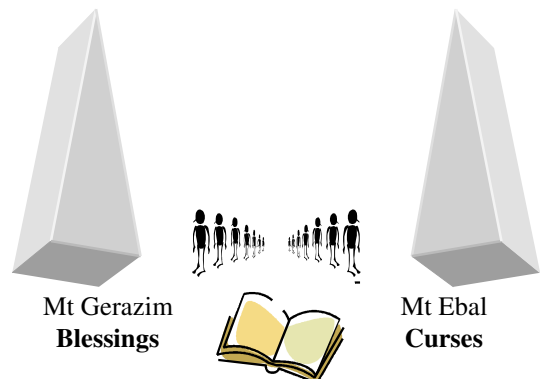
Source?

- Moses.
- The 'Deuteronomist'?
- Josiah's Reforms?
- Post-exile?

Structure?

- Introduction (1:1-5)
 - A recap**
 - God's word**
- First Address (1:6-4:43)
 - Another recap**
 - Legalese**
 - Blessings and curses**
- Second Address (4:44-28:68)

EXCERCISE: What does Deuteronomy 1:1-5 say that is significant about the setting and purpose of the book?



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- Third Address (29-30)

Covenant renewed

Provision for failure

Final exhortation

- Closing (31-34)

Joshua

The Book of the Law

The death of Moses

Purpose?

- **Expound and apply**
- **Renew**

Summary

Another step in the story...

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

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Exercise:

Re-read the section from chapters 31-34. Write a paragraph on each of the following:

- Context: Where does this section come in the book.
- Structure: What sub-sections can you see? What makes them stand out?
- Theme: In one sentence, what is the overall concern of this section?
- Issues: What questions come to mind from reading the text? What is hard to understand?
- Theology: Where do the themes in this passage touch other parts of the Bible?

Food for theological thought...

- What does it mean that 'the word is very near you' in Deut 30:14? Does God really mean it is possible for the Israelites to completely obey his Law? In what sense?
- Read Galatians 3. In what way does Jesus fulfill the Law in his life and/or death?

For next time:

- Read Unit 10 of the PTC Notes.
- Read Deuteronomy, Chapters 12, 20, 27-34.

References (for possible further reading)

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