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Notes on Deuteronomy

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Paper No. 1.

The Theme — Obedience.

Main Divisions

Introduction: Deut. 1:1-5.

1. Retrospect of the experience of the way.
2. Review of the teaching of the law.
3. Future of the people of Israel.
4. Close of the life of Moses.

Subdivisions

1. Retrospect.

- (a) Divine promise.
- (b) Appointed officers.
- (c) Spies.
- (d) Rebellion.
- (e) Edomites.
- (f) Moabites.
- (g) Passing of the old generation.
- (h) Amorites.
- (i) Sihon.
- (j) Conquest of Og.
- (k) Distribution of the land.
- (l) Two commands.
- (m) The unanswered prayer.
- (n) Exhortation to obedience.
- (o) Warning against idolatry.
- (p) Prophecy of exile.
- (q) Three cities of refuge.

Paper No. 2.

2. Review of Teaching of the Law: Deut. 5:44-26:19.

(a) The Introduction.

(b) The discourse.

(1) The Decalogue.

(a) The Substance.

(b) The Mediator.

(c) The Blessing of Obedience.

(2) The worship of the Living and True God.

(a) The Law of Life.

(b) The Mosaic view of education.

(1) Family Godliness.

(2) Christ drawing His weapons from Deuteronomy.

(3) Salvation from bond and to riches in glory.

(c) Complete separation to God.

(1) Communion with nations forbidden.

(2) Reasons for this.

(d) The goodness of the Lord.

(1) Wilderness experience.

(2) Wilderness provision.

(3) Canaan abundance.

(4) Warning against self-glorification.

- (5) Restoration of two tables.
- (6) Continuance of priesthood.
- (7) Separation of tribe of Levi.
- (8) Answer to plea of Moses.

(e) Obedience required by God.

- (1) Method.
- (2) Basis.
- (3) Promise.
- (4) Threats.
- (5) Food of obedience.
- (6) Issue of obedience.

(f) Laws against idolatry.

- (1) Monuments to be destroyed.
- (2) Central Sanctuary to be kept.
- (3) Idolatry of nations not to be enquired into.
- (4) Enticers to idolatry to be stoned.
- (5) Idolatrous cities not to be spared.
- (6) Command against idolatrous disfiguring and mourning.
- (7) Things which may and may not be eaten.

(g) Final laws for worship in the land.

- (1) Tithes.

(2) Seventh or sabbatical year.

(3) Firstlings.

(4) Feasts.