

STUDENT STUDY GUIDE: WEEK SIX // DEUTERONOMY

KEY UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIVES

1. Moses gives his final address to Israel and prepares them for entering the Promised Land by giving them the Second Law.
 2. God's people are exhorted to 'Listen and Obey' God's instructions.
 3. If the people choose to keep the covenant with God, they will walk under His blessing, but breaking the covenant will bring a curse.
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ACTIVITY 1

[Moses gives his final address to Israel and prepares them for entering the Promised Land by giving them the Second Law.]

Observe and Understand

The book of Deuteronomy can be divided into different sections. Take a look at each of these sections and look closely for the answers to the corresponding questions.

Section 1: The First Message of Moses – What God has done (1:1 - 4:43)

- Write down three examples that Moses gives the people of what God has done for them in the past, to prepare them to trust Him for the future.

Section 2: The Second Message of Moses – The law of God (4:44 - 26:19)

- Look at the following two passages and write down how they show that is God preparing them, as a generation, to enter and live in the Promised Land.
 - 7:1-4
 - 12:29-31

Section 3: The Third Message of Moses – Recap of the covenant demands (27 - 30)

- In two to three sentences summarise the heart of Moses' message in these 4 chapters.

Section 4: Moses Epilogue (31 - 40)

ACTIVITY 2

[God's people are exhorted to 'Listen and Obey' God's instructions.]

Observe

Read the passage 5:22-6:9 and use your yellow pencil to underline any words related to listening, hearing, speaking, obeying or acting on what God has said.

Understand

1. What do you notice about the connection between these words that you've underlined?
2. In the lecture we talked about how the Hebrew word 'shema' means 'hear and obey'. They do not separate the two – if you hear, you are to respond in obedience by 'doing'. Check out this link to a video to learn more:

<https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/?category=&q=shema>

Apply

- Think of a time when you clearly heard something from God and followed through in obedience to do what He said?
- What was the fruit of that choice to obey?
- Have you recently heard something from God that is waiting on a response from you?

ACTIVITY 3

[If the people choose to keep the covenant with God, they will walk under His blessing, but breaking the covenant will bring a curse.]

Observe

Read chapter 28 and note down the blessings that God will pour out upon the people if they obey and keep His covenant, and also the curses that will come if they do not obey.

BLESSINGS	CURSES

Understand

1. What do you notice when you compare the blessings and the curses?
God very clearly explained to the Israelites what the blessings would be if they kept the covenant, and what the curses would be if they did not. But it came down to their CHOICE.
2. Read 26:16-19 and 30:15-20
What is your understanding of the people's 'free will' in making and keeping their covenant with God?

Apply

Read Galatians 3:10-14.

- Jesus has 'redeemed us from the curse of the Law'. HALLELUJAH!
- How incredible is it to know that we are under the New Covenant, sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Spend some time in worship before our LORD, giving praise and thanks to Him for all that He has accomplished on our behalf.