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INTRODUCTION

1. "A copy of this law" or "The second Law".
 2. However it is more of a commentary than a history.
 3. A new crisis - thus a repetition of the laws on the eve of the crossing of the Jordan into Canaan.
 4. So the book only covers one or two months of time.
 5. The old generation had died (except). A new generation is on the scene.
 6. To impress their hearts with a deep sense of their duty and obligation to God.
 7. The shema in the book of Deut. Sums up the supreme duty of man to, "love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (6:4-9).
 8. An analysis by chapters reveal:
 - a. **HISTORICAL** (1-4) A review of Israel's history.
 - b. **HORTATORY** (5-26) A review of the Law.
 - c. **PROPHETIC** (27-30) Israel's future foretold.
 - d. **PATHETIC** (31-34) The last days of Moses.
 9. PURPOSE: Deut. 30:15-20).
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Higher Criticism Versus the Highest Critic

- A. Change (amazing) in religious thinking between A.D. 1800 - 1900.
 1. Until 19th C. almost all that claimed to follow the Bible, believed the Bible was verbally inspired and the infallible revelation.
 2. But the new theologians, particularly in Germany, held up the Old and new Testaments to ridicule.
 3. Israel's religion developed from belief in tribal deities.
 4. Deuteronomy was consigned to the 7th C. B.C. and the idea of Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch was considered inadmissible.
- B. All sorts of theories were advanced to deny the Book
 1. Moses and Israel from Egypt were non-historical.
 2. Moses could not have written...because writing was not yet developed.
 3. All of these later total disproved.

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4. Yet the higher critic just jumps to something else in his vain effort to discredit the Bible
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Obedience and Respect for the Word of God

- A. Prominent there in the book of Deut. Is OBEDIENCE.
1. 4:1,2;
 2. 12:32.
- B. Moses set before the people life and good, and death and evil.
HE COMMANDED THEM:
1. Love the Lord.
 2. Walk in His ways.
 3. Keep his commandments.
- C. If they are obedient they will get to enjoy the promised land.
- D. If they are disobedient they will be cursed (11:1-25; 27:11-28).
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Moral & Spiritual Values

- A. The Moral and Spiritual tone of Deut. Is clearly reflected in the key-words.
1. Thou shalt” Suggest the positive side of obedience.
 2. “Thou shalt not” Indicates the need for negative restrictions.
 3. 11:26-28.....both seen.
- B. Spiritual Value Attested by Jesus.
1. In hour of His great temptation.
 2. Three times He met the temptations of Satan with the words, “It is written” (Matt. 4).
 3. In each case a quotation from Deuteronomy.
- C. From Deut. That Jesus summarized the entire Old Covenant in a single statement. (Matt. 22:37-40; cf Deut. 6:5).
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PRINCIPAL IDEALS

A. The unique relation between Jehovah as a unique God and Israel His unique people.

1. The monotheistic note is very implicit.
2. READ - 6:4; 4:36; 4:39; 10:17;

B. The One Living God Presented in Deut. Faithful, Keeping Covenant and Loving Kindness with them that love and keep His commandments. (5:26; 7:9)

1. He abominates images and every species of idolatry.
2. Is jealous of all rivals (7:4; 25,26).
3. The motto of the book might well be stated as "One God, One Sanctuary.

C. A Unique God Demands a Unique People.

1. "A kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." (19:6)
2. As a holy nation, peculiar and beloved, they would be disciplined for their own good to establish them as God's inheritance (7:6; 14:2,21)

D. Family religion is strongly commanded and tenderly commended in the book of Deut. (6:7;20; 11:18,19).

Book Preserved Because

A. Because of Its Importance To The Christian.

B., Our Example: (Rom. 15:4).

C. From Deut. We learn a great lesson that has application in the

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gospel of Christ.

1. Laws once delivered must be repeated and enforced. (Paul and Peter.)

2. Each generation now must be indoctrinated with the teaching of the New Covenant.

3. Precept must be upon precept, and line upon line.

D. Jesus and Deuteronomy.

1. Deut. 18:9-22; (Esp. 15-18).

2. In Acts 3:22,23 - Peter applied it to Christ.

E. HEAR YE HIM: It makes all the comers there unto perfect, and points men toward the land that is fairer than day.
