

REVIEW: Unifying-Theme Sentences for Deuteronomy 1–11

Deut 1:1–5 | In the book’s preamble, the narrator orients Deuteronomy’s readers/hearers to the book’s prophet, the people, the problem, and the project.

Deut 1:6–46 | God has provided all you need to walk by faith, believer; so don’t rebel against God’s command in fear, lest you forfeit the full experience of his promised blessing.

Deut 2–3 | Believer, since you have seen the LORD’s victory in the past and will keep seeing his victory in the future, you must trust him—that there is no enemy who can prosper against you or thwart God’s fulfillment of promise to you.

Deut 4:1–40 | Covenant believer, *you have every reason* to heed God’s revealed words to you and worship him alone:

- your enjoyment of abundant life depends on it;
- God is granting you unique privileges by giving these revealed instructions and abiding with you;
- your obedience will display to a watching world God’s character, nearness, and mighty works;
- worshipping anyone or anything other than God will lead to destruction and will dishonor God;
- God’s mercy is so immense that he provides for your complete redemption and transformation, long before you existed and even when you treat him like your enemy after he has delivered you;
- God’s revealed Word consists of the words of the one and only God, who has made himself known to you for your good.

Deut 4:44 | In his second sermon, Moses will call the people of Israel to follow God’s instruction in the context of their having already experienced deliverance from Egypt and the firstfruits of victory beyond the Jordan.

Deut 5:1–6:3 | God initiates and governs a covenant relationship with the Israelites that is a living, intimate relationship marked by mutual love and mediated by God’s chosen intercessor and prophet—and that points forward to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son who mediates the new covenant.

Deut 6:4–25 | Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength by knowing him, vigilantly remembering him, and boldly teaching others about him.

Deut 7 | Church, as God’s holy people whom he has chosen in love, unreservedly renounce every enticement that would seduce you to devote yourself to anyone or anything other than your loving Lord, lest that enticement ensnare you.

Deut 8 | At all times, in want and in abundance, be careful to remember and obey the whole commandment the Lord has given you so that you may live, lest you pridefully forget and serve yourself and other gods and perish.

Deut 9–10 | Church, because Almighty God has chosen you in love above all peoples for such a blessed salvation—*despite your chronic, death-dealing stubbornness of heart that necessitated excruciating intercession and divine mercy on your behalf*—walk in his ways with a circumcised heart, humbled by his majestic grace to you.

Deut 11 | Keep the LORD’s charge by considering the mighty works that you have seen him do for you in the past and that he promises to do for you in the future, so you will choose blessing, not curse.