

1. Welcome & Get Acquainted
2. Introduction: Our freedoms today to worship and to vote, to own property and to limit taxes are due in part to a document signed 800 years ago, long before America was even founded -- the Magna Carta, or great charter. *Smithsonian Magazine* explains, “King John, one of the great, mustache-twirling villains of British history, and a pack of angry barons, rebels whose main coup was taking control of London, spent June 10 through June 19, 1215 in tense negotiation at the Thames-side meadow of Runnymede. A settlement was reached, and John’s oath to uphold it was given in exchange for the barons’ pledge of allegiance. This settlement was quickly issued as a royal charter, a proclamation by the king; most of its 63 clauses dealt with grievances about his abuse of feudal custom and detailed actions to curtail it. John, who’d lost a lot of money fighting unsuccessful wars in France, had been using his feudal rights to extort money from his nobles, and when they couldn’t pay, he seized their land and took their family members hostage.” Contracts, charters, and founding documents are an important part of a nation’s history and identity. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we find a charter for the nation of Israel. But in contrast to the Magna Carta, this one was initiated by King himself.
3. Discussion: What are some important “founding documents” in your own life and family?
4. Outline of Deuteronomy (from the *Zondervan NIV Study Bible*)
 - I. Introduction (1:1-5) [see 1:1]
 - II. First Speech: Keep the Law (1:6-4:43) [see 1:5]
 - III. Second Speech: First Priority is Allegiance (4:44-28:68) [see 4:44-45; 5:1-2]
 - IV. Third Speech: Keep the Covenant (29:1-30:20) [see 29:1-4, 9-15]
 - V. Planning for the Future (31:1-32:52) [see 31:1-3]
 - VI. Benediction and Burial (33:1-34:12) [see 33:1-2, 29]
 (Alternate outlines available on back page)
5. Discussion: How do you feel as you approach this book? What excites or scares you?
6. Special Features of this Book
 - Foundational to the rest of the OT
 - Resembles ancient Hittite Vassal Treaties, but also contains sermon-like exposition
 - Quoted 50x in NT and extensively by Jesus (Dt. 8:3 | Mt. 4:4; Dt. 5:17 | Mt. 5:21; Dt. 24:1 | Mt. 5:31; Dt. 19:15 | Mt. 18:16; Dt. 5:4f | Mt. 19:18-19; Dt. 6:5 | Mt. 22:37)
 - Surprising emphasis on the love of God (28x in book. E.g. Dt. 6:5; 7:7-13; cf. 1 Jn. 5:3)
 - The genre of “law” requires a proper set of hermeneutics (rules of interpretation)
7. Purpose: “The purpose of Deuteronomy is to summarize and renew the covenant in preparation for entering into the land. In the process it organizes laws in a way that the spirit behind the Ten Commandments will be understood. It is the charter document of Israel that emphasizes that there is one God, one people of God, one sanctuary, and one law.” (Walton & Hill, *Survey of the Old Testament*)
8. Key Verses to Highlight or Memorize: 4:2; 6:4-9; 13:1-5; 18:15; 29:29; 32:39
9. Discussion: Do you think a person could get saved by reading the book of Deuteronomy? Why or why not?
10. Quote by William Tyndale
11. Helpful Tools for this study
12. Next Bible Study: Friday, Sept. 29, at 6pm.

DEUTERONOMY 1:1 - 34:12

Moses' Exhortation to Obedience and His Expectation of Disobedience				
<i>Speech #1</i>	<i>Speech #2</i>	<i>Speech #3</i>	<i>Song</i>	<i>Blessing</i>
Narrative 1:1-4	Narrative 4:44-49	Narrative 29:1	Narrative 31:1-29	Narrative 32:48-52
Speech 1:5 - 4:40	Speech 5:1 - 28:68	Speech 29:2 - 30:20	Speech 31:30 - 32:43	Speech 33:1-29
Narrative 4:41-43			Narrative 32:44-47	Narrative 34:1-12
1:1 - 4:43	4:44 - 28:68	29:1 - 30:20	31:1 - 32:47	32:48 - 34:12

SMALL GROUP TEACHING SCHEDULE

September 15, 2017	Introducing Deuteronomy
September 29, 2017	Preamble (1:1-5)
October 13, 2017	Looking Back (1:6-3:29)
October 27, 2017	Preparing for the Covenant (ch. 4)
November 10, 2017	The Ten Commandments (5:1-6:3)
November 24, 2017	Love in Action (6:4-8:20)
December 1, 2017	Beware Self-Righteousness (9:1-10:11)
December 15, 2017	I Pledge Allegiance (10:12-11:32)
January 5, 2018	Acceptable Worship (12:1-14:21)
January 19, 2018	Holy Days (15:1-16:17)
February 2, 2018	Instructing Leaders (16:18-18:22)
February 16, 2018	Doing Right (19:1-21:23)
March 2, 2018	Staying Pure (22:1-23:18)
March 16, 2018	Relationships Can Be Messy (23:19-24:22)
March 30, 2018	R-E-S-P-E-C-T (25:1-26:15)
April 13, 2018	Blessings and Curses (27:1-29:1)
April 27, 2018	Grounds for Covenant Renewal (29:2-31:29)
May 11, 2018	Song of Moses (31:30-32:52)
May 25, 2018	Final Blessing (33:1-34:12)