

Class 5 - Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges

Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church

Deuteronomy: The Covenant Renewed

Introduction: *Transitions*

Context:

Structure:

Historical Prologue | Deut. 1-4

- Deut. 4:35, 40: Be faithful to the faithful God

General Stipulations | Deut. 5-11: *Love and Faithfulness*

- Deut. 6:4-6: Love the LORD your God
- Deut. 7:7-8: The LORD's electing love

Specific Stipulations | Deut. 12-26: *Justice and Holiness*

- Structure: Shaped by the Ten Commandments (see back of handout)
- Application:
 - Redemption History:
 - Deut. 27:26, 21:22-23 – the curse
 - Gal. 3:13, 3:24-25 – the curse falls on Christ
 - The law fulfilled in Christ

- Categories of laws:
 - * Moral
 - * Civil
 - * Ceremonial
- 1. Follow the New Testament's instruction on the law.
- 2. Understand what the law teaches about God's character.
- 3. Appreciate Jesus' perfection: he upheld the whole law!

Covenant Renewal | Deut. 27-30

- Deut. 28:10-11: Blessings
- Deut. 28:36-37: Curses
- Deut. 29:4: The covenant demands a new heart
- Hope in God's Grace:
 - Deut. 30:2-3: Restoration for those who repent
 - Deut. 30:6 God will circumcise the heart

Conclusion: Israel's Future | Deut. 31-34

- Deut. 32:18: Exile
- Deut. 32:43: Restoration and atonement
- Deut. 18:18 and 34:10-11: The prophet to come

Outline of Deuteronomy

- i. Preamble | Dt. 1:1-5
- ii. Moses' First Speech: Historical Prologue | Dt. 1:6-4:43

- iii. Moses' Second Speech: Covenant Stipulations | Dt. 4:44-26:19
 - a. General Stipulations: Love and Faithfulness | Dt. 4:44-11:32
 - b. Specific Stipulations: Justice and Holiness | Dt. 12:1-26:19
- iv. Moses' Third Speech: Covenant Renewal | Dt. 27:1-30:20
 - a. Blessings and Curses | Dt. 27:1-28:68
 - b. Covenant Ratification and Final Exhortation | Dt. 29:1-30:20
- v. Conclusion: Israel's Future | Dt. 31:1-34:12
 - a. Moses Transfers Leadership to Joshua | Dt. 31
 - b. Moses Prophesies Exile and Restoration | Dt. 32
 - c. Moses Blesses the Tribes | Dt. 33
 - d. Moses Dies | Dt. 34

A Closer Look at Moses' Second Speech

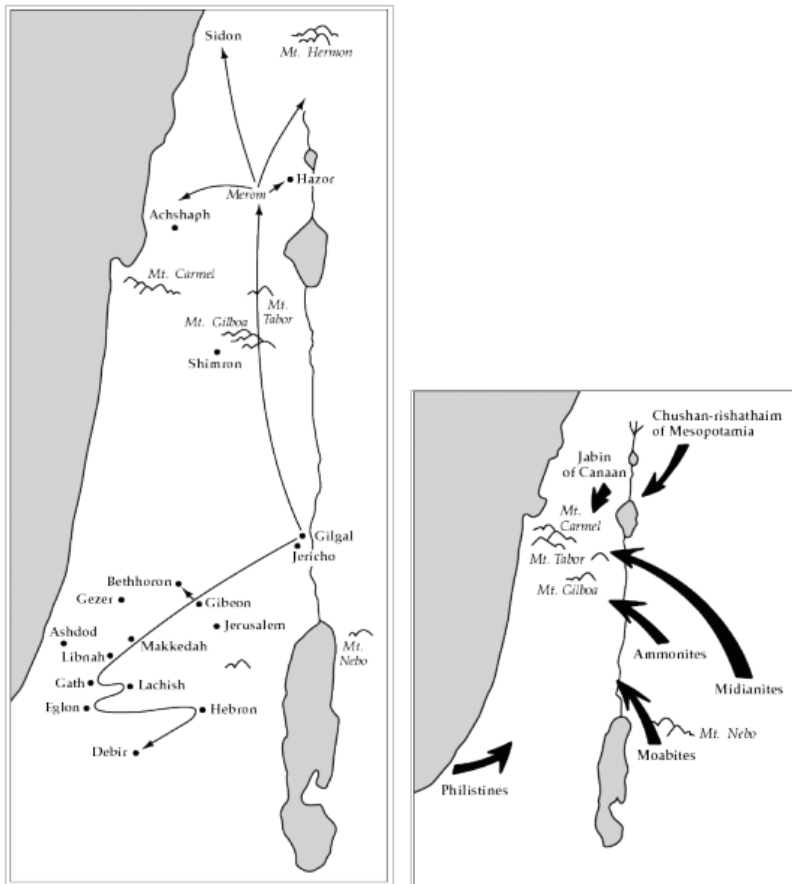
How the 10 commandments (5:6-21) shape the covenant stipulations¹

Theme	Relating to God	Relating to Man
Authority	Commandment 1 5:7 → 6:1-11:32	Commandment 5 5:16 → 16:18-17:13
Dignity	Commandment 2 5:8-10 → 12:1-32	Commandments 6-8 5:17 → 19:1-21:23 5:18 → 22:1-23:14 5:19 → 23:15-24:7
Commitment	Commandment 3 5:11 → 13:1-14:21	Commandment 9 5:20 → 24:8-16
Rights & Privileges	Commandment 4 5:12-15 → 14:22-16:17	Commandment 10 5:21 → 24:17-26:15

¹Adapted from *Introduction to the Old Testament*, Tremper Longman & Raymond B. Dillard, p. 114.

Joshua & Judges

Introduction



Taking the Land (Joshua) | Keeping the Land? (Joshua)

Main Themes

Joshua - *Trusting a faithful savior to lead God's people to land and rest*

Judges - *Requiring a perfect savior to maintain this land and rest*

Joshua - Overview

Trusting as they...

- enter the Promised Land (Chapters 1-5)
- take the Promised Land (Chapters 6-12)
- divide the Promised Land (Chapters 13-21)
- accomplish the promised Rest (Chapters 22-24)

Tracking the key themes

1. **Trusting as God's people** – *In Christ and with the Spirit*
2. **Trusting God's faithful savior** – *Joshua and Jesus*
3. **Trusting God for land** - *Hope of heaven and the fear of hell*
4. **Trusting God for rest** – *Fighting sin and resting in Jesus*

Hebrews 4:8, Matthew 11:28

Judges - Requiring a perfect savior to maintain this land and rest

Requiring a perfect savior as they...

- lose land and their faithful savior (Chapters 1-2)
- receive imperfect saviors [see figure 1] (Chapter 3-16)
- crave true rest (Chapter 17-21)

Tracking the key themes

1. **Requiring separation as God's people** – *Being influenced by the world*
2. **Requiring punishment that leads to repentance** – *Sin's consequences often bring us to God*
3. **Requiring a perfect Savior who leads to true rest** – *Only Jesus gives ultimate rest*

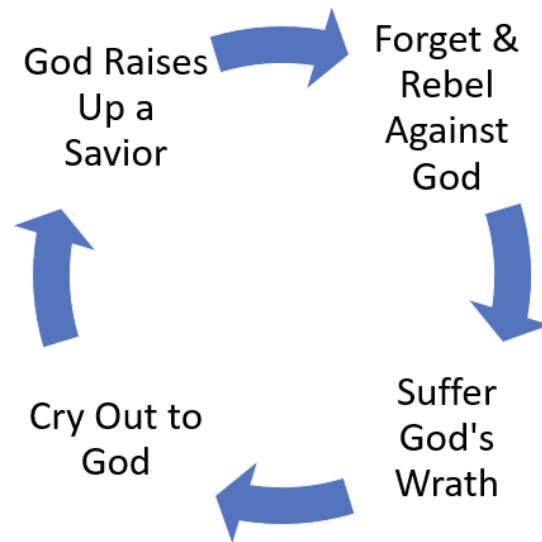


Figure 1: Judges Cycle

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