

Welcome to 10 Minute Topics

This week's topic is: Deuteronomy Overview

Devarim [דברים] (Deuteronomy) means “Words” and is the fifth book of the Torah. Devarim contains 34 chapters and 959 verses. Devarim is broken into 11 parshiot (weekly Torah readings).

The book of Deuteronomy (דברים) is divided into the following Parshiot.

Devarim (1:1-3:22) - (Words):

1:1-12: Veiled rebuke

1:13-18: The appointment of judges

1:19-46: The mission of the spies

2:1-8: Esau/Seir

2:9-16: Moab

2:17-30: G-d commands Israel to march toward the Land

2:31-37: The first conquest Sihon

3:1-11: The conquest of Og

3:12-20: The inheritance of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh

3:21-22: The command to Joshua

Va'etchanan (3:23-7:11) - (And I Pleaded):

3:23-25: Moses prays again

3:26-29: Exile and return

4:1-11: Decrees and ordinances

4:12-20: From the midst of the fire

4:21-24: Moses would not enter the Land

4:25-30: Exile and return

4:31-35: He will not abandon you

4:36-40: You heard His voice

4:41-49: Setting aside the cities of refuge

5:1-18: The Ten Statements

5:19-26: Fire, cloud, thick smoke

5:27-6:3: G-d teaches the entire commandments, decrees, and ordinances

6:4-9: The Shema

6:10-12: Not succumbing to prosperity

6:13-19: Further trust in G-d

6:20-25: Teaching the tradition to children

7:1-11: G-d will clear the way to settle in the Land

Eikev (7:12-11:25) - (Because):

7:12-17: The reward

7:18-26: The assurance

8:1-10: The lesson of food

8:11-20: A warning against the lure of prosperity
9:1-6: Remembering the Exodus and the tribulations in the Wilderness
9:7-12: Receiving the Tablets
9:13-21: A stiff-necked people
9:22-29: Repeated rebelliousness
10:1-5: A temporary Ark and the second Tablets
10:6-7: Aaron's death
10:8-11: Elevation of the Levites
10:12-22: G-d's reconciliation
11:1-8: Firsthand knowledge of G-d's miracles
11:9-12: The great virtues of the Land
11:13-25: The second portion of the Shema

Re'eh (11:26-16:17) - (See):

11:26-32: Blessing and curse
12:1-7: Sanctity of the Land
12:8-14: Private altars
12:15-16: Permission to eat redeemed offerings
12:17-19: Sacred foods consumed only in Jerusalem
12:20-25: Permission to eat unconsecrated meat
12:26-28: General principles of observance
12:29-31: The prohibition against copying the rites of the Canaanites
13:1-6: A false prophet
13:7-12: One who entices others to go astray
13:13-19: The wayward city
14:1-2: A treasured people
14:3-21: Permitted and forbidden food
14:22-19: The second tithe
15:1-6: Remission of loans
15:7-11: To be warmhearted and openhanded to our brethren
15:12-18: A Jewish bondsman
15:19-23: Firstborn bull shall be sanctified to G-d
16:1-8: Pesach
16:9-12: Shavuot
16:13-15: Succot
16:16-17: To come to Jerusalem with offerings

Shoftim (16:18-21:9) - (Judges):

16:18-20: Establishment of just courts
16:21-17:1: Blemished sacrifice
17:2-7: The death penalty for an idol worshiper
17:8-13: The rebellious elder
17:14-20: A king in Israel
18:1-8: Priestly gifts
18:9-14: Prophecy
18:15-22: G-d sends His prophets to Israel

19:1-13: Cities of refuge
19:14: Preserving boundaries
19:15-21: Conspiring witnesses
20:1-2: When Israel goes to war
20:3-4: The Kohen anointed for battle speaks to the people
20:5-9: Those unqualified to fight
20:10-18: Overtures for peace
20:19-20: Preservation of fruit trees
21:1-9: Unsolved murder

Ki Teitzei (21:10-25:19) - (When You Will Go):

21:10-14: The woman of beautiful form
21:15-17: The firstborn's inviolable right
21:18-21: The wayward and rebellious son
21:22-23: Hanging and burial
22:1-4: Concern for the property of another
22:5: Male and female garb
22:6-7: Sending the mother bird from the nest
22:8-11: Protective fence
22:12: Tzitzit
22:13-19: Defamation of a married woman
22:20-21: If the accusation was true
22:22: Adultery
22:23-29: Betrothed maiden
23:1-9: Forbidden and restricted marriages
23:10-15: Sanctity of the camp
23:16-17: An escaped slave
23:18-19: Sexual purity
23:20-21: Interest
23:22-24: Vows to G-d
23:25-26: A worker's right to eat
24:1-5: Divorce and remarriage
24:6: Millstone
24:7: Kidnapping
24:8-9: Tzaraas and slander
24:10-13: Dignity of a debtor
24:24-15: Timely payment of workers
24:16: Individual responsibility
24:17-18: Consideration for the orphan and widow
24:19-22: Gifts to the poor from the harvest
25:1-4: Lashes
25:5-10: Levirate marriage and releasing the obligation
25:11-12: Penalty for embarrassing another
25:13-16: Honest weights and measures
25:17-19: Remembering Amalek

Ki Tavo (26:1-29:8) - (When You Enter):

26:1-4: First fruits

26:5-11: Declaration

26:12-15: Confession of the tithes

26:16-19: G-d and Israel are inseparable

27:1-10: The new commitment

27:11-26: Blessings and curses

28:1-14: The blessing for fulfilling the commandments

28:15-69: The admonition for disobedience

29:1-8: Moses' final charge to the people

Nitzavim (29:9-30:20) - (Ones Standing):

29:9-14: Renewal of the covenant

29:15-28: Warning against idolatry

30:1-10: The eventual repentance and redemption

30:11-14: The Torah is accessible

30:15-20: Choose life

Vayeilech (31:1-30) - (Then He Went Out):

31:1-6: Moses takes leave

31:7-9: Joshua

31:10-13: Torah to be read during Succot

31:14-18: Moses' end draws near

31:19-23: The Torah as testimony

31:24-30: Moses gathers the people

Haazinu (32:1-52) - (Listen):

32:1-9: The Song of Moses

32:10-14: G-d's kindness to Israel

32:15: Prosperity brings dissolution

32:16-18: The descent worsens

32:19-27: G-d's wrath

32:28-31: The enemy's foolish conceit

32:32-34: Source of Israel's suffering

32:35-43: Israel is comforted

32:44-47: The Torah is your life

32:48-52: G-d's last commandment to Moses

Vezot Haberachah (33:1-34:12) - (And This Is The Blessing):

33:1-24: The Blessing of Moses

33:25-29: Moses blesses all of Israel

34:1-9: Death of Moses

34:10-12: The quality of Moses' prophecy

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