

Exodus Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Eleven: Review of Israel's History and Laws – Deuteronomy 1-26

From Deuteronomy 1-4:

- 1) According to Deuteronomy 1:1-5, in what time and place in the history of Israel does the book of Deuteronomy fit?

- 2) Moses' first "sermon" in Deuteronomy (1:6-4:40) makes a point from Israel's recent history. In light of your answer to question 1, to which generation of Israelites was Moses delivering this speech?

- 3) Read Moses' reminder of why Israel had not entered the Promised Land 38 years earlier (1:26-36).
 - a) What word did the Lord use to describe those who had repeatedly experienced His faithfulness yet still refused to trust him (verse 35)?
 - b) From Hebrews 3:7-19, which one word summarizes the reason why the generation of Israelites that were adults at the time of the Exodus did not enter the Promised Land?
 - c) Can you tell of a time when the Lord "carried you as a father carries his son" (Deuteronomy 1:31)? How will your recollection help you trust God more fully in some present circumstance?

Skim Deuteronomy 1-4.

- 4) What do you think was Moses' purpose in reviewing Israel's past 40 years of history for this younger generation? If possible, cite references to support your answer.

- 5) After more than 400 years of patiently giving the Amorites (Canaanites) opportunity to turn from gross immorality, as an act of grace, what final opportunity to repent did God give them (Deuteronomy 2:25)?

- 6) From Deuteronomy 4, list words or phrases synonymous with or related to the term "obey."

- 7) Read Moses' words to Joshua in Deuteronomy 3:21-22. Who are you responsible to strengthen, encourage, and remind of God's faithfulness?

From Deuteronomy 5-11:

- 8) Deuteronomy 5-26, Moses' second Deuteronomic sermon, revolves around the keeping of the law.
- a) What foundational laws from Exodus 20 does Moses restate in Deuteronomy 5?

 - b) According to Deuteronomy 6:4-6, what is the basis for keeping the law?
- 9) List all the reasons given for obedience to God in chapter 6 ("so that...").
- 10) Whether or not you have children, how could you practice fuller obedience to the commands given in Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:4-9, and 11:18-21 (be specific)?

From Deuteronomy 12-26:

- 11) a) What new stipulation does Deuteronomy 12:1-11 add to the system of sacrifices the Israelites were previously given?
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- b) According to 1 Samuel 7:5-12, 11:14, 1 Kings 3:4, and 8:1, 15-21, which cities later became Israel's worship centers and which city did the Lord ultimately designate as the permanent center of worship?
- 12) Skim Deuteronomy 13.
- a) Put into three categories the people or things that could potentially usurp the authority of God's word in the lives of God's people.

 - b) Do any of these influences attempt to challenge the supreme authority of God's word today? Explain.

13) According to Deuteronomy 17:14-20:

- a) Who was to appoint a king over Israel (include verse number)?
 - b) What three practices was an Israelite king to avoid (include verse numbers)? Why should the king have avoided these things?
 - c) Can you think of anything that represents a similar threat in your life?
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- a) What practice was the king to maintain?

From Deuteronomy 12-26:

14) Choose to read one chapter (or more) between Deuteronomy 15 and 26. Briefly summarize the gist of each command given in that chapter, noting whether it promotes *holy* living or a life of *love*.

15) Specifically, how could you apply the principles from these laws to your life today, in order that your life might better reflect God's love and holiness?