Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Early Old Testament Foundations: Deuteronomy 22-34 & Joshua 1-5

For class to be held March 19, 2016

Deuteronomy 22-26: Moses' Exposition on Social Laws (began in Deut. 21)

- 1. What is the purpose of the laws in Deut. 22:1-4? 3. What's the common sense principle of verses 6-7? 4. What's the purpose for the battlement on the roof in verse 8? 5. What was to be the consequence for adultery? . For rape? 6. Why were the man and woman both to be stoned in verses 23-24, but only the man in verse 25? 7. In Deut. 23:3-9, why could Edomites and Egyptians who wanted to follow the God of Israel become part of Israel in their 3rd generation, but Ammonites and Moabites couldn't until the 10th generation? 8. What instruction for sanitation is found in Deut. 23? 9. What's the point of verses 20-21? 10. What New Testament story shows that verses 21-23 apply in the Christian era?

 11. What are the two principles found in verses 24-25?

 12. Why was divorce and remarriage allowed so easily in Deut. 24:1-4?

 . What was Jesus' explanation in Matthew 19:3-9? 13. How would Deut. 24:7 have applied to the past history of American slavery? 14. How does verse 13 clear up the meaning of verses 10-12? _____ 15. What is the main point of most of verses 14-22? 16. What was the most interesting statute or judgment in Deut. 25? ____
- 17. In Moses' conclusion in chapter 26, he reviews God's deliverance from Egypt and admonishes them to acknowledge God's blessings when they are in the promised land by giving offerings and returning tithe to support the Levites. *With what important points does he conclude in verses 16-19?*

Deuteronomy 27-30: Moses' 3rd Sermon: Renewal of The Covenant

1. When Israel entered into the promised land, by what two mountains were they to build an altar and renew the covenant with God? ______ and _____ and _____

2. Which mountain was to symbolize the blessings if they followed God? ______

- 3. Did any of the curses from Deut. 27:15-26 surprise you? _____. If so, which one(s)? ______
- 4. Deut. 28:1-14 describes all the blessings that God planned to bestow upon Israel. Were these to be automatic because they were the chosen people? ____ How do you know that these covenant promises were conditional? ______. Which of these blessings were fulfilled in largel's history and when?
- fulfilled in Israel's history and when?
 5. How great economically was Israel to become?
 . What did it all depend upon?
- 6. As you read through the curses that would come upon Israel for disobedience, when did verses 23-24 come true in Israel's history? ______. How about vs. 25? ______
- When did verses 36 and 41 come true in Israel's history?

- 8. What nation fulfilled verses 49-50 (see PP 467)? . How many times can you think of when verses 52-57 came true?
- 9. How have verses 64-66 come true for Israel?
- 10. Israel was given two possible histories. Which one did they ultimately follow?
- 11. Deut. 29:1+9-13 is about renewing the covenant, but who is included in this covenant in verses 14-15? ______. How is this covenant by grace (vss. 12-13)? ______
- 12. What was the fulfillment in Old Testament history of the prophecy in Deut. 30:1-6?

_____. Why is it <u>not</u> correct to apply this prophecy to the establishment of the nation of Israel in Palestine in 1948?

- 13. What characteristics of the New Testament "new covenant" are present in Deut. 30?
- 14. *Choose the best answer and write the letter on the line.* ____ What do the following verses have in common? Deut. 5:29; 6:5-6; 10:12+16; 11:13; 26:16; 30:6, 10, 14, 19-20.
- A. People should keep God's commandments. B. People can obey God if they will just choose to.
- C. True obedience comes from a heart of love. D. People should love one another as God loves us.

***Suggested Reading, Patriarchs and Prophets, chapter 42 (pages 462-468)

Deuteronomy 31-34: Moses' Final Words and Death

- 1. Who did Moses admonish to be strong and of good courage in Deut. 31? ______. What was to be done with the book of Deuteronomy every 7 years (the Sabbatical year)?
- 2. Where was the book of Deuteronomy to be kept? ______. Why was it to be kept there? ______.
- 3. What did God reveal to Moses about which way Israel would go in the future?
- 4. How would the song written by Moses (Deut. 32), be a witness for God against Israel? _____
- 5. What lessons/points of instruction and truth are in this song of Moses?
- 6. What did Moses do in Deut. 33? . Who got the greatest blessings?
- 7. What impresses you the most about chapter 34?
- 8. What evidence is in chapter 34 that indicates that it was written later by someone else?

***Suggested Reading, PP, chapter 43 (pages 469-480)

Psalm 90: A Prayer Psalm of Moses

- 1. What impresses you most about this psalm? ______
- 2. What lessons/teachings stand out? _____

Joshua 1-5: Over the Jordan River into Canaan

- 1. What did the people say would happen to anyone who rebelled against Joshua?
- 2. Rahab was a harlot, told a lie, helped the two spies, and strongly expressed faith in God. How can we defend her as a good woman of faith without excusing her immoral life and dishonesty?
- 3. What is chapter 3 about and what most impressed you?
- 4. What event in Joshua 4 caused the people to see Joshua as great like Moses? . . Why?
- 5. Why were 12 large stones removed from the bed of the Jordan River?
- 6. What two things did Israel do for the first time in years that indicated they were restored as God's covenant people? ______. What ceased? ______

***Suggested Reading, PP, chapter 44 (pages 481-486)