

DEUTERONOMY: Choose Life, Renew Life (3-6 sessions)

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HISTORICAL—LAW RECOUNTED, THE NEED FOR RENEWAL

1-3 Selective short history, God's deliverance to "joy and peace" recounted

4-11 Extended history with focus on God's role

God brings people to life, life to people

Ethical morality

Recovering from failure so our faith commitment lives on after us

RENEWING WHOLEHEARTED COMMITMENT

12-26 Whole-hearted consecration

- Worship and ceremony, renew worship (12-13; 16)
- Maintain identity (7:6, et.al.), food, tithes, debts, servants, sacrifices, feasts (14-16)
- Leaders are key to renewal—leadership and justice to avoid and purge evil: judges, king, priests/Levites, prophet, cities of refuge and witnesses (16-19)
- "Kingdom separateness" honors God in war, demands justice, doing what is right in relationships and marriage, even to the exclusion from the assembly and camp for those who fail to maintain "separateness" (holiness, cleanliness).
- The ultimate goal is to acknowledge God as Redeemer-King, provider, presence among his people (26)

TO EXPERIENCE A RENEWED FUTURE—CHOOSE COVENANT "LIFE"

27-30 Ratification/renewal of the covenant, with blessings/cursings, prosperity, life/death

31-34 Leadership succession under the covenant: Joshua, law, rebelliousness, Song of Moses, blessings on the people.