# Deuteronomy

## Description

This is a course on Bible Interpretation, demonstrated with the book of Deuteronomy.

## Course Objectives

By completing this course, the student will:

1. Better understand the process of interpreting a book of the Bible and teaching it to their disciples.
2. Understand the contents and context of Deuteronomy.
3. Have a greater appreciation for the history of interpretation so that they are better prepared to enter into the ongoing discussion.
4. Have a greater motivation to make disciples.

## Textbooks

1. The Bible
2. Class notes

## Assignments

1. Read Deuteronomy at least once during the course, marking up the book with questions and associations.
2. Keep folders (3-ring binder, or a computer folder) devoted to Deuteronomy with a collection of material relevant to its interpretation.
3. Final exam. Completion of the course is dependent on attendance on the final night and passing an exam on the material covered in the class.

## Schedule

Class times are 7:00–7:55 (15 minute break), 8:10–9:00.

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| Date | Session | Content |
| 9/10 | 1  2 | Introduction to Course, and “Why are we Here?”  Deuteronomy 1:1-5; Authorship, Audience and Genre |
| 9/17 | 3  4 | 1:6–3:29  4:1-40 |
| 9/24 | 5  6 | 4:44–5:33  6:1-25 |
| 10/1 | 7  8 | 7:1–8:20  9:1–10:22 |
| 10/8 | 9  10 | 11:1–12:32  13:1–14:29 |
| 10/15 | 11  12 | 15:1–16:17  16:18–17:13 |
| 10/22 | 13  14 | 17:14–19:21  20:1–26:19 |
| 10/29 | 15  16 | 27:1–28:68  29:1–30:20 |
| 11/5 | 17  18 | 31:1–32:47  33:1–34:12 |
| 11/12 | 19  20 | Final Questions and Discussion  Final Exam and Celebration |

## Select Bibliography

Though there are no required textbooks for this course, you may wish to acquire some of the following for your personal study. If you have questions regarding these or other books, please ask.

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