

**[trek day 3] The God of Grace! [10may-16may]**

**READ Deut 7**

Israel were to destroy the other nations in the land and their system of religion. (vv1-5)  
What reasons are given for this in vv4-11 (see 9:4; 1 Peter 1:15,16)?

The nations of the land were likely to be stronger than Israel.  
How does God answer this objection raised in v 17?

What spiritual lesson should we learn from this?

**Prayer...** Pray for your friends that you could  
Introduce them to Jesus.

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**[trek day 4] The God of Grace! [10may-16may]**

**READ Deut 9:1-10:11**

List the examples Moses gives here to demonstrate the graciousness of God in his dealings with Israel.

Consider 9:25-29. What can we learn from Moses example about prayer for others?

**Prayer...**  
Thank God for his kindness to you... and pray  
that you would care for others by praying for them.

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**[trek day 5] The God of Grace! [10may-16may]**

**READ Deut 10:12:11:22**

What motivation/s does Moses give for the Israelites to live in obedience to God?

**Prayer...**  
Thank God for Israel's History and that this week  
we could again learn from it. Thank God also for  
Jesus: the one who truly obeyed the Father and that  
through His death & resurrection we have new life.

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**[ccec youth] purpose statement**

We exist to **GLORIFY** God in everything as we: **GATHER** to hear His Word; **GROW** in godliness;  
**GIVE** in service of God & others; and share the **GOSPEL** of Jesus' death & resurrection.

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Week THREE - 10 May - 16 May.

# TREK

journey into the bible



Bible reading notes for year 7-12

This is the second week  
of notes... the full set will  
be out as soon.

**[trek] introduction**

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are for you to:

- t** - train you to live God's way
- r** - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus
- e** - encourage you to tell others about Jesus
- k** - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely.  
When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. Now that is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

**[trek] instructions**

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). This term these notes are for each day of the week, therefore you will need to pray that God would help you to make time EVERY day to read your Bible. If you miss a day, you can try and catch it up, but if need be just move onto the next day.

Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1 - Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2 - Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3 - As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4 - Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5 - Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

**NOTE:** There is much more that can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

When the people of Israel were rescued from their captivity in Egypt, God's promise was that they would inherit the land of Canaan, "the promised land". Unfortunately when they first came to this land they shrunk back in fear, doubting God's promise that the land would be theirs. For their disobedience they were consigned to 40 years wandering in the wilderness, until the generation of rebels had perished. Deuteronomy opens on the plains of Moab as the 40 years have come to their end. The people have returned to the outskirts of the land, chastened from their experience, prepared by God's grace to finally occupy the land. They have already made territorial gains on the east of the Jordan (land occupied by the tribes Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh), however, they are about to confront severe trials & temptations under the guidance of a new leader (Joshua) who is as yet untested.

In these closing months of his life, Moses whom God did not allow to enter the land, delivered to the people three sermons in which they were firstly reminded of God's mighty acts on their behalf. The covenant provides the driving force of Moses' message in the book of Deuteronomy. It is in the context of the covenant that Moses:

1. Firstly reminded Israel of God's faithfulness to them in the past
2. Exhorted them to faith and obedience
3. Warned them of the dangers of idolatry and apostasy, (turning away)
4. Foretold the punishment which would come their way if (when) they disobeyed this covenant, while at the same time promising blessings from God if the nation remained faithful to their commission.

The covenant is the basis for all the laws, responsibilities, rewards and punishments promised and its requirements are aptly summed up in Deut 6:5:

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."*

**DATE AND AUTHORSHIP**

The best recent evidence confirms the traditional view that the author of Deuteronomy was Moses, who wrote during either the 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> centuries B.C. (depending on the dating of the Exodus). The book itself argues Mosaic authorship (Deut 31:9, 24) as does the N.T. (Matt 19:8; 1 Cor 9:9) although a later compiler is particularly suggested by Ch 34!

**MESSAGE OF THE BOOK**

The purpose given in 1:5 is to "expound this law". The speeches are addressed to a new generation who had not been present at Mt Sinai nor seen God's victory over the Egyptians. Moses therefore interprets the law for them and spells out the application to the new situation of life in the land.

Just as God had wrought a great deliverance and sustained them in the past, so he would continue in covenant faithfulness to them provided that the conditions

attaching to this covenant were honoured.

The importance of Deuteronomy for us is shown by the fact that the N.T. refers to it on over 80 occasions. It will teach us much about the God whom we know-His word, His promises, His character and His covenant. It will show us too, the greatness of the relationship with Him that Jesus has won for us. Enjoy your reading this term!

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In Deuteronomy 5 Moses gets into his second sermon. It's a sermon that stretches all the way to chapter 28. Now that's long!! This is the main part of the book.

- In Exodus we see how God in his kindness has rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt.
  - At Mt Sinai [called Horeb in Deut] God makes a covenant with Israel
  - Now rescued, they are to live the way God wants them to [10 commandments]
  - They show how Israel should respond to God, living new lives that are like His character.
- Last week, Moses told us that responding to God correctly, depends on knowing the character of the One with whom we are dealing. In these chapters he will expand on this principle-it matters that we know that God is the One who always graciously takes the initiative in his dealings with us. This is the ground on which Israel's obedience is to rest.

**READ Deut 4:44-5:33**

A covenant was like a treaty between a conquering king and his people. The "Ten Commandments" is the most basic expression of the general demands of God's "treaty" with Israel.

God commends Israel's response to his words which they heard at Mt Sinai. (v's 23-27) How would you describe their reaction?

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

Do you have this sense of awe before God's word?

**Prayer...**

Ask God that would have this sense of awe.

**READ Deut 6 [and if time read 8 as well]**

In v's 4-9 how are Israel to show their reverence for God?

What practical reasons are given for taking such care with God's command?  
6:1-3 =

6:10-18 =

[if you read it] 8:10-18 =

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**Prayer...**

Thank God for Jesus: God's Word to us.  
Pray that you would cherish Him.