

**[trek day 3] The One and Only! [3may-9may]**

**READ Deut 3:12-29**

Why is Joshua [and all of Israel] not to be afraid? [v22]

**Prayer...**

- 1) Thank God for His faithfulness throughout Deuteronomy.
- 2) Pray 4 friends you can invite to youth group to hear about Jesus

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**[trek day 4] The One and Only! [3may-9may]**

**READ Deut 4:1-24**

In this passage they are told to obey God and not to worship idols. What are some of idols that people worship today?

In vv12 & 15 Israel saw no form of any kind when God spoke to them. They heard only words. What does this teach us about the way God relates to his people?

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**Pray.**

**[trek day 5] The One and Only! [3may-9may]**

**READ Deut 4:25-43**

God is like none other & the only conclusion that Moses can come to at the end of this sermon is: **"The LORD is God: there is no other"** [vv35&39].

How should Israel respond to this truth? [remember they're about to enter a land with many gods after 40 years wandering around]

How should we respond to this same truth? [see Acts 4:12]

**Prayer...**

Thank God that He is the only true God. Ask Him to help you keep trusting in Jesus... the only way that we can be Made friends with Him.

*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.

Triple F [year 7-9]  
Meets at Erina High 7-9pm Friday nights  
Growth groups - 830 & 1030 Sunday mornings [meet at Erina High]

Focus [year 10-12]  
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Week TWO - 3 May - 9 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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Israel are about to enter the land. There they will encounter a whole range of other religions & gods. Therefore it's very important that they understand who their God is. So, before turning their attention to the future, Moses reminds his people of the past. He recounts for them history worth remembering-the history of God's dealings with them since the days at Mt Sinai [when he gave them the law 40 years ago]. It is designed to remind them that **their God is the One and Only!**

**READ Deut 2:1-23**

In this passage, what examples can you see of God's kindness & sovereignty [control]:

- A) over the nations?
- B) over Israel?

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

How does it help Israel... and how does it help us to know these things about God?

**Prayer...**

Thank God that He's generous & kind.

**READ Deut 2:24-3:11**

What difficulties do you have with this passage? [write them down so you can ask your leader]

Israel continue to be reminded about various victories over other Kings. Each time they see that God was in control and that God gave them victory.

How would have this helped the Israelites as they were about to go into the promised land?

*Reflections or Questions I have:*

**Prayer...**

Pray that God would help you to concentrate each time you read Deuteronomy.