



# BOB'S WORD OF THE WEEK: DEUTERONOMY



## BEST (ONLY) NAMES

**Moses** and **Joshua** are your players. How about two Moseses and two Joshuas, one well-known, one lesser known for each pair.

- **Moses Malone**, 3-time NBA MVP
- **Moses Cone**, textile innovator and philanthropist with North Carolina ties
- **Josh(u) Groban** singer, songwriter, and actor
- **Joshua Jackson**, actor of *The Mighty Ducks* and *Dawson's Creek* fame

## FAVORITE STORY

**The Ten Commandments of Exodus** are repeated in **Deuteronomy**. Both versions include keeping Sabbath, but stress different reasons for doing so.

In *Exodus*, it's to remember God's creation of the world in six days. In *Deuteronomy*, it's to remember the Exodus event. Personally, I think both are formative events, and worthy of rest. What reasons do you find in 2022 to set aside time for holy rest?

## 4 SECTIONS

Skim some and read some:

- **Moses' Introduction: How We Got Here; What's Next**  
Chapters 1-11
- **The Law**  
Chapters 12-26
- **Blessing and Curses**  
Chapters 27-30
- **Final Thoughts**  
Chapters 31-34

## THE SHEMA

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-5**



## TROUBLESOME STORIES

Interpreting divine intervention through the lens of historical events is always tricky. If we are not careful, faithfulness must only result in prosperity, unfaithfulness in tragedy. There's also a zero-sum gain effect. The writers are seeking to avoid repeating the traumas of history by implementing decimal-point solutions. But these new systems will generate their own complications.

## THEMES (SOME, NOT ALL!)

Covenant with YHWH; Faithfulness ensures protection; Living in covenant will prepare Israel for entry into a new land; The covenant is generational and lasting; The covenant is central to life; Every person must choose a path of obedience or disobedience; YHWH is the One God.

## IF DEUTERONOMY WERE A BAND, IT WOULD BE NAMED...

THERE ARE 34 CHAPTERS IN DEUTERONOMY, WHICH WOULD BE APPEALING TO THE DAVE MATTHEWS BAND, WHO RECORDED THE SONG #34 ON THEIR FIRST ALBUM UNDER THE TABLE AND DREAMING. ALSO, ADELE AND RIHANNA ARE BOTH 34 YEARS OLD. GOOD NUMBER!

