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Torah – Deuteronomy is Different – Class Ten (In the Wilderness; Forty Two Stations – Key Stops Along the Way; The Wilderness of Tzin; The Bronze Serpent; The Scroll of Moses and the Book of Balaam; Shittim to Gilgal; The Exodus Generation Dies Off; Moses Asks YHVH to Appoint Someone to Lead the Children of Israel; The End of the Book of Numbers; Whose Behind the Sources; Deuteronomy is Different; Sinai vs Horeb; The Ten Words; Testimony vs Covenant; Who Built the Ark – Moses vs Bezalel and Oholiab; The Burden of Leadership; Who Suggested Sending Out the Twelve Spies; The Place Where YHVH Chooses to Put His Name; Scholarship and Deuteronomy's Supposed Secondary Status; It's Not Late; Deuteronomy's First-Person Position; The Levitical Koahthites and the Scroll that Moses Wrote)

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION

-Welcome to United Israel World Union, this is our Sabbath morning scripture study coming to you live from the United Israel Center in Saint Francisville, Louisiana. Many of you are in your own place today, alone, Shabbat Shalom and thank you for joining us this morning. We need one another to help us go through what the world is going through today. I pray that all of you and the ones that you care for remain healthy today and throughout the coronavirus.

-We are currently in a new teaching series called, "Torah" where I want to talk about everything Torah. My intention with this series is to go where I've never gone before in a teaching series. I want to bring to light much of what I've been studying for the past several years, because this group can handle this subject matter. Though it's not a traditional series on the Torah, there will be some of that. This will be an in-depth study of Torah. In "The Ten Words" series, <https://unitedisrael.org/category/the-ten-words/>, we looked at textural inconsistencies, comparing Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 side by side and we will continue this in our "Torah" series. UIWU has an educational outreach and our purpose is to provide good, solid, informative exegesis of the text of the Bible. All of us are here because we are deep students of scripture.

-Our "Torah" study has turned to a search for the authentic scroll written by Moses. The hand of Moses being apparent in the text of what is traditionally known as the works attributed to him, the Moses material / Pentateuch (Genesis 1:1 - Deuteronomy 34:12). What does evidence bring forth to clearly show, what did Moses write? We are talking about authorship. I'm not questioning the authenticity, or the inspiration, or the divine nature of the other material, our study will get to that. In this series I want to discern a single hand that belongs to Moshe Rabbeinu. What did Moses write? The search must

take place within the pages of the bible initially along with other sources as necessary, like the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will look at the text in the bible, from the words, in connection with the words, and on-the-basis-of the words.

-In our “Torah” study, we’re currently looking for what Moses’ hand wrote on leather / parchment. In previous classes, I presented evidence that Moses did indeed write a little scroll, whether rolled or folded, based on several third person accounts within the Moses material. In Deuteronomy 31:24-26 we learned through a third person account where Moses finished writing the scroll to the very end and he handed it to the Levites who carry the ark, yet we still have three chapters left in Deuteronomy. The Torah was to be written on plastered stones and the five books would have been too much. When Ezra stands on a wooden platform and the scroll of Moses is read in the hearing of the people we get a clear indication it took from morning to mid-day, yet today it takes about 25 hours to read the five books. As such, I’ve proposed that the Moses Scroll is a smaller document. Please join us as we continue in our teaching series called, “Torah”.

TEACHING NOTES

-Today we are in our tenth class on our series on the Torah and today’s class is called “Deuteronomy is Different” – Class Ten. I have presented some material up to this point which challenges some fundamentalist views primarily when it comes to the idea of authorship which has been somewhat challenging. Even though this might challenge fundamentalist views it does not challenge what the scriptures themselves say. Scriptures don’t claim that Moses wrote the first five books.

-Based upon a careful reading of these texts, Moses did in fact write a scroll and we know this scroll by several names in scripture because it’s referenced in the third person. We read about, “this scroll of the Torah”, “the scroll of Moses”, and a document called “the Torah of Moses” or “the Instruction of Moses”. In previous classes I have brought forth evidence that demonstrates that within the Book of Deuteronomy, within the fifth book of that document we refer to as the Torah is contained the content of the Moses scroll, this ancient document written by Moses himself.

-I am not saying that the Book of Deuteronomy is the only significant document within the five books of Torah, this is not the case. Because we have focused on the Book of Deuteronomy, this does not mean that I do not accept the authenticity of the other books. I love and work in these books of the Torah. As this study goes forth, we will be dealing with content from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and of Deuteronomy. Today we are dealing with the idea that Deuteronomy is different than the other four books of the Torah. Today’s class does not wrap up our series on the Torah, but it will put us in a good place to move forward into the rest of the five books. In the other four books of the Torah I find great relevance, sacred history, and get great value from reading these other documents.

-Within the Book of Deuteronomy is contained this first-person account written by Moses himself. One of my passions in biblical studies is of the wilderness itinerary which deals with the children of Israel from the time they leave the Nile delta, from the land of Goshen, through their travels through the wilderness, and into the land of Israel. Along the way there are forty-two stops/stations from the time they leave to the time they cross into the land. One of those stations is Horeb. I love to read about, study, and go to the wildernesses in the land of Israel. I’m taking these ancient texts, looking at my

surroundings, and verifying these ancient texts. This is the location, here is a description of it, and this is evidence that this is accurate if you will. We learn a lot about the wilderness from mid-way through the Book of Exodus all the way through the rest of the five books.

-Today I want to talk about evidence from the Book of Numbers, in Hebrew this means, in the wilderness. This will help us to identify key stops along the way, placing these stops along a time-based continuum in the wilderness journeys of the children of Israel. A careful study of these texts provides proof of certain popular theories along with evidence which disproves certain popular theories.

-Num 20: 1 And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

-At this point in the journey, the children of Israel are clearly indicated as being in the wilderness of Zin (Tzin). When you are east of the Jordan River, you're in the land of Moab and Edom. When we are west of the Jordan River, we are in the wilderness of Tzin. Miriam and Aaron both died in this wilderness. In the Book of Numbers, we learn that Aaron dies at Mt. Hor and he's buried there. Deuteronomy records a different location for the death and burial of Aaron.

-Deu 10: 6 (The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place.

-Num 21: 1 When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive.

-We know where Arad is. The kingdom of Arad is certain in terms of archaeological evidence. There is evidence of a Canaanite presence there which goes back into the Bronze Age. Here we have a data point which tells where the children of Israel are. The king of Arad gives us one clue, we find out that they must turn to avoid going through Edom, so they must go around. In Numbers Chapter 21, the children of Israel rebel against Moses and against God and serpents bit them. In that story we are told more about the geography. Moses is told to make a bronze serpent and place it on a pole and anyone who looks at that, that's been bitten will live.

-In this area today, we have evidence of the ancient world's largest copper mining and smelting places where they would have received the copper from this place. You can see the copper and some slag where it's been heated and it talks about an area called Ovot, all of which is in the same region. In Numbers Chapter 22, the children are now encamped in the plains of Moab. Balak, the king of Moab hires a soothsayer from the east by the name of Balaam to curse the children of Israel at this location. In this region is where we find the children of Israel when the Book of Deuteronomy begins. In Numbers 22 – 24 we get the story / book of Balaam and one account in Numbers 31 about the death of Balaam.

-In the Talmud is a section called Bava Batra in 14 / 15 it deals with authorship, who wrote what. In Bava Batra it says that Moses wrote two things, he wrote his scroll and the Book of Balaam. This is interesting, if the Book of Balaam is Numbers 22 – 24, and traditionally the idea is that Moses wrote the five books, why would it single that out? Numbers 25 tells us about the last stop east of the Jordan before the children of Israel cross into the land.

-Mic 6: 5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of YHVH."

-This indicates an interesting geographical reference. It tells us that from Shittim, which is the last point the children of Israel assembled east of the Jordan and then Gilgal is the first stop west side, covering this last transitional piece of the Journey.

-Num 26: 63 These were those listed by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who listed the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 64 But among these there was not one of those listed by Moses and Aaron the priest, who had listed the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. 65 For YHVH had said of them, "They shall die in the wilderness." Not one of them was left, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

-At this point in the Book of Numbers, the wilderness / Exodus generation was dead. That entire generation, because of their rebellion is dead according to what God had said.

-Num 27: 12 YHVH said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. 13 When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, 14 because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

-Moses is told that you're not going to enter the land. You're going to climb up, view the land that I promised and then you are going to die just like Aaron did.

-Num 27: 15 Moses spoke to YHVH, saying, 16 "Let YHVH, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation 17 who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of YHVH may not be as sheep that have no shepherd." 18 So YHVH said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. 19 Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight.

-Moses is told, you are going to go up, view the land, and you're going to die. Transfer the authority to Joshua before that and you're going to recognize that Eleazar is the priest. These are the last recorded words of Moses to YHVH in the five books. In Deuteronomy there are accounts of discussion but in terms of time, this is the last thing and it's interesting that Moses last request is that God would appoint someone over the children of Israel to lead them.

-Chapter 28 – 29 of the Book of Numbers deals with sacrifices. Chapter 30 deals with vows. Chapter 31 deals with the war of Midian because of the crimes that were committed at Baal-Peor, along with the death of Balaam. Chapter 32 of the Book of Numbers deals with Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Menashe choosing to stay on the east side of the Jordan and make an arrangement with Moses that they can do this but they have to help their other brothers / tribes secure their possessions then they can go back. Chapter 33 is a record of the wilderness stops, the travel itinerary. Chapter 34 deals with boundaries and land allotments for the tribes, when you go into the land here's going to be the possessions, here's the boundaries etc. Chapter 35 deals with the Levitical towns and cities of refuge. Chapter 36 deals with inheritance issues and is tied in with Chapter

27 and the daughters of Zelophehad. Numbers 36 ends this way and will help us to understand why we went through all of this.

-Num 36: 13 These are the commandments and the rules that YHVH commanded through Moses to the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

-This seems to wrap things up nicely so why go through this? At the end of the Book of Numbers here's what we have: Miriam and Aaron are dead; the entire wilderness generation is also dead; everything that was predicted has happened; the children are on the edge of the Promised Land; the kings on the east of the Jordan have already been defeated; and they are poised to take possession of the land and they've been given the allotments according to the land; Moses knows that he won't cross into the land and we've been told that he's going to die; and Joshua his successor is already in place.

-Jos 1: 1 After the death of Moses the servant of YHVH, YHVH said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.

-What was predicted at the end of Numbers was that Moses would die. When you get to the Book of Joshua, Moses is dead. It flows perfectly as if it goes together.

-Jos 1: 12 And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, 13 "Remember the word that Moses the servant of YHVH commanded you, saying, 'YHVH your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, 15 until YHVH gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that YHVH your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of YHVH gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise."

-What was predicted in Numbers 32 is being fulfilled here in Joshua. There is a perfect narrative flow, and it seems to be lacking nothing. Numbers predicts the death of Moses, and Joshua picks up with the death of Moses. We have it all if we read Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Joshua as a series of historical records, all written in the third person. These documents cover from the creation up through the children of Israel preparing to enter the land and Joshua tells the story of the conquest and the entrance into the land. We have a version of the Ten Commandments in Exodus. We have a record that the statutes, the judgments, the instructions, and the commandments have already been given, but we don't know who wrote these documents. Meaning, the text does not declare who wrote these documents. There are various theories regarding authorship. Who is behind the sources? This is the point I wanted to get to today and this is the end of our introduction.

-Early investigators noted that Deuteronomy is different. Today's class is called, "Deuteronomy is Different". An initial look at the Book of Deuteronomy suggested to these early investigators that it was a rehearsal of previously known material from the first four books. When you read Deuteronomy, you will encounter stories that you already know, what people don't do is compare Deuteronomy's version with these other books and we should. The English name Deuteronomy doesn't come to us through the Hebrew. In Hebrew, the Book of Deuteronomy means, these are "the Words" of Moses. The name Deuteronomy comes from the Septuagint in Deuteronomy 17:18.

-Deu 17: 18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.

-Here it talks about how the king will write "a copy of this Torah", then rendered into the Greek as Deutero-nomos, meaning second law / copy of the law. This backs us this prodigious that Deuteronomy is just a rehearsal of previously covered material. A closer look at Deuteronomy reveals this is not what it is, it's not even close. Deuteronomy contains a hundred laws (statute, judgment, rule) we don't know from before this point. There is also other new material we've not encountered before that exists in Deuteronomy. There are similar stories that reflect different language, style, and details compared to the previous four books. Scholars have said, someone different wrote Deuteronomy than the other four books.

-One example of these differences can be seen in the name applied to the Holy Mountain; in Exodus(12), Leviticus(4), and Numbers (12) there are 28 times the text uses the name Sinai. Deuteronomy uses Sinai (1) time, this is found in Deuteronomy 33:1 and is written in the third person. In the rest of Deuteronomy in every place where we have the first-person account, Sinai is never used. Horeb is what the Holy Mountain is called in Deuteronomy (9) times. Leviticus and Numbers never use Horeb.

-What about the Ten Words? I taught 15 classes on the Ten Words and you can go back and listen to that. There are some significant differences between Exodus 20 (172 words in Hebrew) and Deuteronomy 5 (189 words in Hebrew). These are the Ten Commandments, words we claim to be spoken by God, on the Day of Assembly, from Mt. Sinai / Horeb. These Ten Words side by side exhibit variations.

-The stone tablets are referred to many times in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers as the testimony, but not in Deuteronomy. The two tablets are mentioned, it talks about the Ten Words, it talks about the covenant, but it's never called the testimony.

-In the story of the building of the ark which carries the testimony, in Deuteronomy 10 the only ark we see is the one that Moses was told to make, and he made it. In Exodus 25 through Leviticus and Numbers we know that the ark that's spoken of was made by Bezalel and Oholiab, yet Deuteronomy doesn't mention them at all. What about the burden of leadership?

-Exo 18: 12 And Jethro (Ruel), Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. 13 The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. 14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" 15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; 16 when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." 17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. 19 Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, 20 and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. 21 Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as

chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. 23 If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace." 24 So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

-The story of Exodus 18 is the burden of leadership and Moses is having to deal with all this alone. His father-in-law gives him advise and recommends what he should do to alleviate some of this burden. This happens before the revelation at Sinai. Deuteronomy 1 also tells about the burden of leadership and of appointing other rulers over the people.

-Deu 1: 9 "At that time I said to you, 'I am not able to bear you by myself. 10 YHVH your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. 11 May YHVH, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times as many as you are and bless you, as he has promised you! 12 How can I bear by myself the weight and burden of you and your strife? 13 Choose for your tribes wise, understanding, and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.' 14 And you answered me, 'The thing that you have spoken is good for us to do.' 15 So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and set them as heads over you, commanders of thousands, commanders of hundreds, commanders of fifties, commanders of tens, and officers, throughout your tribes.

-Notice the account in Deuteronomy comes after the revelation at Sinai and it doesn't mention at all, Jethro or Ruel. This is a different account, a different story. What about the story of the spies given in the Book of Numbers 13?

-Num 13: 1 YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them."

-Here in Numbers 13 the most famous version the story of the spies says that it's YHVH's idea to send the spies.

-Deu 1: 22 Then all of you came near me and said, 'Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.' 23 The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. 24 And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out.

-According to the Numbers 13 YHVH spoke to Moses about choosing the representatives from the tribes and send them as spies. In Deuteronomy is a different account where the people come to Moses and said, we want to send spies.

-Previously we showed that in Exodus 12: 8-9 the Passover was to be roasted in fire, not boiled. Whereas in Deuteronomy 16: 5 it says to boil the Passover.

-Deu 16: 5 You may not offer the Passover sacrifice within any of your towns that YHVH your God is giving you, 6 but at the place that YHVH your God will choose, to make his name dwell in it, there you shall offer the Passover sacrifice, in the evening at sunset, at the time you came out of Egypt.

-This additional stipulation in verse 6 is only noted in Deuteronomy and long noted as centralization of the sacrificial cult. We know this by 34 different references. The place that he will choose is mentioned 19 times in Deuteronomy and nowhere else. The place where his name is, is mentioned 9 times in Deuteronomy and nowhere else. The place

where his name dwells is mentioned 6 times in Deuteronomy and nowhere else. The focus on a singular place where all worship is to be performed, and the only place authorized for such performance is isolated to the book of Deuteronomy. Scholars viewed this as evidence that Deuteronomy is late.

-They noticed that only Deuteronomy talked about, you could only do these sacrifices and festivals in a certain place and that must be late. Why did they think that? They said it indicates that these rules came to pass once there was a place. If you are in the wilderness and you don't have a place that YHVH has chosen, then you are not going to restrict these sacrifices to a place that doesn't exist. Ultimately Jerusalem was the place that was chosen, then they said, you can only do it here. Scholars suggest that this was written later, and that this is the sign of a forger and its evidence it was written later. They further pointed out that if this was such a big deal then why don't the patriarchs know about it? The patriarchs are sacrificing and building altars all over the place, why is this not condemned anywhere in the text? If it were truly an ancient restriction, they would have gotten in trouble for it and they never do. They said they were violations, but they were late. I suggest the scholars have gone too far. They took meager clues and gone too far reaching conclusions perhaps they didn't have to go to?

-Exo 20: 24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.

-Wherever the name is associated with, that's where this meeting will take place. It doesn't preclude a singular place being declared later, but it's saying that the name must be associated with that place for it to be a holy covenantal transaction. I propose that Deuteronomy does not mention a name of a place. It's basically saying, the place where God chooses, wherever that might be.

-Jer 7: 12 Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of my people Israel.

-The first place that God put his name was at Shiloh and for 369 years the tabernacle stays at Shiloh.

-1Kin 8: 16 'Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there. But I chose David to be over my people Israel.'

-The idea that Solomon is saying is that up until the dedication of the temple there was no city that was chosen.

-2Chr 6: 5 'Since the day that I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house, that my name might be there, and I chose no man as prince over my people Israel; 6 but I have chosen Jerusalem that my name may be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.'

-Notice that this one adds the phrase, "but I have chosen Jerusalem". This is what we know, clearly Jerusalem becomes the place, but Deuteronomy doesn't mention a specific place. But scholars saw in these 34 references of centralized worship, this to us looks like it indicates it was written late, after the place was already established. So different was Deuteronomy that investigators deemed it late, and secondary and since the earliest investigators people have been prejudiced against Deuteronomy. One of the reasons I've been going into Deuteronomy so deeply is because I want to redeem it from this secondary status that's been relegated to it. I propose that Deuteronomy is not late and

secondary but within Deuteronomy it contains the authentic, original Deuteronomy, the initial real deal.

-Scholars have said the following things about Deuteronomy: it's derivative from the other four books of the Torah; it's late; it's secondary; and the scribe didn't care about the details. We must pay attention to what's before us. A lot of scholars believe that Deuteronomy is a pious fraud. I'm doing something totally different, what I'm saying is that Deuteronomy is first. I'm applying the scriptures to the theories. Deuteronomy is the only book which contains within it a first-person position. It's presented from the perspective of the first-person. This is not the case with Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus or Numbers.

-As a believer in scriptural records, I see evidence that suggests that this alternative is a solution to the potential problem. We know that Moses wrote a scroll, we've read about that, "and Moses wrote a scroll". We also know that Moses takes the scroll, and he gives it to the Levites after it's completed in Deuteronomy 3. After he finished writing it to the very end, he rolls it up and gives it to the Levites who carry the ark. These people are known as the Koathites, a particular group of Levites who had a particular job. They were in control of the most holy items. One of which was the scroll that Moses wrote. The family of Kohath is the same family that Moses and Aaron come from. They were also responsible for carrying the ark. The current evidence suggests to me that this group of Koathites are a logical group to produce other histories based upon recollections and records of the wilderness journeys and the patriarchal narratives etc.

-The Moses Scroll, that little scroll written by the hand of Moses contained exactly what these other works said it did. We have seven references to what Moses wrote. As shown in previous classes, all seven of those point to Deuteronomy. The Moses Scroll is known in our sources by several names: this scroll of the teaching; the Scroll of Moses; and the Torah of Moses. Whenever we see any of the 40+ references to these references, all of it points to content found in Deuteronomy and may be exclusive to Deuteronomy. I believe that the textual evidence shows that the scroll discovered in 622 BCE by Hilkiah in the temple was the actual scroll written by Moses. It wasn't a production that Hilkiah or someone else whipped up for the occasion of Josiah's reform. I don't believe it's late and the evidence suggests otherwise.

-When the scroll was discovered it would have been 8 centuries old. When we talk about the scroll of Moses, the content within Deuteronomy it's first-person and the other four books of the Torah are not, and YHVH spoke unto Moses. This first-person scroll that was discovered by Hilkiah would have been 8 centuries old. When the Dead Sea scrolls were found in 1947, we know through carbon dating they date back 2,200 years. It was a shorter work and written in the first-person, containing only what Moses wrote.

-Our present Torah, the Pentateuch, the five books, contains within it, material written by Moses first-person, supplemented by other histories. By material, which I believe was written by these scribal circles, particularly those responsible for maintaining the records of the Holy. A lot of people speculate as to who these scribes were. There is no need to speculate as you'll see in future classes. We know where they come from. The scroll of Moses was not lost, this time, but it was preserved and discernable because of clues left by Koathite scribes. Our study of the holy histories has only just begun. Now we can proceed in future classes to study the five books that contain the holy histories.

Deuteronomy is different, it's not late, it's not secondary and it's not simply a rehearsal of what's come before. The content within it represents is the scroll that Moses wrote.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Toy, and Have a Beautiful week!

(1) Torah – The Journey Begins – Class One (Seekers of Truth Awaken; Under the Law – What Were We Told; The Fundamentalist View; Reading the Book – A Positive View of Torah; An Introduction to Torah Faith; The Torah Class Syllabus; An Honest Assessment of Torah; Burning Questions; Fundamentalism – Then & Now; Taking the Hard Road – An Obligation to Share Biblical Truth and Reach Sound Conclusions; Torah Means Direction; This is the Torah Of; Torah in the Heart; Rejecting the Torah of YHVH; What Does the Torah Say vs What People Say it Says; What Did Moses Write)
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(2) Torah – Authors – Class Two (Associating Our Lives with the Ancient Texts; Going Inside the Scriptures; Letting the Authors Speak for Themselves; The Psalms of David; The First-Person Words of Daniel, Isaiah, and Jeremiah; The Distinction Between Scribe (Third-Person) and Prophet (First-Person); Applying the Same Method to the Moses Material – The Five Books of Moses; What Did Moses Write – Discerning the Hand of Moses; The Third-Person Narratives of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers; Deuteronomy's First-Person Narratives; Moses Constructs an Ark; Moses Spoke Beyond the Jordan – Examples of Late Biblical Editors; The Scroll of Moses)

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(3) Torah – What Moses Wrote – Class Three (The Five Books of Moses – The Pentateuch; Seven References to Moses Writing Something; Blotting Out the Memory of Amalek; Writing the Commands of YHVH Associated with the Covenant; YHVH's Travelogue – Journeys in the Wilderness; This Torah; The Book / Scroll of This Torah and It's Content; References to the Scroll / Torah of Moses – The Man of God; Content Within Deuteronomy; Walking in the Ways of YHVH; Cooking the Passover Lamb – Roasted vs. Boiled; Remember the Torah of My Servant Moses; What Did Moses Write)

August 22, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-what-moses-wrote-class-three/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Teaching-Notes-2020.8.22-Torah-What-Moses-Wrote-Class-Three1.pdf>

(4) Torah – The Moses Scroll – Class Four (What Did Moses Write; The Moses Scroll – A Smaller Document; Excluding Things from the Moses Scroll; Third Person Material – A Different Hand than Moses; Biblical References Pointing to Context in Deuteronomy; Missing Books Quoted in the Bible; The Damascus Document – A Quote

About the Scroll of Moses; One Woman One Man; David and Solomon Multiply Wives; Joshua and the Sealed Scroll of the Torah in the Ark; The Torah of the King – Deuteronomy 17:14-20; A King “Like the Nations”; Samuel is Displeased; Rejecting YHVH as King; Jotham’s Parable; Allowing Statutes that are Not Good; A Polemic Against the Monarchy; Inserting Anachronistic Texts Which Come Later)

August 29, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-the-moses-scroll-class-four/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Teaching-Notes-2020.8.29-Torah-The-Moses-Scroll-Class-Four1.pdf>

(5) Torah – The Discovery – Class Five (Where’s the Moses Scroll; The Purpose of the Box; David Brings the Ark of God to Jerusalem; Solomon Builds a House for the Name of God; The Ark of God – Housed in the Most Holy Place; What Happened to the Scroll of Moses; Jehoash Repairs the Temple; The Temple Falls into Disrepair Again; A Great King is Born to the House of David; Josiah Appointed King; Hilkiyah Discovers the Scroll of YHVH Written by the Hand of Moses; Shaphan the Scribe Reads the Scroll before Josiah; Josiah Tears His Cloths; Huldah the Prophetess says Gods Wrath is Coming; Josiah Reforms Judah; Content found in Deuteronomy; With All Your Heart and Soul; Josiah’s Passover; With All Your Strength/Everything; Where is Jeremiah the Prophet)

September 5, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-the-discovery-class-five/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Teaching-Notes-2020.9.5-Torah-The-Discovery-Class-Five.pdf>

(6) Torah – Keepers of the Holy – Class Six (The Great Discovery; Josiah’s Great Reform; Following the Words of Moses Scroll; Where is the Ark of the Covenant; Where was the Moses Scroll Concealed; Josiah’s Passover; The Sons of Levi – Gershon, Kohath, and Merari; Service of the Holy Things; Oxen and Wagons; The Sons of Kohath; The Sons of Amram – Aaron and Moses; Solomon Anointed King; Adonijah is Killed; Abiathar is Banished to Anathoth; Kohathites and the Most Sacred Things Carried on Shoulders; Jeremiah – Son of Hilkiyah; The Words of YHVH in the Mouth of a Prophet like Moses; Jeremiah and Josiah Overlap for 18 Years; The Potential for Redemption is Ripe; Jeremiah Laments the Death of Josiah; Jeremiah’s Prophecies; Treacherous Sister Judah and Faithless Israel; The Ark of the Covenant won’t be Missed; Burning Questions)

September 12, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-keepers-of-the-holy-class-six/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Teaching-Notes-2020.9.12-Torah-Keepers-of-the-Holy-Class-Six.pdf>

(7) Torah – Jeremiah Part One – Class Seven (The Day of the Blast; Jeremiah – Key to Understanding the Moses Scroll; No Marriage or Children for Jeremiah; The Coming Catastrophes; No Longer will it be Said, As YHVH Lives Who Brought Up the Children of Israel Out of the Land of Egypt; The Call of Jeremiah; YHVH’s Words In the Mouth of His Prophets; Keep this Scroll and this Song as a Witness Against You – The End was Decreed; Pierced in the Valley of Megiddo – Josiah My Servant is Dead; Josiah’s Eulogy)

– Jeremiah Laments; No Time for Mourning – YHVH Drives Out the Kingdom of Judah; Behold Days are Coming Declares YHVH – A New and Glorious Beginning; Swearing by the Name of YHVH; A New Oath – As YHVH Lives Who Brought Up the Children of Israel Out of the North Country and All the Countries Where They Were Driven)

September 19, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-jeremiah-part-one-class-seven/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Teaching-Notes-2020.9.19-Torah-Jeremiah-Part-One-Class-Seven.pdf>

(8) Torah – Haazinu the Song – Class Eight (The Song of Moses; The Role of A Prophet – The Words They Speak are Not Their Own; YHVH Raises up Josiah and Jeremiah; Huldah the Prophetess; The People Forsake YHVH, Turn to Other Gods Through the Work of Their Hands, and Provoke Him to Anger; Josiah’s Reform; Huldah’s Bad Report; Three Prophetic Voices – Huldah, Jeremiah, and Zephaniah; YHVH Threatens to Undo the Creation – I will Cut Off Mankind; The Host of Heaven; The Sons of Josiah; Crying Comes from the Second Quarter of Jerusalem; The Temple will be Destroyed; Violence is Done to the Torah; Jeremiah’s Vision of Acorns and Cauldrons; In YHVH’s Anger a Fire is Kindled; With a Mighty Hand and an Outstretched Arm; Jeremiah’s Use of the Moses Scroll Language; This Torah Which I set Before You Today)

September 26, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-haazinu-the-song-class-eight/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Teaching-Notes-2020.9.26-Torah-Haazinu-the-Song-Class-Eight1.pdf>

(9) Torah – A New Covenant – Class Nine (A Public Reading of the Torah of Moses; Inconsistencies in the Four Species; Long Gaps in Keeping the Festivals; Listen, Learn, Guard, Do; Reflecting on the Covenant; Moses’ New Covenant with Us and Those Not Standing Here Today; Consequences for Not Following the Covenant; The Secret Things Belong to YHVH; Just Do the Words of This Torah; Jeremiah’s New Covenant; The Scroll Written by the Hand of Moses; Keys to the Book of Jeremiah – Historic Content & the Mosaic Source; The Word Which Was to Jeremiah – Fourteen Sub-Scrolls; Jeremiah – A Four Part Series; Circumcision of Heart; The Words of This Covenant; The New Covenant Exodus; Love YHVH with All Your Heart and All Your Soul; The Greatest Chapter in the Bible – Deuteronomy 30)

October 3, 2020 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video/Dialogue Links: <https://unitedisrael.org/torah-a-new-covenant-class-nine/>

Teaching Notes: <https://unitedisrael.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Teaching-Notes-2020.10.3-Torah-A-New-Covenant-Class-Nine.pdf>

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

OCTOBER 17, 2020

Additional pictures depicting this week’s Torah Portion Bereshit: “In The Beginning” (Genesis 1:1 – 6:8) The beginning; Creation of the world; First – sixth day; Seventh day – The Sabbath; The Garden of Eden; Creation of man and woman in the garden; The

serpent's enticement; The fall; The sinners are punished; Man's expulsion from Eden; Cain and Abel; The descendants of Cain; The genealogy of mankind; The ten generations from Adam to Noah; Increasing corruption on earth; Prelude to the flood. "Shavua Tov" and Have a Great Week!

"This Week in Torah" FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Blossoming Rose Israel Tours (2020 - 2021): <https://blossomingrose.org/>

-Connect to Israel Tour – (2020): Clayton – Young; November 1 – 13, 2020;

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/connect-to-israel-tour-2020/>

-Walking the Ancient Paths – (2021): Tabor – Nichols Israel Tour February 26-March 9,

2021; <https://blossomingrose.org/2021-walking-the-ancient-paths/>;

<https://www.facebook.com/unitedisrael/videos/1519585374879147/>;

-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2021): June/July 2021;

<https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digmountzion/>

-Limited Mobility Israel Tour – (2021): Nichols – Young; October 18 – 28, 2021;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyUGXC4fUvU> & <https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/limited-mobility-israel-tour-2021/>

UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION (UIWU) WEBSITES

-UIWU Official Website / YouTube Website / Facebook Website:

<https://unitedisrael.org/> (UIWU Main Website)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg> (YouTube Videos)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/unitedisraelworldunion/> (UIWU Facebook)

-UIWU Founder, United Nations Correspondent, Author, (1903 – 2003) David Horowitz:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_\(author\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Horowitz_(author))

<https://jamestabor.com/the-extraordinary-life-of-david-horowitz-documented-at-last/>

<https://unitedisrael.org/remembering-david-horowitz/>

-UIWU President, Biblical Scholar/Professor at UNCC, Tabor Blog, Dr. James D. Tabor:

<https://jamestabor.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Tabor

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=james+tabor

-UIWU Executive Vice-President, Historian, Researcher, Author, Ralph Buntyn:

<https://unitedisrael.org/category/remembering-david-horowitz/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Book-David-Horowitz-Nations-Founder/dp/1630515833>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ralph+buntyn

-UIWU Vice-President, Weekly Teaching and Study Sessions, Ross Nichols:

<https://unitedisrael.org/author/rknichols/>

<https://rossknichols.com/about-ross-nichols/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq31WAlio9zC1eXDzrEVzlg>

-UIWU Vice-President, Temple Beth Shalom, Hickory, NC, Rabbi Dennis Jones:

<https://www.hickoryjewishcenter.com/index.html>

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Jewish-CenterTemple-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Jewish-CenterTemple-Beth/125461817509689)

[Beth/125461817509689](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hickory-Jewish-CenterTemple-Beth/125461817509689) & <https://unitedisrael.org/faith-without-borders/>

-UIWU Ministers/Board Directors, UI Center Northeast, Rome, NY, Dave & Patty Tyler:

<https://www.facebook.com/UIWUNortheast>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BsCXrGttxo> (The Song of Moses by Patricia Tyler)

-UIWU Historical Research Specialist, Weekly Teachings, Author, Jodell Onstott:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jodell+onstott

<https://www.amazon.com/YHWH-Exists-Jodell-Onstott/dp/0975337505>

-UIWU Audio/Visual Technical Support, Weekly Teachings/Meals, Dave & Sherry Cole

-UIWU UI Minister, Weekly Teachings, UI Bulletin Contributor, Ronnie Fulcher

-UIWU Board Director, United Israel Bulletin Contributor, Betty Givin

-UIWU Music Minister, Weekly Teachings, Glenn Chatterton

-UIWU Scribe, Weekly Teaching Notes, This Week in Torah FB, John “Baruch” Perry

-A 95 Page Summary of UI “Weekly Teaching Notes” (April 2007 to May 2020)

<https://unitedisrael.org/a-summary-of-ui-teachings-by-john-baruch-perry/>

-This Week in Torah / Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

FRIENDS OF UNITED ISRAEL WORLD UNION

-Blossoming Rose, Official Curator of UI Biblical Tamar Park, Dr. DeWayne Coxson:

<https://blossomingrose.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/groups/97078180601/?ref=group_browse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLCdRzFRy90> (Biblical Tamar – 7 Periods)

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=biblical+tamar+park+israel

-Kol Yehuda, Facebook United 2 Restore, Israeli Tour Guide, Hanoch Young:

<https://www.kolyehuda.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/470824226357829/>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hanoch+young+israel

-Truth2U, Tanakh Tours, The Kingdom Chronicles, Talk Radio Host, Jono Vandor:

<https://www.truth2u.org/author/admin/>

<https://truth2u.org/category/james-tabor/> (Gleanings from Genesis, with Tabor/Nichols)

<https://israelnewstalkradio.com/news-anchor-jono-vandor/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Truth2Uorg-116835708352238>

-Film Director, Producer, Freelance Journalist, Author, Simcha Jacobovici:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/57979546982/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simcha_Jacobovici

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Simcha+Jacobovici

-Archaeologist, Professor of Practice at UNCC, Dr. Shimon Gibson:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=shimon+gibson

<https://history.uncc.edu/people/dr-shimon-gibson>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shimon_Gibson

-Nehemia’s Wall, Uncovering Ancient Hebrew Sources of Faith, Nehemia Gordan

<https://www.nehemiaswall.com/>;

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=nehemia+gordan