

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

DEUTERONOMY

Lesson 15

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BACKGROUND

- Fifth book of Torah
- In Hebrew, debarim. (“words”)
- In Greek and Latin, deuteronomion and deuteronium.

CONTENT

- 3 Speeches
- End of Moses

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- Collection of last speeches from Moses to people.
- Luther:

A summary of the whole law and wisdom of the people of Israel, wherein those things which related to the priests and Levites are omitted, and only such things included as the people generally required to know,”

SHEMA

- Deut. 6:6ff

“Hear oh Israel: the LORD our God, the Lord is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

- Medusa custom (Deut. 6:9)

ONE YAHWEH

- The one “I am.”
- No polytheism
- No syncretism
- No ideatheism

AND...

- Love Yahweh with all our hearts.
 - Heart (gut) Is seat of feelings and emotions.
- Love Yahweh with all our soul (nephesh).
 - Soul (nephesh) is the center of personality.
- Love Yahweh with all our strength.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?

- Matt. 22: 37-40; Mark 12:29-31; Luke 10:27
- Christ gives the Shema.
- Translation issue

Love first

- The commandment to love proceeds all others.
- Our love flows from the nature of God.
- John:
 - We obey because of our love.
 - We love because he first loved us.