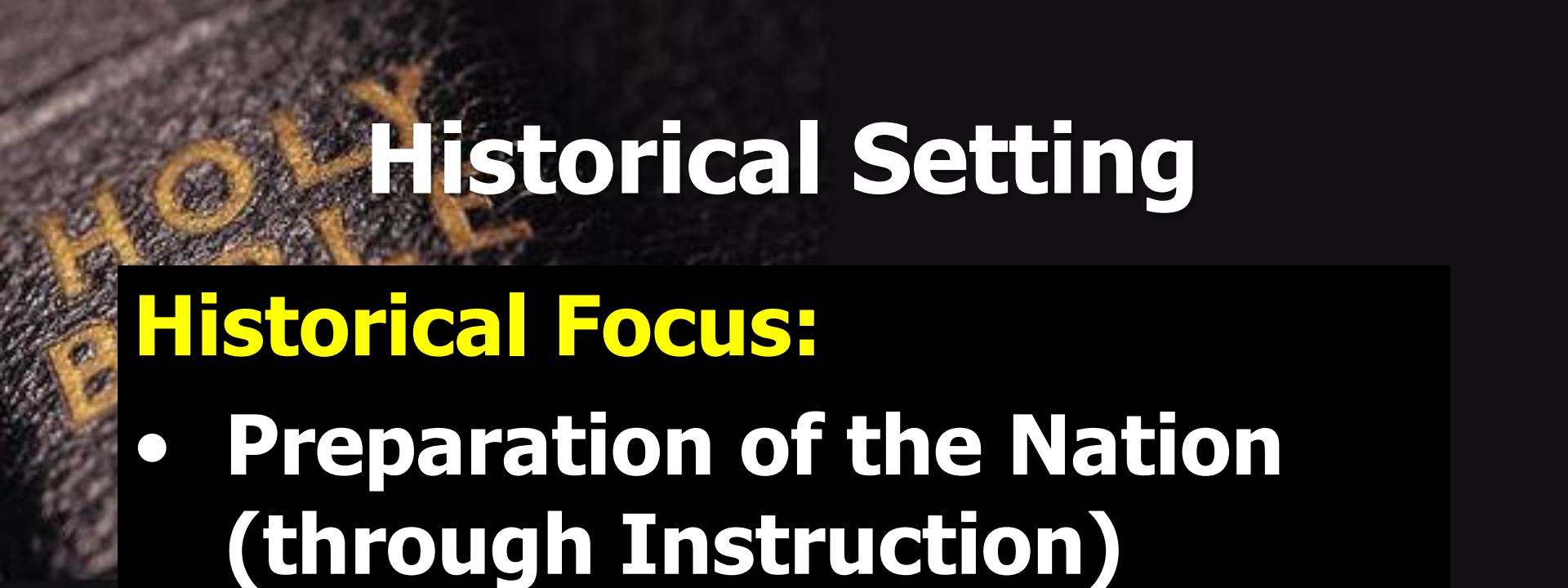


WORD
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DEUTERONOMY

Meaning of Deuteronomy

- Title in LXX; meaning “Second Law”
- In Hebrew title is “*Haddebarim*”; meaning “the Words” (Deut 1:1)
- Not a second law but repetition of some of the laws in earlier books
- Homiletical in approach; preaching and exposition (Deut 1:5)



Historical Setting

Historical Focus:

- Preparation of the Nation
(through Instruction)

New generation about to enter the Promised Land

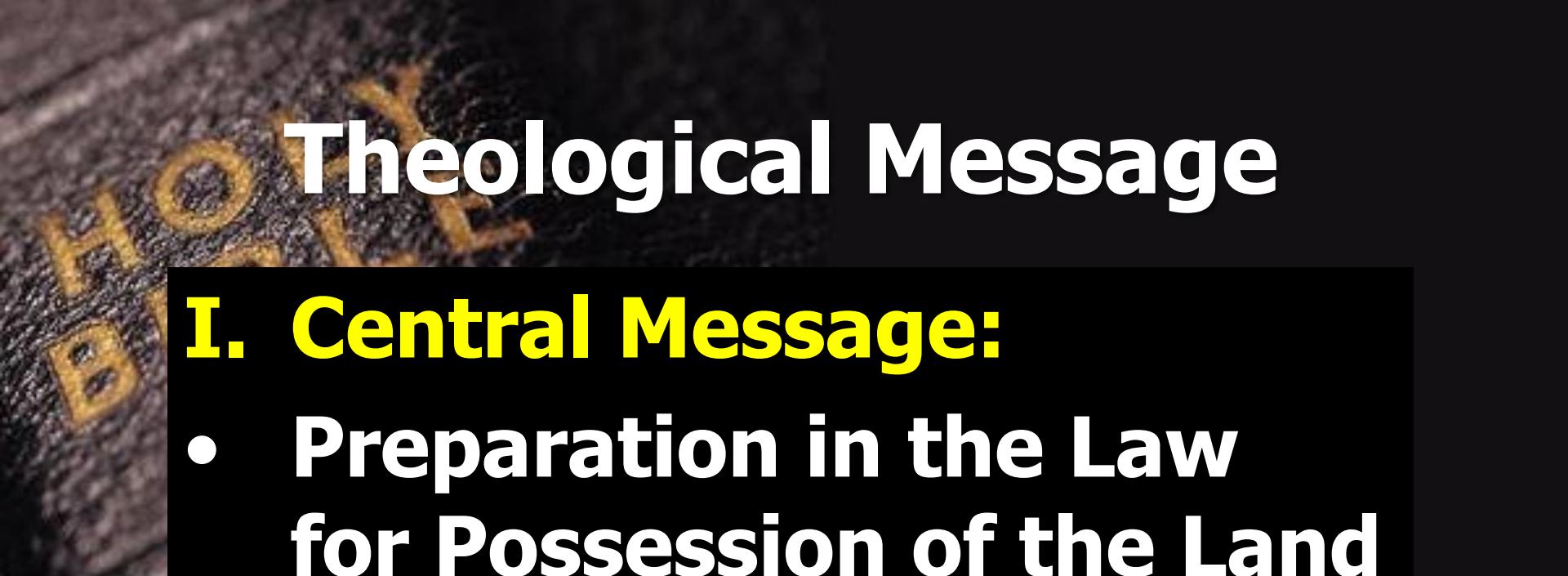
Moses instructs them in the Law to Prepare them for Living in the Land

Importance of Deuteronomy

- **Historical Perspective:**
Crucial Moment – Moses dying & Israel about to enter Canaan
- **Theological Perspective:**
Crucial Message – if heeded, will live long in land and be blessed; but if ignored, will be disastrous
- **Repetitive:**
like Peter in 2 Peter 1:12-15; 3:1-2

Deuteronomy and Leviticus in Contrast

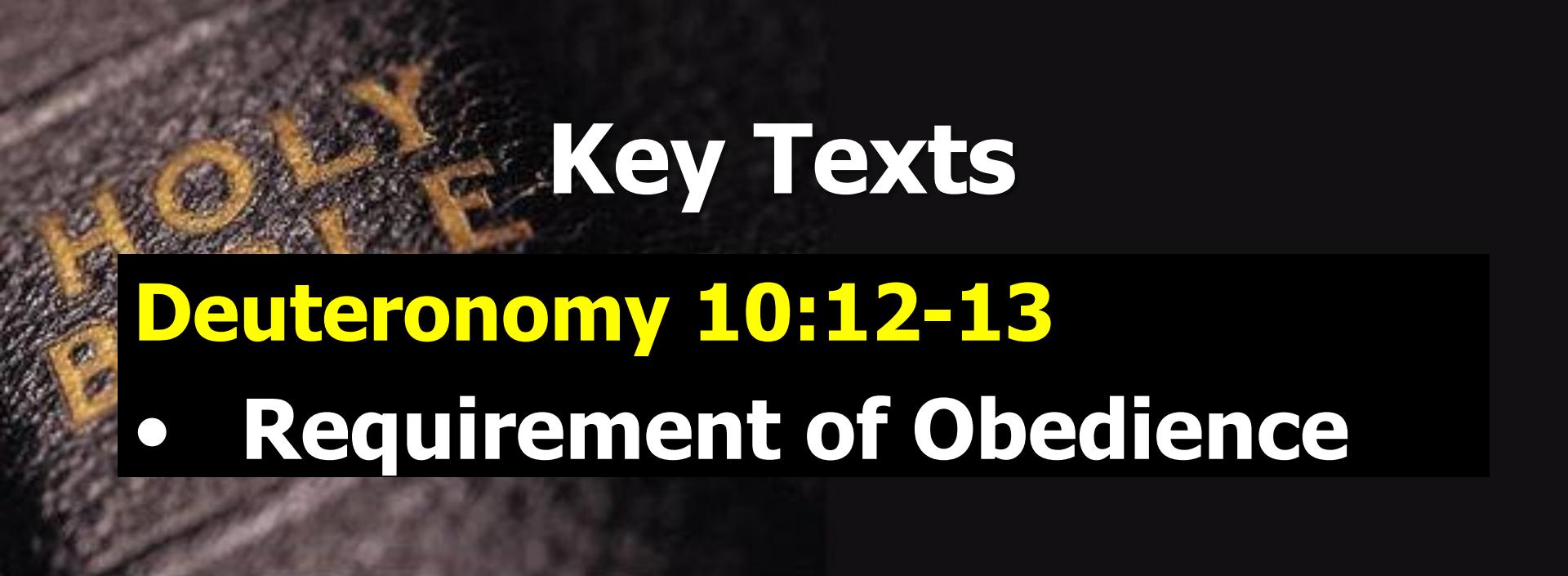
Deuteronomy	Leviticus
Human in Approach	Technical in Approach
Speaks to the Heart	Speaks to the Head
Exhortation	Information
Obedience in Worship	Ritual in Worship
Plains of Moab	Mount Sinai



Theological Message

I. Central Message:

- Preparation in the Law
for Possession of the Land



Key Texts

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

- Requirement of Obedience

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

Key Texts

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- Results of Obedience and Disobedience

Obedience → life & blessing

Disobedience → death & curse

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

II. Book Structure

**3 sermons of Moses with 3
chronological perspectives
calling for obedience to God
(1:5ff, 5:1ff, 27:1ff)**

Broad Structure

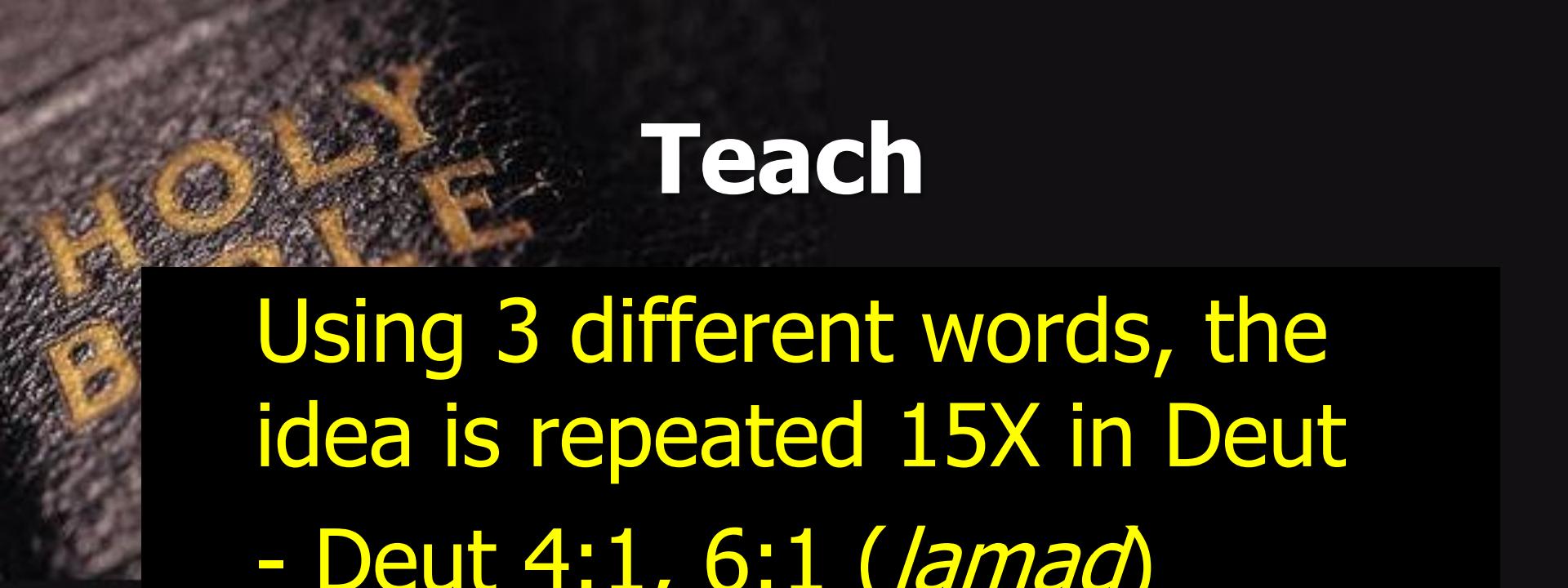
Chpts 1-4	First Sermon	Learning from the Past
Chpts 5-26	Second Sermon	Living in the Present
Chpts 27-30	Third Sermon	Looking to the Future
Chpts 31-33	Moses' Parting Words	
Chpt 34	Postscript: Death of Moses	

III. KEY TEACHINGS

A. Walking by God's Word

4 key words:

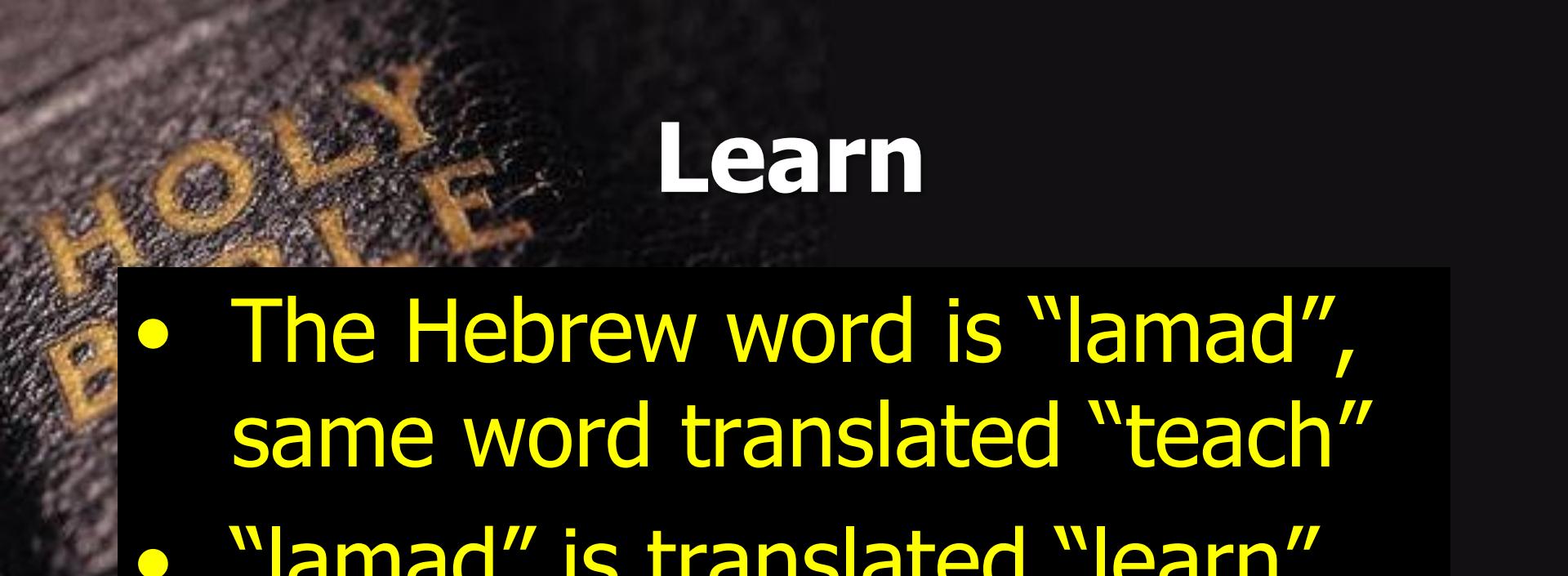
- teach
- learn
- remember
- obey



Teach

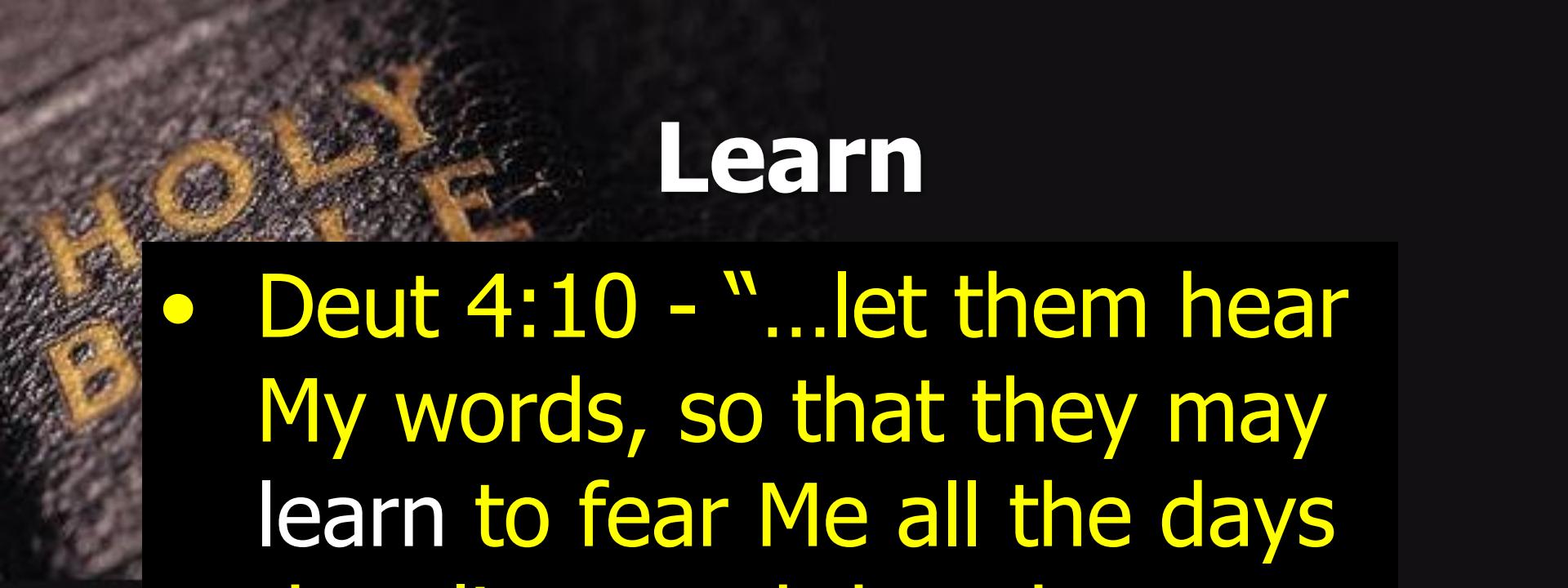
Using 3 different words, the idea is repeated 15X in Deut

- Deut 4:1, 6:1 (*lamad*)
- Deut 17:10, 24:8 (*yara*)
- Deut 6:7 (*shanan*)



Learn

- The Hebrew word is “lamad”, same word translated “teach”
- “lamad” is translated “learn” 7X in Deuteronomy



Learn

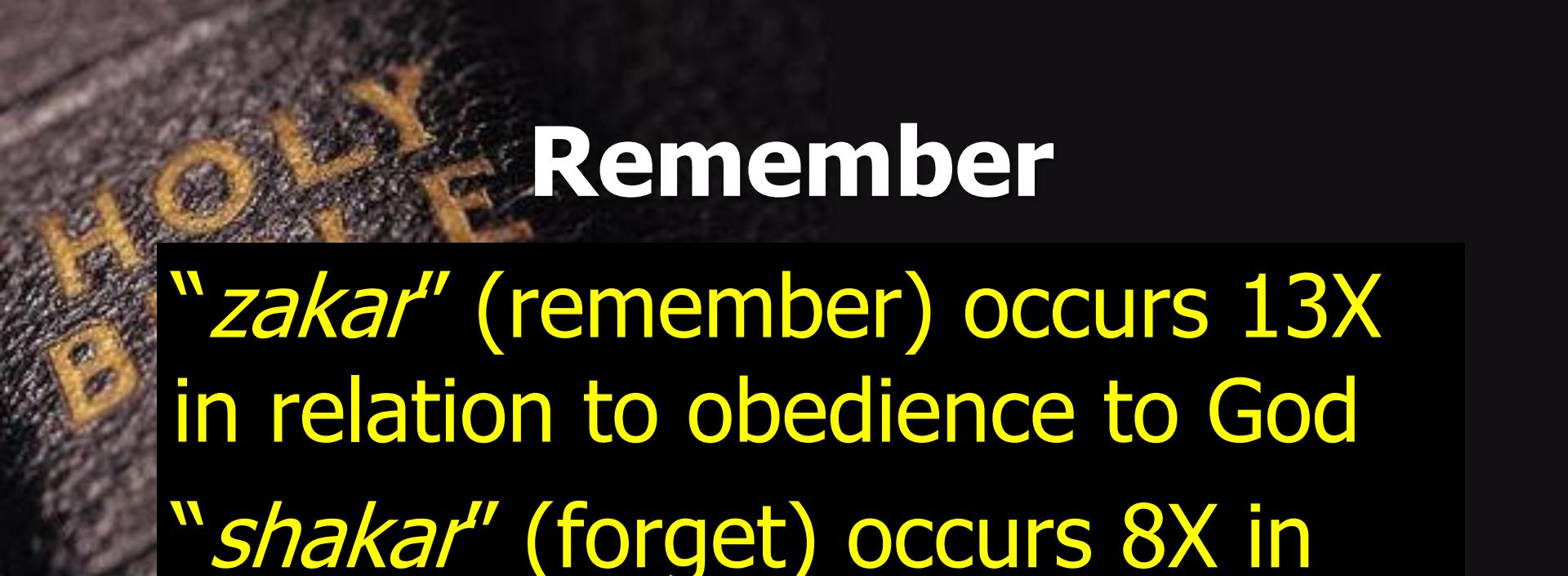
- Deut 4:10 - "...let them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live...and that they may teach their children."
- Deut 5:1; 14:23

Deuteronomy 5:1

Then Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully.

Deuteronomy 14:23

You shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God, at the place where He chooses to establish His name, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.



Remember

“*zakar*” (remember) occurs 13X
in relation to obedience to God

“*shakar*” (forget) occurs 8X in
relation to obedience to God

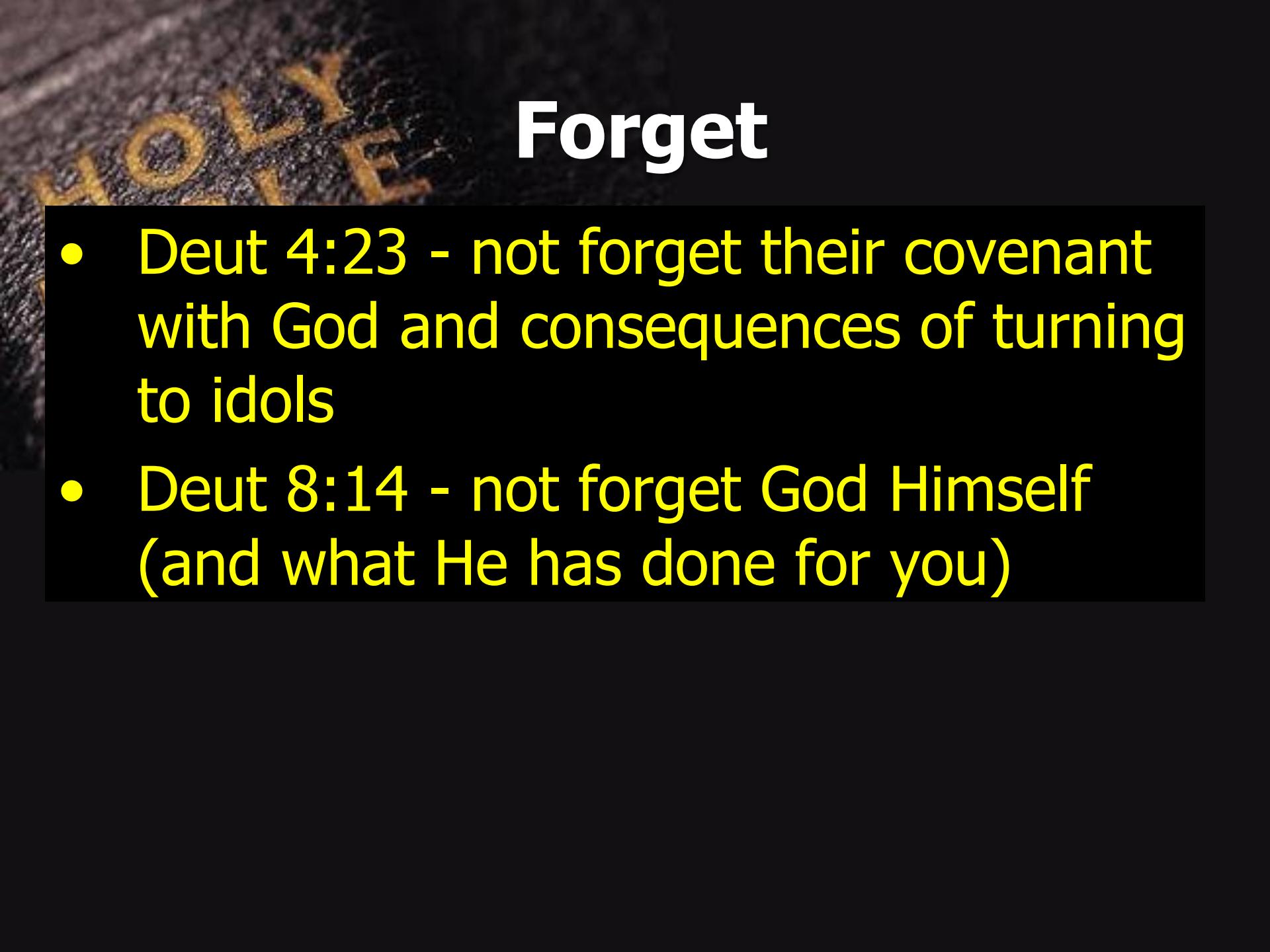
Moses emphasizes remembering and
warns against forgetting (which leads
to arrogance & disobedience; 8:11-14)

Deuteronomy 8:11-14

11 Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God... 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

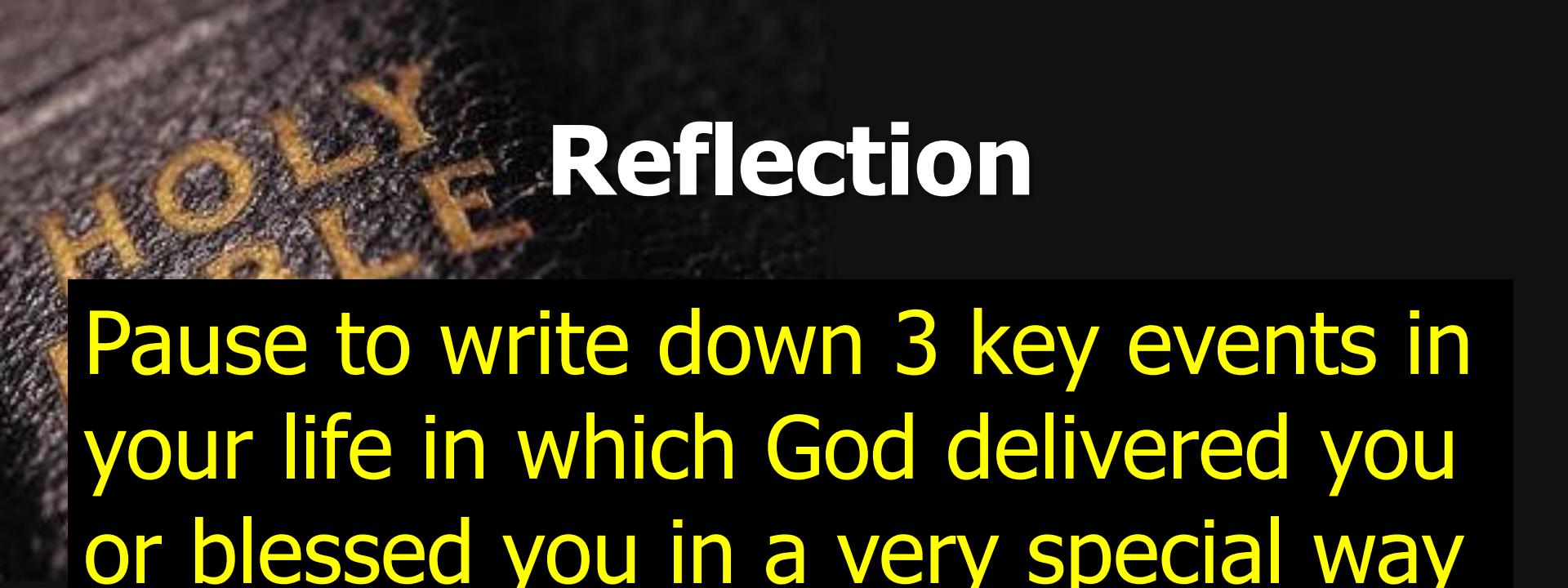
Remember

- Deut 5:15 - to remember their slavery in Egypt & His deliverance (Sabbath)
- Deut 8:2 - to remember God's leading in the wilderness and His provisions
- Deut 8:18 - to remember God Himself (the Source of our strength & wealth)
- Deut 9:7 - to remember their rebellion and provocation of God's wrath



Forget

- Deut 4:23 - not forget their covenant with God and consequences of turning to idols
- Deut 8:14 - not forget God Himself (and what He has done for you)



Reflection

Pause to write down 3 key events in your life in which God delivered you or blessed you in a very special way or gave you a word of promise that you should not forget

Breakout Rooms (10 mins)

From what you just wrote down, share with each other one/two of the experiences of deliverance or blessing or words of promise. Do this to remind yourself, encourage each other and give glory to God.

Obey

- 4 key words: “*shama*” “*shamar*” “*asah*” and “*halak*”
- “*Shama*” is translated as “hear” or “obey” depending on context
- Hebrew mindset – hearing and obeying are synonymous; have not heard until we have obeyed

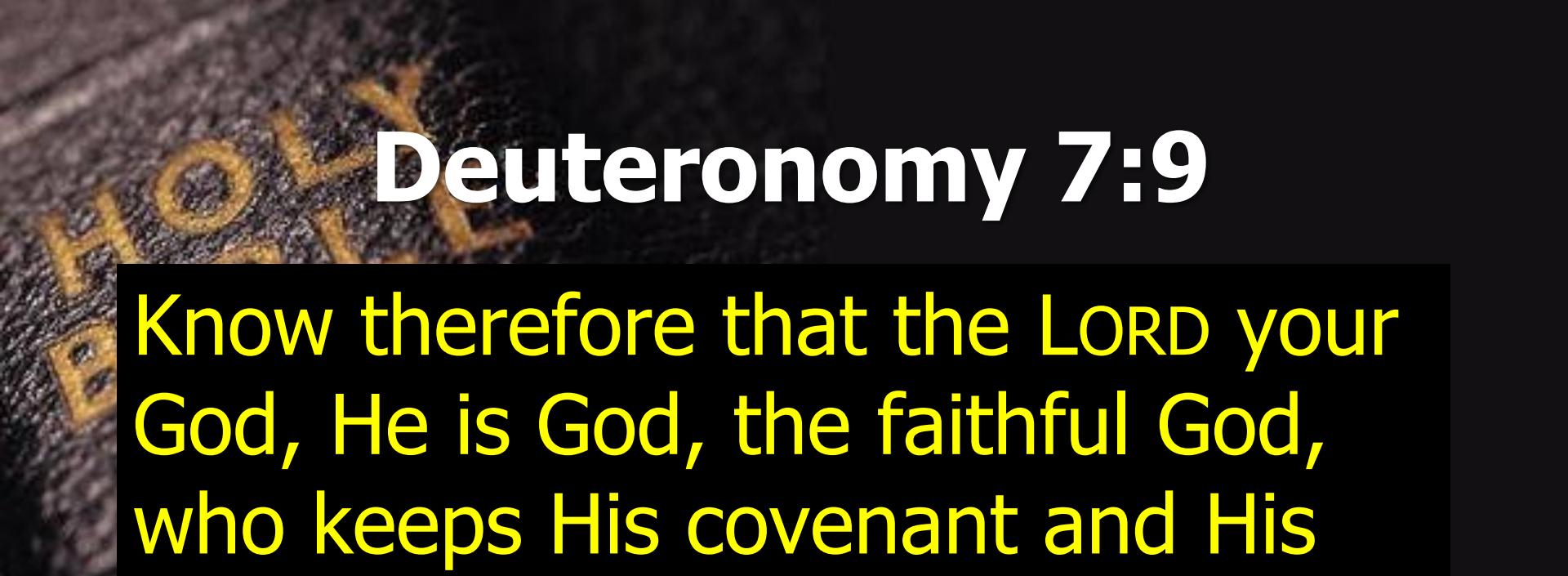


2 Important Aspects of Obedience of God

- **The Motivation for Obedience
is the Love for God**

Deuteronomy 5:10

“but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”



Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;



2 Important Aspects of Obedience of God

- **The Motivation for Obedience
is the Love for God**
- **The Benefit of Obedience is
Well Being from God**

Deuteronomy 4:40

So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am giving you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

Deuteronomy 6:24

So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as *it is* today.

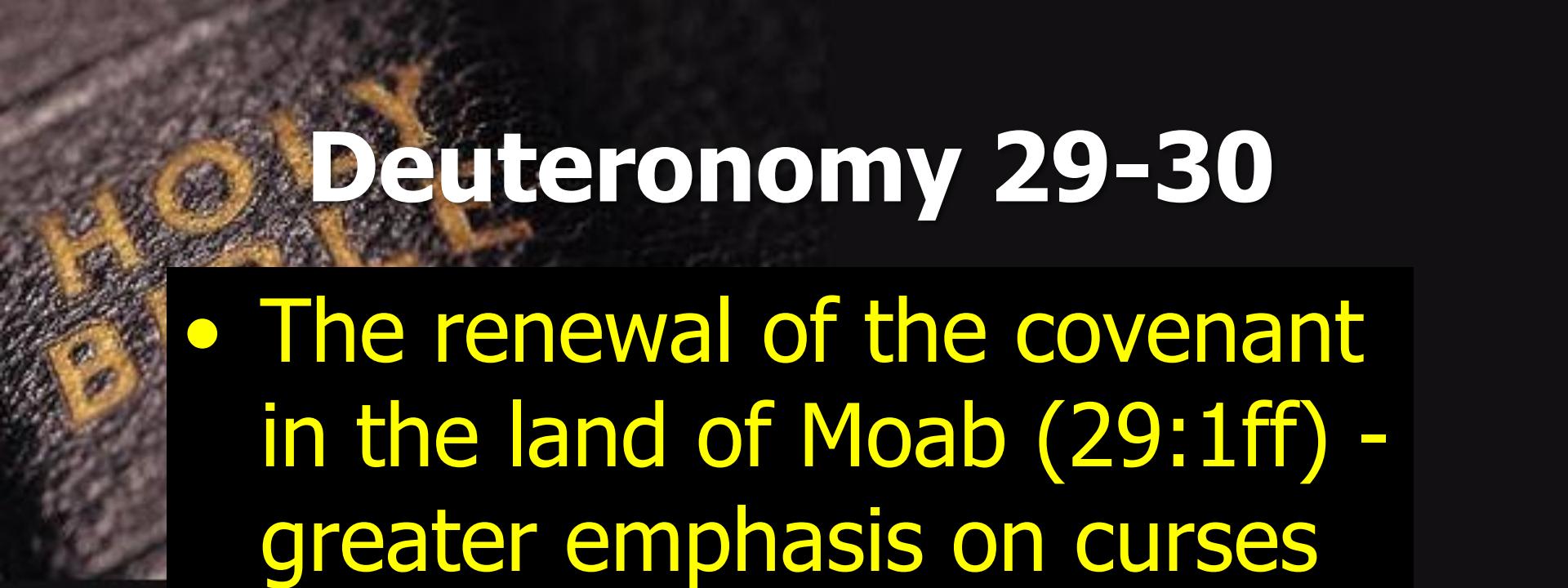
Deuteronomy 5:29, 33; 6:1-3

III. KEY TEACHINGS

- A. Walking by God's Word**
- B. Curses and Blessings**
(11:26; 78X; Chpts 27-28;
Chpts 29-30)

Deuteronomy 27-28

- The blessings on Mount Gerizim and the curses on Mount Ebal - the greater emphasis is on the curses
- God began with the curses first (27:15-26) & gave more space to curses (28:15-68 vs 28:1-14)



Deuteronomy 29-30

- The renewal of the covenant in the land of Moab (29:1ff) - greater emphasis on curses (29:19-27; 30:1, 7, 17-19)

Deuteronomy 33

- But Deuteronomy ends with the blessing of Israel!

III. KEY TEACHINGS

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- Deuteronomy 31:16-18,20
- Deuteronomy 31:19-32:47,
song written in anticipation
to testify against them

Restoration – 32:36, 39-43

(see also promise in 30:1-10)

JESUS IN DEUTERONOMY

Type or revelation of Jesus in: