

Authorship of DEUTERONOMY

Moses

- 1) Reference to Moses speaking (1:6,9; 5:1; 27:1,9; 29:2; 31:1,30; 33:1, etc) and writing (31:9,24)
- 2) 70 internal references to events of the exodus as in the past tense, while references to entry into Canaan are in the future. And the nations mentioned in Deuteronomy are those of Moses' time. And the structure of the book is modeled on the Hittite suzerainty treaty, which was only used in the age of Moses (1500-1200 B.C.).
- 3) Discourses and closing chapters were recorded and added later, not much later than the period immediately following Moses' death – probably by his successor Joshua
- 4) Jesus accepted it: Matt. 19:8 referring to law on divorce that Moses allowed (24:1-4), Luke 24:27,44
- 5) Paul quoted Deut. 25:4 in 1Cor. 9:9 as being a law of Moses
- 6) Philo, Josephus affirm the Mosaic authorship