



Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Commitment

Why Deuteronomy?

Because many of us struggle to understand how the Law could ever be delightful to us.

Because if we misunderstand the Law and its purpose, we will misunderstand sin and our need for a Savior.

Why Deuteronomy?

Because just as they needed to understand that they were God's people by grace, we need to understand that we are God's people by grace.

Because just as they needed to understand their relationship to God and each other, we need understand our relationship to God and each other.

Why Deuteronomy?

Because just as they needed to understand their mission as they moved into the land, we need to understand our mission as we move out into the lands.

Because just as they would face great difficulties and temptations and would need to walk by faith, we will face great difficulties and temptations and will need to walk by faith.

Why Deuteronomy?

Because just as they needed to know God and remember His faithfulness so that they could trust Him, we need to know God and remember His faithfulness so that we can trust Him.

Because just they needed to understand how God had spoken to them so that they would not listen to false prophets and teachers, we need to understand how God speaks to us so that we will not listen to false prophets and teachers.



On the Threshold of Promise

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

Deuteronomy 1:1-8 (ESV)

¹ These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, HazerOTH, and Dizahab.

² It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea.

³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them,

⁴ after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

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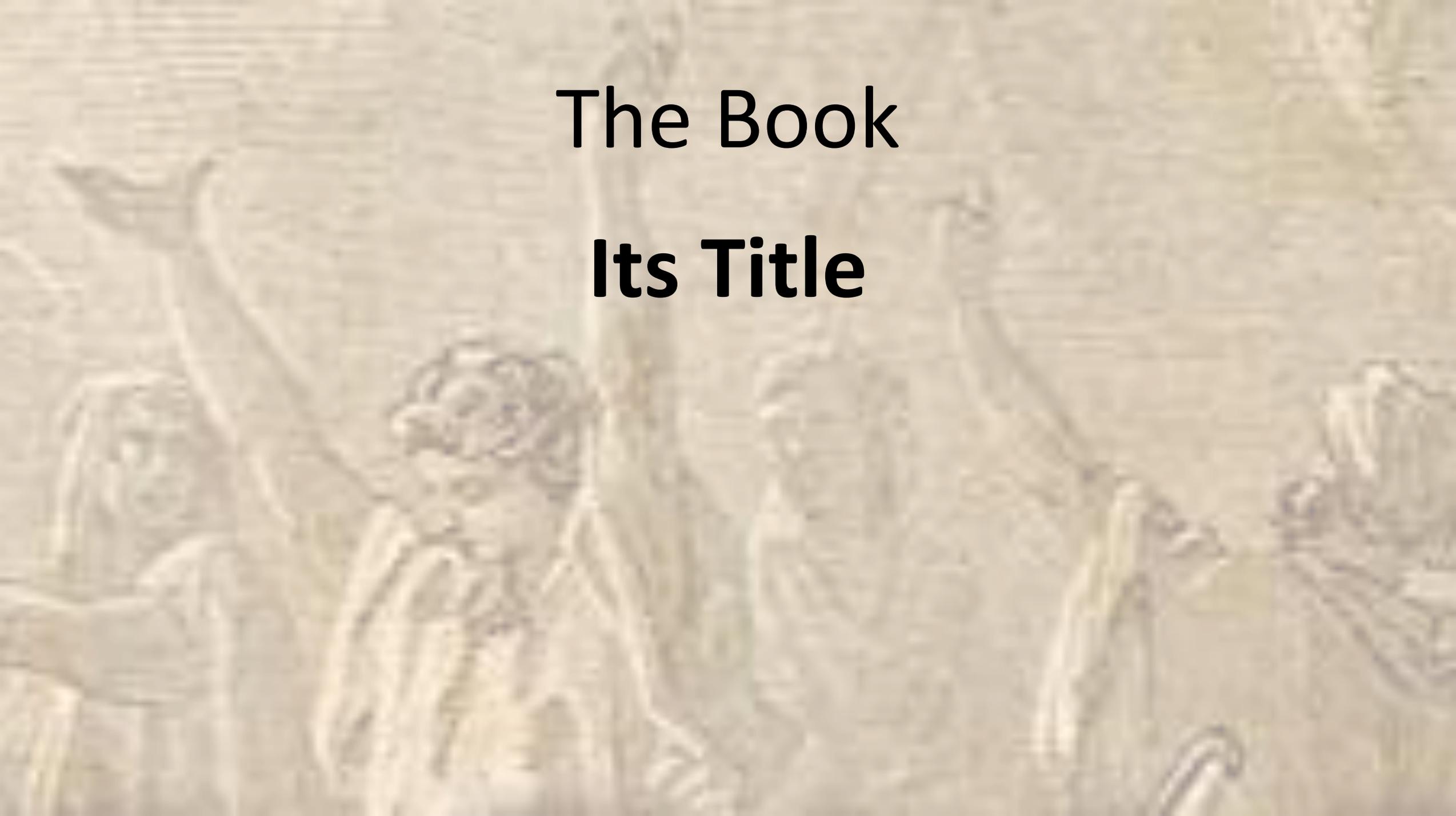
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Deuteronomy 1:1-8

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Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore
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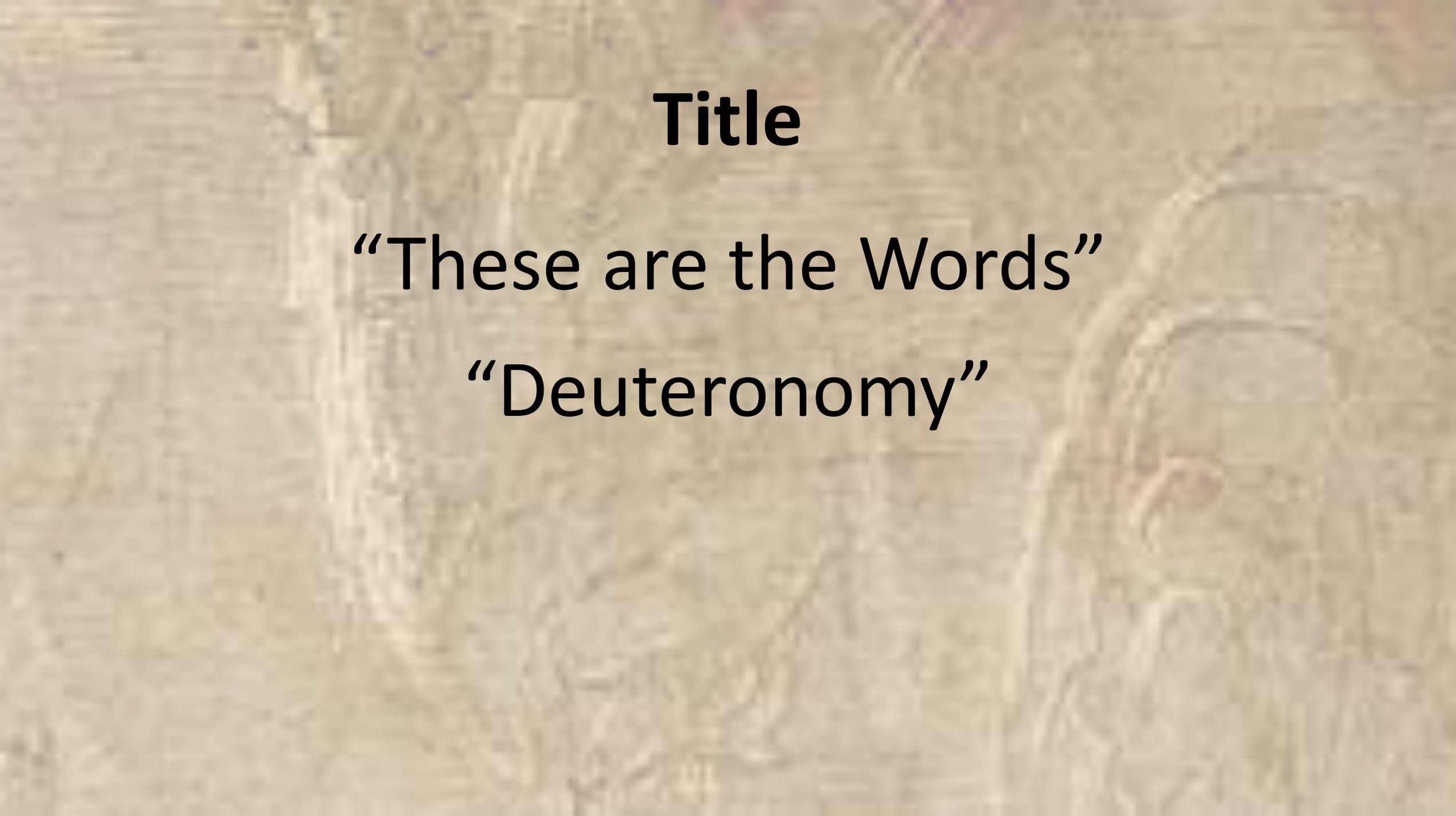
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The Book



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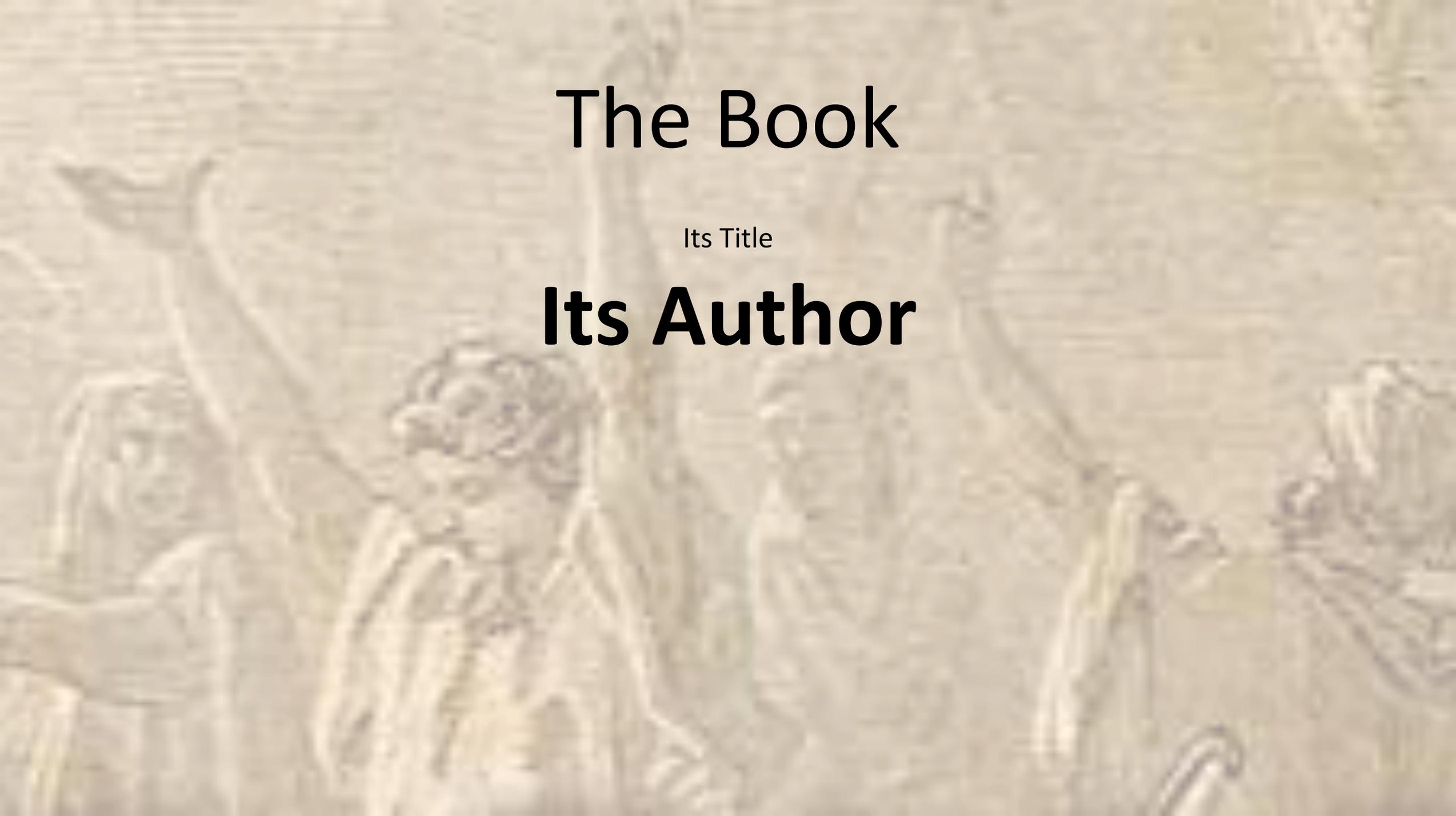
Its Title



Title

“These are the Words”

“Deuteronomy”



The Book

Its Title

Its Author

These are Moses' words.

Deuteronomy 1:1, 3, and 5

¹ These are the words that **Moses spoke** to all Israel...

³ **Moses spoke** to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them...

⁵ Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, **Moses** undertook to explain this law, **saying**...

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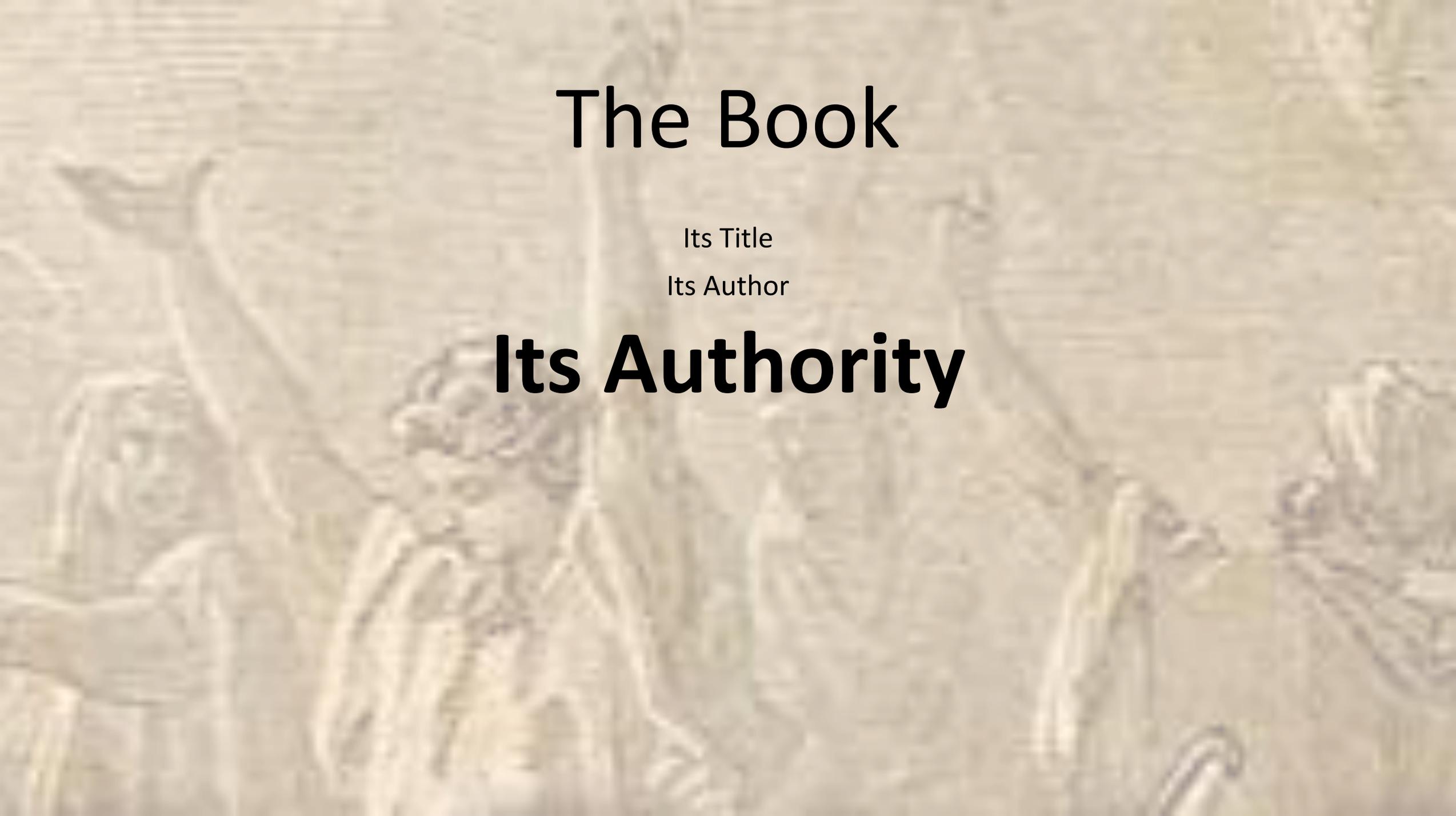
Deuteronomy 34:5-6

So **Moses** the servant of the LORD **died** there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor...

Deuteronomy 34:8-9

And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days...And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Joshua 8:30-35

The background of the slide features a faint, sepia-toned illustration of a group of people in a meeting or assembly. The figures are rendered in a sketchy, etched style, showing various postures of listening and discussion. The overall tone is historical and scholarly.

The Book

Its Title

Its Author

Its Authority

These are the LORD's commands.

Deuteronomy 1:3

³ Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them...

They carry His royal authority!

Deuteronomy 4:1-2

And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you.

The Book

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Its Content and Structure

Content:

The Law and its explanation

Deuteronomy 1:1, 3, and 5

³ Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to **all that the LORD had given him in commandment** to them...

⁵ Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, **Moses undertook to explain this law (Torah)**, saying...

Structure

The book of Deuteronomy is written in the format of an Ancient Near Eastern political treaty called a Suzerain Vassal Treaty.

Suzerain = a king that controlled a dependent state.

Vassal = a state that pledged loyalty to the greater king in exchange for protection and provision.

Deuteronomy is a summary of the covenant
between God and His people.

Deuteronomy 4:13

And **He declared to you his covenant**,
which He commanded you to perform,
that is, **the Ten Commandments**,
and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

On the Threshold of Promise

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The Setting

A faded, sepia-toned illustration of a group of people in a historical setting. The scene shows several figures, possibly in a public square or a market. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a woman are visible. The background features a tall, thin structure, possibly a tower or a monument, and other figures in the distance. The overall style is that of a historical engraving or woodcut.

The Setting

Where

Where?

Deuteronomy 1:1 and 5

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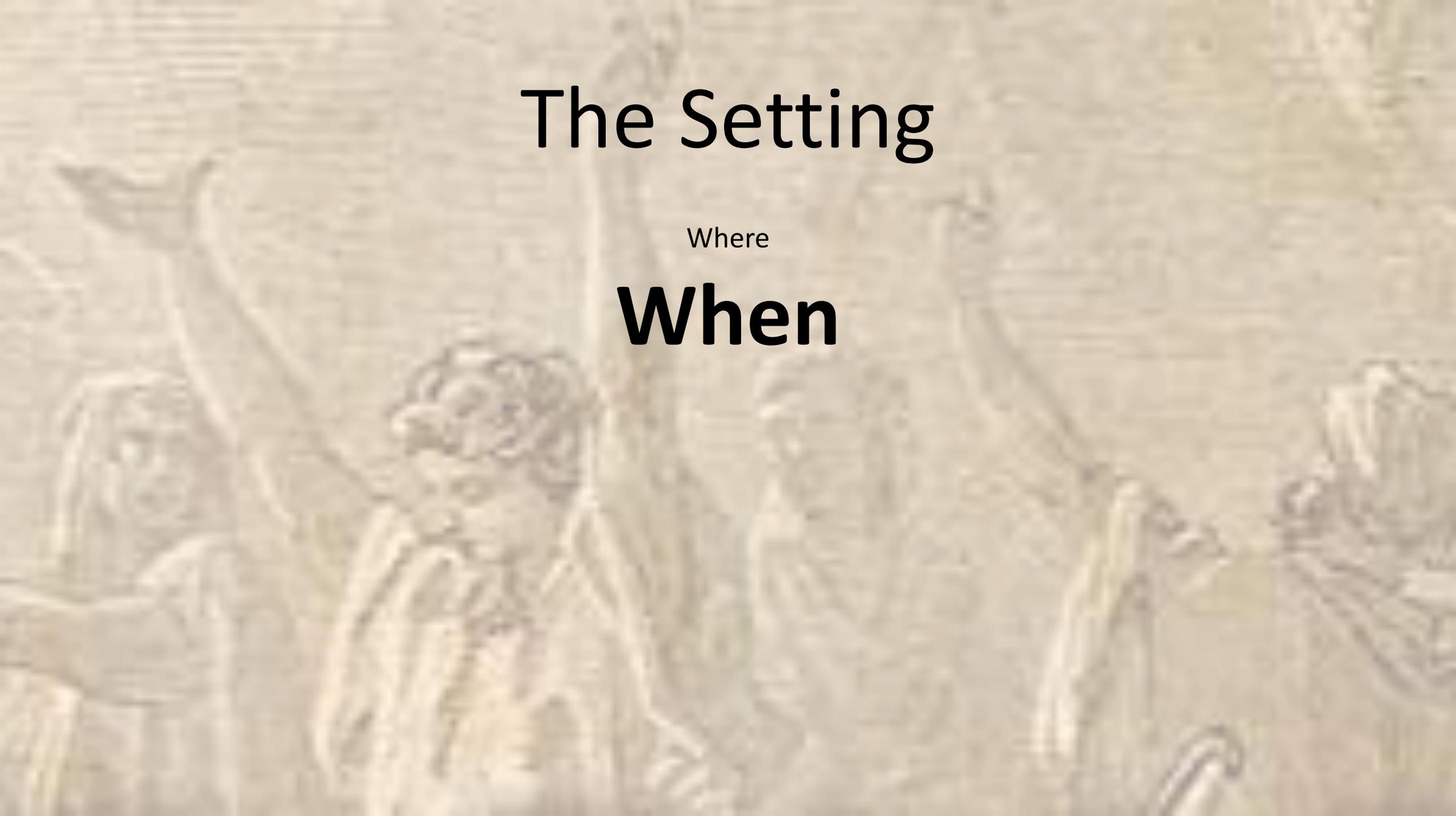
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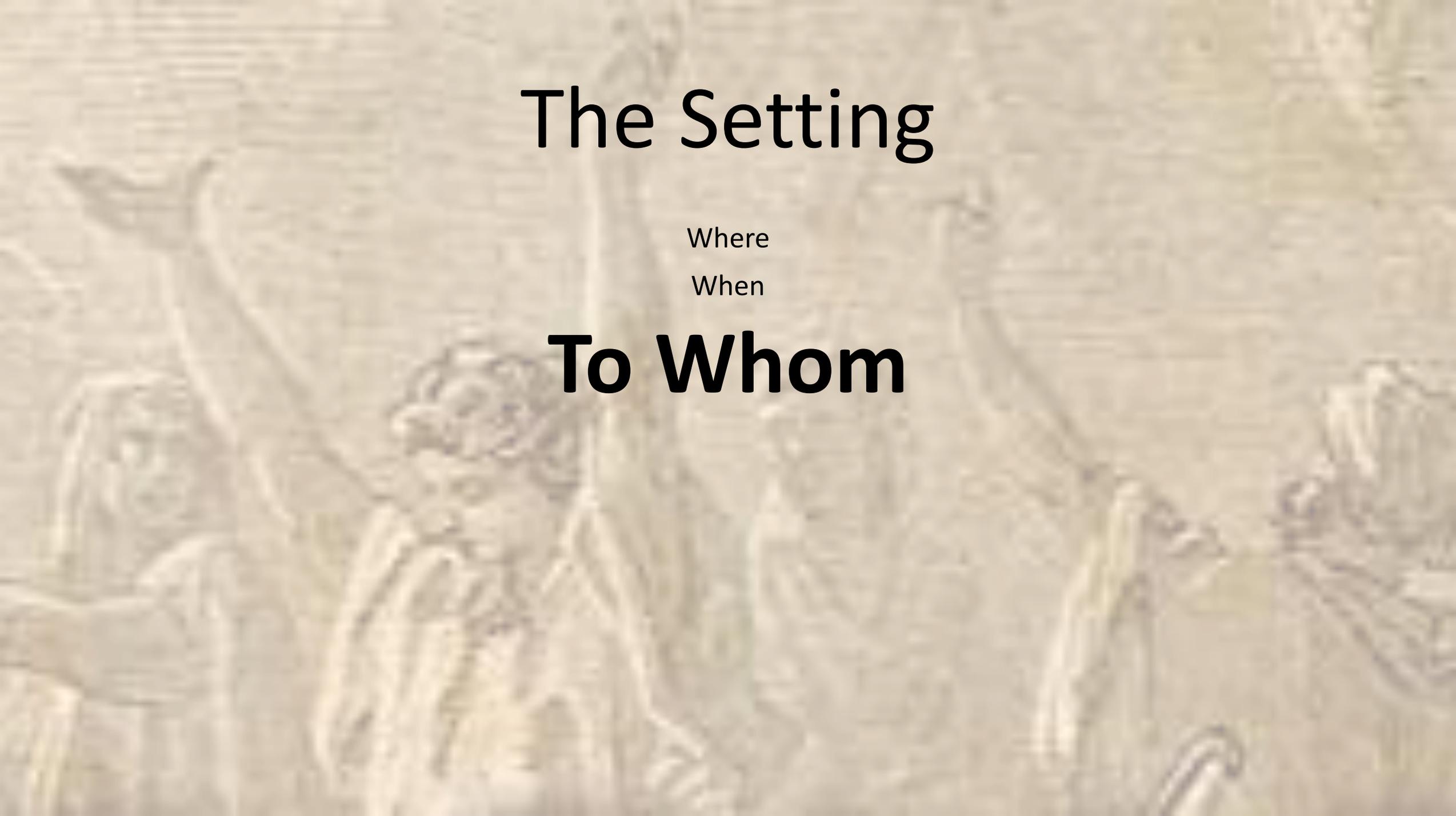
When



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Deuteronomy 1:3-4

- ³ In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, Moses spoke to the people of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them,
- ⁴ after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei.



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³ Moses spoke to the children of Israel...

Though Moses spoke directly to the people gathered before him, he was speaking to the whole nation, present and future.

But the Lord was also speaking through him to **all** of His people including you and me.

Deuteronomy is the most quoted Old Testament book in the N.T. apart from the Psalms.

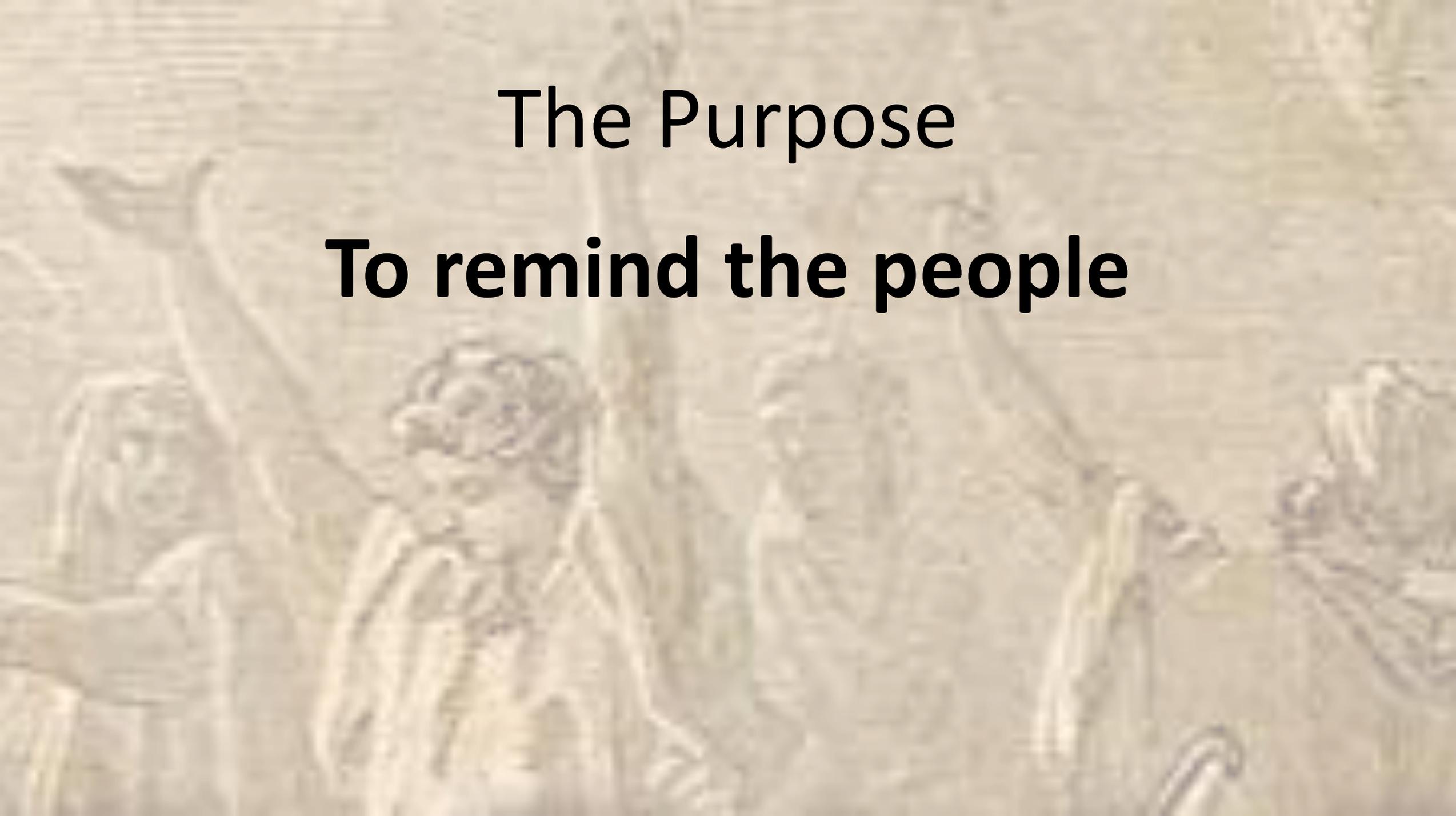
It lays a foundation for understanding the Gospel.

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The Setting

The Purpose

A faded, sepia-toned illustration of a group of people in a meeting or assembly. In the center, a man with a beard and long hair is speaking, gesturing with his right hand. To his left, a woman with long hair is seated, looking towards him. To his right, another man is seated, also looking towards the speaker. In the background, other figures are visible, some holding up their hands or objects, suggesting a public gathering or a religious assembly. The overall style is that of a historical engraving or woodcut.

The Purpose

To remind the people

Deuteronomy 1:6-8

⁶ “The LORD our God said to us in Horeb, ‘You have stayed long enough at this mountain. ⁷ Turn and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah, in the hill country and in the lowland and in the Negeb and by the seacoast, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

⁸ See, I have set the land before you. Go in and take possession of the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their offspring after them.’”

Moses repeats the specific exhortation
to “remember” at least 14x.

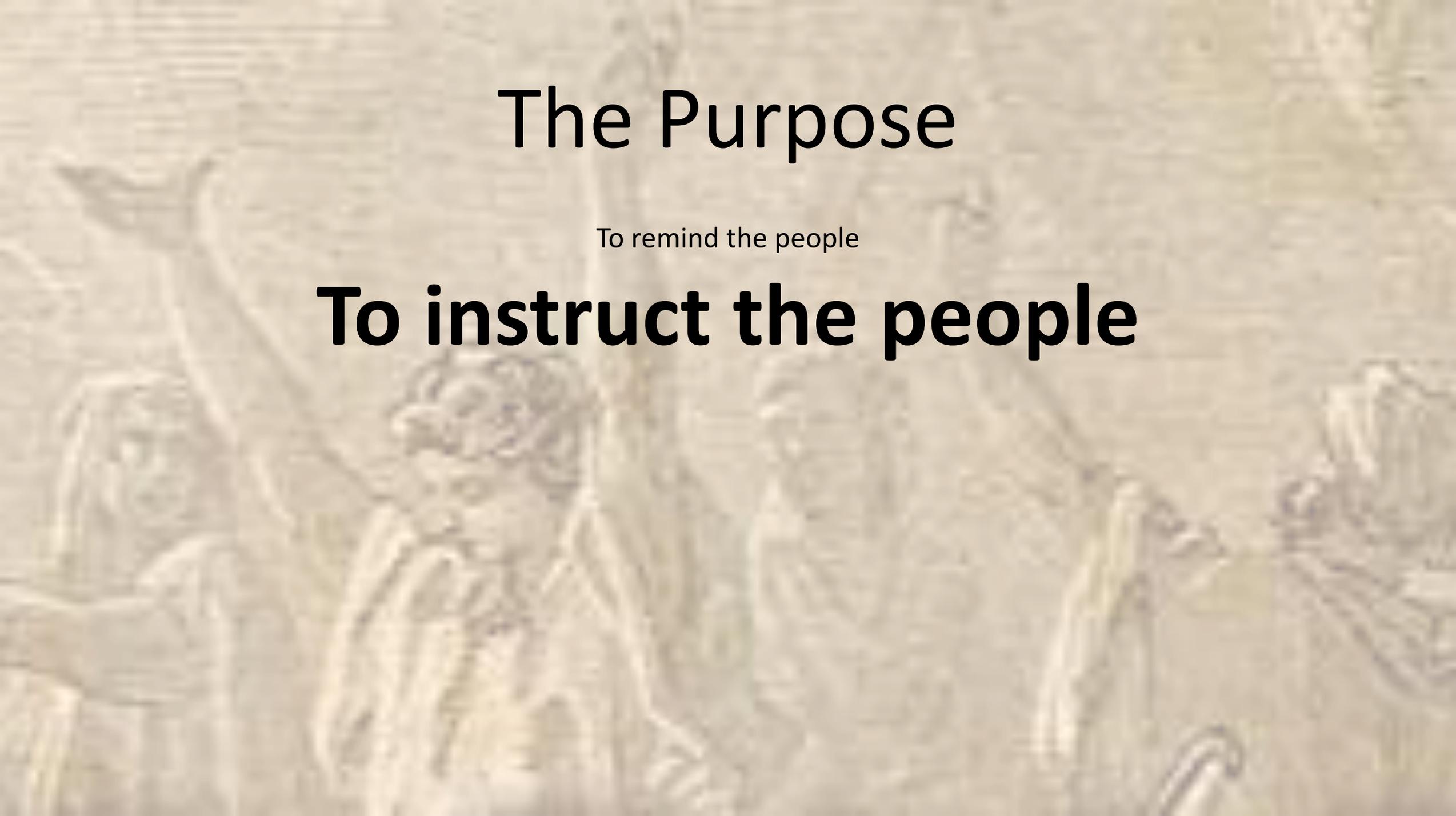
He reminds them of God’s deliverance.

He reminds them of God’s covenant and commandments.

He reminds them of God’s promises.

He reminds them of God’s character and goodness.

He reminds them of their stubbornness and disobedience.

A faded, sepia-toned illustration of a group of people in a meeting or assembly. In the center, a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a robe, stands with his arms outstretched, addressing the group. To his left, a woman with long hair sits on a chair, looking towards the speaker. To his right, another man stands, also looking towards the speaker. In the background, other figures are visible, some seated and some standing, all appearing to be part of a formal gathering. The overall style is reminiscent of a historical or religious scene.

The Purpose

To remind the people

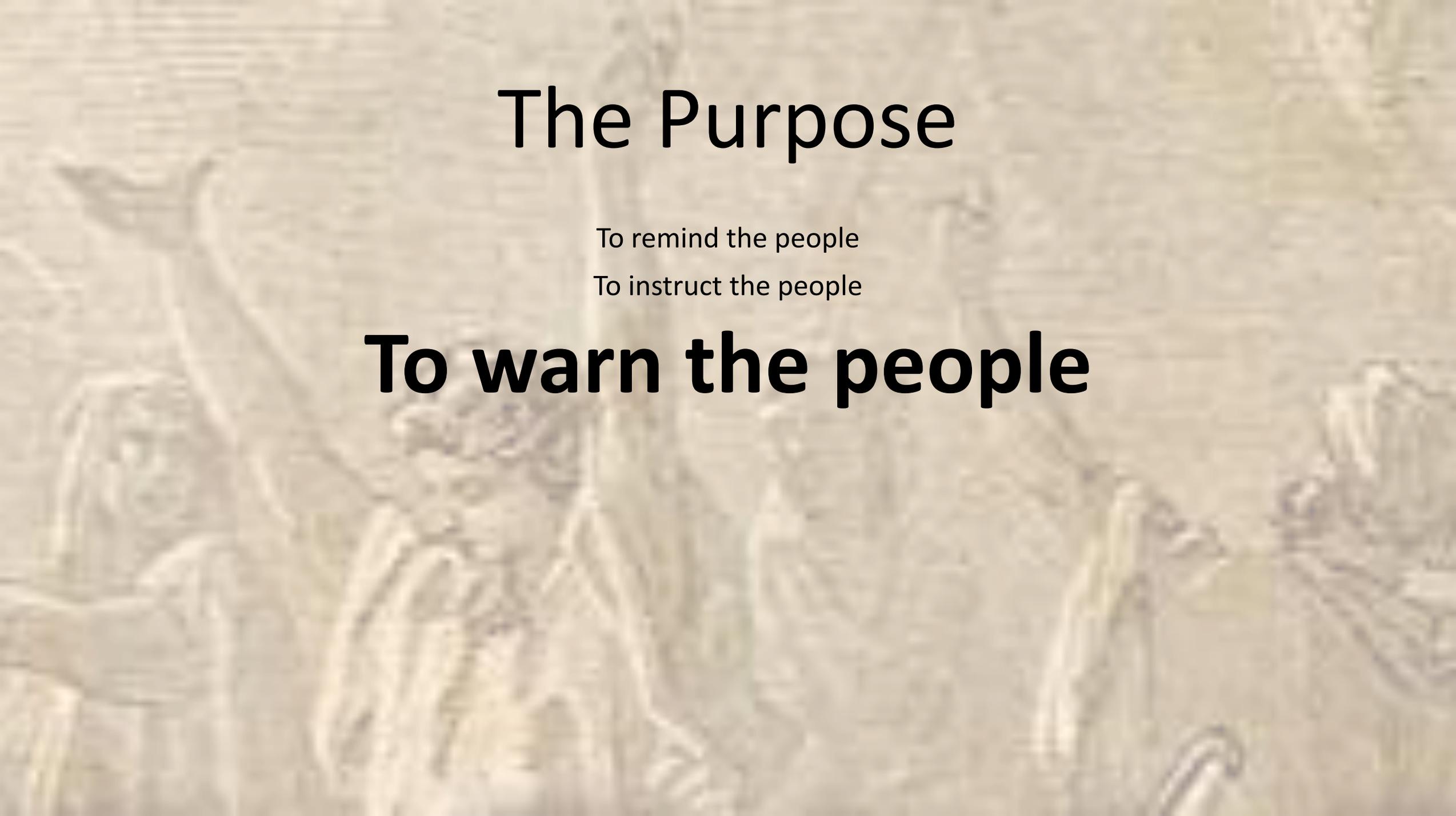
To instruct the people

Deuteronomy 1:5

Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab,
Moses undertook to explain this law, saying...

Deuteronomy 6:1

Now this is the commandment-- the statutes and the rules--
that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you,
that you may do them in the land to which you are going over,
to possess it...

The background of the slide is a faded, sepia-toned image of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. The hieroglyphs are arranged in vertical columns and include various symbols such as birds, lotus flowers, and human figures. The overall texture is grainy and historical.

The Purpose

To remind the people

To instruct the people

To warn the people

Deuteronomy 30:17-19

But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.

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Romans 8:13

For if you are living according to the flesh, you must die;
but if **by the Spirit** you are putting to death the deeds of the body,
you will live.

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We, like they, must live by faith.

Concluding Questions:

Are you alive by faith?

Are you living by faith?