

*1:2 - key to develope this law. 31:21 - in light of 31:9 words*

- a. The traditional view...Moses
  - b. The internal evidence *the account*
  - c. Liberal Biblical scholars
  - d. the book of the Law *Joshua's day*
  - e. The witness of Jesus: He wrote of Me..John 5:46
3. Place in Canon
- a. Dt. 6:4
  - b. Use at Qumran *Role of the congregation*
  - c. Talmudic concepts
4. Regarding structure:
- a. Not much that is anecdotal
  - b. Parenesis a common feature *18:18-22*
  - c. An exhortational thrust is common throughout
- (And I will offer some general concepts about how structure is determined and the danger that comes in trying to make structure concrete)
5. Purpose for writing: Some aspects are obvious but a twofold purpose seems to dominate:
- a. To help the people of Israel in their identity grip.
  - b. To consolidate the legal work in a corpus before the passing of Moses, the great legislator.
6. Relation to other books of the Pentateuch
7. Relations with the rest of the Old Testament and the New Testament as well.

*Sk 16:29-31*

II. Conclusion

Thank you for joining us today in this introductory study. From here we will move directly to the text. Our discussion will not be very technical but expressive, I hope, of the meaning of the passages with application to the truths of our day. We hope you will be able to be with us again in our next study.