

when he promises, he speaks in the imagery of vineyards and fig trees and increase of cattle and sheep.”

I will not read further here in his description of Deuteronomy but I think this will show the impression that Moulton had of the great literary value, the lofty tone, and also the great spiritual significance of this book of Deuteronomy. It is unfortunate that the great bulk of our Christian people learn most of what they learn about the Bible simply from sermons which deal as a rule with great passages of the Scripture or from Sunday School lessons in which a narrative or an historical account is usually presented. Very few of our Christian people today get the tremendous impression (that Moulton got by sitting down and reading Deuteronomy through as a whole at one time) from simply reading the book. It is important to study little details, this is necessary, but there is also great value in reading through these great passages and getting an impression of them as a whole, and seeing the messages that God has for us.

Moulton stresses the unity of the impression which the book of Deuteronomy can give. Its wonderful oratory rises to great climaxes and makes a tremendous impression in its arrangement of words so that, as he says, when you stop reading after you have read a lot of it, you feel as if you have been traveling on a boat and when you come back to land you feel the motion of the boat afterwards for days. You still feel the flow of the waters through your mind. You do not have that impression after reading Genesis or Joshua. Deuteronomy is significantly different from other books of the Scriptures. The critics talk about it a great deal and call it the Deuteronomic style. The style of Deuteronomy is indeed a different style; it is the style of great oratory and impassioned discourse. It is the book which gives the farewell addresses that Moses gave to his people shortly before he died.

### *C. The Place of the Pentateuch in the Bible*

The Pentateuch is the beginning; it is the foundation. You might say it is the constitution. It is what the Israelites had as they began