

CBC's Church-Wide Scripture Memory Challenge

PASSAGE #5—

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, especially Verses 4-5

Sunday, June 8, 2025 to Sunday, July 6, 2025

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, New International Version).

Written by: Moses wrote the Book of Deuteronomy, which is in fact a collection of his sermons to the Israelites just before they crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land after their escape from Egypt, (see Deuteronomy 1:1).

Date: 1406 B.C.; seventy days prior to Israel entering Canaan, given their thirty days of mourning Moses' death, (see Deuteronomy 1:3; 34:8 and Joshua 4:19).

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is called the "Shema", which is the Hebrew word for its first word, "Hear." This passage is one of the most important and well-known in all of Judaism. Throughout the centuries, it has been used as a prayer to guide God's people to honor Him as the only God, and to follow His commandments as essential for godly living and pleasing the LORD.