Lesson 1

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Pre-class Exercise (Question C.2.)

Give short titles to this outline of the book

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(Lk 24:44-45)
Background Information

Name

- English: Deuteronomy
- Greek: Δευτερονόμιον, Deuteronomion, “second law” (see Dt 17:18)
- Hebrew: דְּבָרִים, Devārīm, “[spoken] words”
  - Taken from opening phrase, “These are the words..”

Role in the “Law”

- Fifth book in the Torah [“Instruction, Teaching”] or ... "Pentateuch" (Greek: πεντάτευχος, “five scrolls”)
- The conclusion to all of Moses’ teaching to Israel, beginning with the beginning.
- Note the ‘hanging’ story at the end of each book of Moses:
  - Gen 50:26 – Joseph’s body in Egypt (and see Heb 11:22)
  - Ex 40:34-38 – the Shekinah over the tabernacle
  - Lev 27:34 and Num 3:13 – “… commandments at…” Sinai, then Plains of Moab
  - Dt 34:9ff – Joshua ready to lead the people...
Chronology of the Pentateuch

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Chronology of the Pentateuch

Legend

- Events In Genesis
  - Books Of Pentateuch
    - 150 Years counting from Creation
    - 150 Age Of Moses
- Events In Exodus (In Egypt)
- Events In Wilderness

1. Marah to Elim
2. Manna
3. Water from Rock
4. Battle at Rephidim
5. Judges Appointed
6. Golden Calf

1st Census Of Israelites (Num 1)
1st 2 years (Num 1-13)
1. Quail and Death
2. 70 Elders Appointed
3. Miriam’s Leprosy

2nd Census Of Israelites (Num 26)
2nd Half Journey
1. Moses Error At Kadesh
2. War against Sihon, Og
3. Balaam and Donkey
4. Moabites Idolatry

Arrived at Kadesh
12 Spies Sent Refusal to Enter Canaan Cursed by God (Num 13-14)

Note: Only the first 2 years and last 2 years of the journey is recorded

100 Years
40 Years
80 Years
82 Years
120 Years

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Timeline of Deuteronomy

**Dates**
- 40th year, 11th mo, 1st day (Dt 1:3)
- 41st year, 1st mo, 10th day – Entry into the land (Josh 4:19)
- 30 day mourning for Moses (Dt. 34:8)

Look ahead to Israel’s history
- Joshua’s leadership/conquest (Dt 3:28)
- Jerusalem selected for Temple (Dt 12:5)
- King, “like nations around” (Dt 17:14)
- Captivity by far away nation (Dt 28:36)
Location of the Deuteronomy Speeches
Organization of the Book

• **Speeches**
  - [History: 1:1-4]
  - (1:5 – 4:40) – “Moses began to explain this law, saying…”
  - (5:1 – 26:19) – “And Moses called all Israel, and said to them…”
  - (27:1 – 28:68) – “Now Moses... commanded the people, saying...”
  - (29:1 – 30:20) – “Now Moses called all Israel and said to them...”
  - (More Speeches) – Joshua (31); Song (32); Blessing (33)
  - [History: Moses’ Death (34)]

• **Content**
  - Review of Israel’s History (Chapters 1-4)
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Near-Eastern Treaty Structure*

1. Preamble (Deut. 1:1-4)

2. Historical prologue (Deut. 1:5-4:43)

3. Stipulations (Deut. 4:44-26:19)

4. Ratification (Blessings/Curses - Deut. 27:1-30:20)

5. Preservation/Duration (Deut. 31:1-34:12)
   - 31:9 – Moses wrote the Law and delivered it to the priests
   - 31:10-11 – Read every 7 years
   - 31:26 – Stored in the Ark of the Covenant
   - 17:18-19 – Kings to write (and read) a copy for himself

Key Difference: Hittite and Assyrian treaties called on deities to witness the oaths by the parties. Deuteronomy is a covenant with Deity.

Themes & Shadows

• **Themes in Deuteronomy**
  - God’s Character
    - Faithfulness
    - Holiness
    - Blessings
    - Warnings
  - “About to posses the land” (over 100 times)
  - Obedience & Disobedience: with consequences
  - Avoid (and destroy) idolatry

• **New Testament Shadows**
  - A Chosen People (Dt 7:7-9, and see I Pet 2:9)
  - The Ultimate Prophet (Dt 18:15-19, and see Acts 7:37)
  - Law Keeping—especially sacrifice (Heb 10:10)
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Key Verses (to Memorize)

- Dt 4:1-2 – “Not add to ... nor take from it..”
- Dt 4:6 – “This is your wisdom ... in the sight of the peoples”
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DEUTERONOMY
A CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

SOME LAWS ARE NEW, BUT MANY ARE REPEATED.
GREEK: ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΔΟΣΙΑ = "SECOND LAW"

1-11 MOSES' OPENING SPEECH

12-26 COLLECTION OF LAWS

17-20 CIVIL LAWS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

27-34 MOSES' FINAL SPEECH & DEATH

QUESTIONS UNRESOLVED IN THE TORAH
- WHEN WILL THE DESCENDANT OF JACOB COME TO DEFEAT EVIL? (GENESIS 3)
- HOW IS GOD GOING TO RESCUE THE WORLD THROUGH ADAM'S FAMILY? (GENESIS 12)
- HOW CAN A HINT GOD BE RECONCILE WITH REPULSIVE PEOPLE? (EXODUS NUMBERS)
- HOW WILL GOD TRANSFORM THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE? (DEUTERONOMY 31)

TIPS FOR READING THESE LAWS:
1) THE LAWS ARE THE TERMS OF THE SINNER COVENANT GIVEN TO ANCIENT ISRAEL.
2) DON'T COMPARE THEM WITH MODERN LAWS. OUT WITH THE LAWS OF ISRAEL, IN WITH THE LAWS OF GOD.
3) BREAK THE CORE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE LAWS.

EXTRA CREDIT: SEE HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN MATCH TO DEUTERONOMY 25:4!

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God’s Care for Israel (8:1-20)

- In the wilderness (humbled & tested), as a chastening father (1-5)
  - Allowed to hunger
  - Fed with (strange) manna
  - Preserved garments
  - Did not let “feet swell,” (compare to Dt 29:5)

- In the Promised Land (6-13)
  - Water, Food, Minerals
  - Beautiful houses, herds & flocks, silver & gold

- In Egypt – Bondage (14)

- In the Wilderness (15-16)
  - Serpents, scorpions, no water (15)
  - Water from Rock & Manna (15-16)

‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’
Israel’s Undeserving (9:1-11)

• Giants in the Land (2)
  • “Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.” (Num 13:26)
  • And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. (Josh 11:21)

• Promise to Abraham (5)
  • On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates...” (Gen 15:18, and remember 1:10 and Gen 15:5)
Sinai Chronology (9:7-10:10)

1. Moses went up to receive the tablets (9)
2. Stayed 40 days/night (9)
3. Jehovah gave Moses the tablets, written with His finger (10)
4. Jehovah tells Moses, ‘your’ people have acted corruptly (12)
5. Moses descends, sees the people, broke the tables (17)
6. Moses falls down again in petition for 40 days/nights (18, 10:10)
   • For Aaron too (20)
   • Argument based on promises to patriarchs and Jehovah’s reputation (25-29)
7. Moses burns & crushes the calf and throws it in water (21, & see Ex 32:20)
8. Moses cuts new stones and re-ascends the mountain (10:1-2)
9. (God passes by Moses) (Ex 34)
10. God re-writes on the tablets and they are put in the ark, when built (10:5)
11. (Aaron made high priest (Ex 40:13)
12. Levites began duties of priesthood (10:8)
13. Aaron succeeded by Eleazar (10:6, & Num 33:38)
Other Incidents (9:22)

- **Taberah** - Now when the people complained, it displeased the L ORD; for the L ORD heard it, and His anger was aroused. So the fire of the L ORD burned among them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. 2 Then the people cried out to Moses, and when Moses prayed to the L ORD, the fire was quenched. 3 So he called the name of the place Taberah, because the fire of the L ORD had burned among them. (Num 11:1-3)

- **Massah** (see Dt 6:16) - And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” 4 So Moses cried out to the L ORD, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!” 5 And the L ORD said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.” And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the L ORD, saying, “Is the L ORD among us or not?” (Ex 17:3-7)
Other Incidents (9:22)

- **Kibroth Hattavah** – And the people stayed up all that day, all night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. 33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. 34 So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving. (Num 11:32-34)

- **Kadesh Barnea** – So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” 4 So they said to one another, “Let us select a leader and return to Egypt.” (Num 14:1-4)
Circumcision of the Heart

• Therefore **circumcise** the foreskin of your **heart**, and **be stiff-necked no longer.** (Dt 10:16)

• And the **LORD** your God will **circumcise** your heart and the heart of your descendants, to **love the LORD your God** with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. (Dt 30:6)

• **Circumcise yourselves** to the **LORD**, And take away the foreskins of your **hearts**, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.” (Jer 4:4)

• ...But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and **circumcision** is that of the **heart**, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. (Rom 2:29)
God’s Nature to Imitate (10:12-22)

• No partiality, no bribe (17)
• Justice to fatherless and widow (18)
• Loves the stranger (18)
• Gives food and clothing (18)
Other Points from Chapter 11

• Pharaoh and Dathan and Abiram mentioned together (2-7)
• The Promised Land is not like Egypt, a ‘vegetable garden’ (9-12)
• Similarity of 11:18-20 and 6:6-8 (see below)
• Mighty nations to be driven out… (11:22-25, and see 7:1)
• Blessing and Cursings (see Dt 27 and Josh 8:33-35)

And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (6:6-8)

Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 20 And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates... (11:18-20)
Questions to Discuss

• Why does Moses talk to these Israelites as if they were their parents?
• Why the direct connection between spiritual obedience and physical blessings?
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   1. Calculation of the obligation of the giver
   2. Anonymity of the giver and/or familiarity of the giver with the beneficiary
   3. The identity and qualifications of the beneficiary (e.g. who is ‘poor’)
   4. Frequency & mode of the distribution and degree of ‘collectivity’ in gift/distribution
   5. Comparison to modern practices and philosophies of wealth redistribution

B. Sexual Conduct. Examine the principles expressed in God’s laws concerning sexual behavior. Consider these questions, among others:
   1. What was the [implied] ideal process/sequence of forming a marriage
   2. What sinful variations of this ideal process are mentioned
   3. The penalties, remedies, and/or restrictions for the various variations
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(Chapters 1-4) Review of Israel’s History

(Chapters 5-11) Restatement & Importance of the Law

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• Financial (Tithing) & Social Laws (14:22 – 15:23)
• Feasts (16:1 – 17)
Chapter 12 – Localization of Worship

• Was the ‘Place’ of worship one single place?
  • Lev 26:11-12 – “And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”
  • See Josh 18:1 – “And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the land was subdued before them.”
  • Judges 21:19 – “And they said, Behold, there is a feast of Jehovah from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.”

• What was the purpose of the restriction of Place (note 4-5, & see 16:2,5...)?
• What was the evolution of the location of God’s presence through the Bible?
• What was the purpose of the ‘freedom’ to kill animals at home (15)?
• Why the mention of the gazelle and deer (15, 22)?
• Why pour the blood on the ground (16, 24-25, and 27)?
Chapter 13 – Syncretism Forbidden

• How does this intolerance of false religious practice express itself in relationships between Christians and the World? Between Christians and other Christians?

• Why the exaggeration of the closeness of the relationships?
  • “If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly...”

• “So you shall put away...”
  • 15:5 – false prophet
  • 17:7 – those who have served other gods
  • 17:12 – one who doesn’t respect the priest’s judgment
  • 19:19 – false witness
  • 21:21 – rebellious son
  • 22:21 – new wife found not to be a virgin
  • 22:22 – adulterers/adulteresses
  • 22:24 – [consensual] fornication with a betrothed woman

• New Testament Parallel (1 Cor 5:11-13)
  • “I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. ... Therefore ‘put away from yourselves the evil person.’”
Chapter 14 – Clean & Unclean Foods

Questions

• Commanded for health reasons (hygiene or nutrition)?
  • See Dt 7:15 and Ex 15:26 (none of these diseases)
• Still binding today?
• Still good advice today?

Answers

• Gen 7:2ff – Clean & unclean animals identified at Flood
  • But see Gen 9:3… “every moving thing…shall be food for you.”
  • Gen 8:20 – Related to Sacrifice (?)
• Dt 14:21 – Some laws did not apply to foreigners
• Acts 10:15 – [Peter’s vision] “What God has cleansed…”
• I Tim 4:4 – “Every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused…”
• Rom 14:20 – “All things are clean…”
• Mark 7:19 – “…This He said, making all meats clean.”
1. **Sacrificial Tithes** (Num 18:21, 24) – “21 And unto the children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting... 24 For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering unto Jehovah, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.” (and see Gen 14:18-20)

2. **Tithe of Rejoicing** (26) – “... you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household”

3. **Tithe for the Poor** (28-29, and see 26:12) – “At the end of every third year... And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied.”
Chapter 15 – Sabbatical Culture

• What purpose would there be for seven year remission of debt?
  • Renewed opportunity provided (2)
  • Debt free living (see 6) is the ideal

• Would poverty be eliminated (see vs 4 & vs 11)?

• Laws of Slavery
  • A remedy/restitution for debt/crime (see Ex 22:3)
  • Could be a voluntary commitment (see Ex 21:3)
  • Slaves could be purchased from others (15:22)
  • Limited to the 7th year (15:12)
    • “Severance Package” required upon release
  • Release was not mandatory (15:16)

• Firstborn sanctified to God
  • Note the distinction between the animal with defects (eaten ‘within the gate’)
Chapter 16 – The Three Feasts

• **Passover** (March-April)
  • Beginning of the year
  • Unleavened Bread (seven days)
  • Lamb Sacrificed & Eaten

• **Weeks** (May-June)
  • Beginning of Harvest

• **Tabernacles** (Sep-Oct)
  • Conclusion of the Harvest

• (See Leviticus 23)
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God Themes in the Torah

• Genesis (1) – In the Beginning, God...
• Exodus (34) – Who is God?
• Leviticus (10) – Holiness of God
• Numbers – Faithfulness of God (vs Unfaithfulness of Man)
• Deuteronomy – God’s gifts to Israel (though undeserved)
What Chapter?

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If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and [if] he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, \(^2\) and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, \(^3\) and [if] her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies, \(^4\) then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the LORD. Do not bring sin upon the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.
Matthew 19

3 The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?”

4 And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

I Corinthians 7

10 Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband...

And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

12 ... If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released.

39 A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives...
2 Sins – The 2nd is Marrying Another

Matthew 19

7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

8 He said to them, “Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”

I Corinthians 7

11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband.
Interpretation Methods

Pharisees (Matt 19:3,7):

- Creation account
- 10 Commandments
- Moses’ regulation on divorce & remarriage (Dt 24)

= Divorce for any reason

Jesus:

“Two are one flesh” (Gen 2) = “Let not man put asunder”

Other conclusions (based on this principle):
1. Do not divorce.
2. Divorce & remarriage is adultery
3. Moses regulation was because of “hard hearts”
Interpretation Methods

One approach:

- **Jesus’ exception** (Matt 19...)
- **Death exception** (Rom 7)
- **Unbeliever departs**... (I Cor 7)
- **Non-Christians “forgiven”**
- **Guilty person remarries**

- “Mental adultery”
- Other situations (abuse...)

\[ \text{Divorce for any reason} \]

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1. Do not divorce
2. Divorce & remarriage is adultery (one exception)
3. Interpret other situations (see below) by this rule

- **Death exception** (Rom 7)
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- **Non Christian Divorce**
- Other situations
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17-19 – Destroy the Amalekites

**Principle/Emphasis**
Just punishment and limitation of penalty
“Laborer is worthy of his hire.” (I Tim 5:18)
Importance of family
Privacy/ownership between husband/wife
Truthfulness in all affairs
[anti-terrorism?]; Persistence of God’s plan
Chapter 26 – Laws and Principles

Law
1-11 – Offering of first fruits
   (remember chap 1-4)
12-16 – 3rd Year tithes
   (see 14:28)

Principle/Emphasis
Confession of Faith in God’s care
Remembrance of God’s work in History
Completeness of Obedience
Care for the needy
Individual obedience/purity
God’s awareness & Judgment

“Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken. (Dt 26:16-19)
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• Blessings and Curses Pronounced at Moab (28:1-69)
• Appeal for Faithfulness (29:1-29)
• Call to Decision: Life or Death (30:1-20)
Chapter 27 - Gerizim/Ebal Ceremony

• 1-8 – Procedure (& see Dt 11:29)
  • Cross Jordan (2)
  • Set up Large Stones on Mt Ebal (2,4)
  • Whitewash & lime the stones (2)
  • Write all the words of the Law on them (3,8)
  • Build an altar of uncut stones (5-6)
  • Offer peace offerings, eat, rejoice (8)

• 11-13 – Arrangement (see Gen 35:22-26)
  • Mt. Gerizim
    • Simeon (Leah)
    • Levi (Leah)
    • Judah (Leah)
    • Issachar (Leah)
    • Joseph (Rachel)
    • Benjamin (Rachel)
  • Mt. Ebal
    • Reuben (Leah)
    • Gad (Zilpah)
    • Asher (Zilpah)
    • Zebulun (Leah)
    • Dan (Bilhah)
    • Naphtali (Bilhah)
Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: “an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them. (Joshua 8:30-25)
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For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “**Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.**” (Gal 3:10)
Chapter 28 – Blessings & Curses

Blessings

1 – Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

2-6
2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God.
3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.
4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

7 - The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

8 – The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

9-10 – The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.
10 Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

11 – And the Lord will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.

12 – The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Cursings

43 – The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

15-19
15 “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:
16 “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.
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25 - The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them.

38-40 - You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it. You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with oil; for your olives shall drop off.

36-37 - The Lord will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods—wood and stone. And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the Lord will drive you.

32-34,41 - Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand. A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see. ... You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity.

23-24 - And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

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Chapter 28 – Details of Future Oppression

25-26 – go out 1 way, flee 7; carcasses left to animals
31-34 – animals, children, and crops taken (leads to madness)
35 – diseases (result of oppression/poverty)
36-37 – taken (with your king) to a foreign, idolatrous nation
41 – sons and daughters taken captive
43-44 – Alien residents dominate socially & economically in the land
48 – will serve enemy: kept in need and yoked
49-51 – a nation from afar, foreign language, fierce, consuming & destroying
52-57 – required to eat own children: brings out the worst in people
58-62 – Sickness and Plague
Great Nation

1:10 – The LORD your God has multiplied you, and here you are today, as the stars of heaven in multitude. 11 May the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!

10:22 – Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

6:21 – We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand…

Land of Plenty

8:7-10 - For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Nation Reduced

28:62-63 – You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God. 63 And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.

28:68 – And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, ‘You shall never see it again.’ And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.

No Homeland, No Rest

28:63b-65 –...and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess. 65 Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone. 65 And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
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  • 2-4 – Egypt & Pharaoh (great signs & wonders)
  • 5-6 – Wilderness survival
  • 7-8 – Recent Transjordan military victories
• Roll-call (10-15)
  • 10 – Leaders
  • 11 – Families
  • 11 – Servants
  • 14-15 – Others, not here (?)
• Danger of private “root of bitterness” (16-19)
• Future Holy-land tour:
  • Burned & empty, like Sodom & Gomorrah (23-28)
• Incomplete/Complete revelation from Jehovah (29)

18 so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; 19 and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart’—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. (Deut. 29:18-19)

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled... (Heb 12:14-15)
Chapter 30 – Curses Reversed

- Instructional purpose of the curses (1-2)
- Repentance & Return Sequence (1-10)
  - Call to mind, return, obey with heart & soul (1-2)
  - God regathers His people (3-5)
  - God will circumcise your heart (6)
  - Curses turned to enemies (7)
  - Blessings return (8-10)

- Accessibility (11-14):
  - Not too mysterious
  - Not too far away
  - Not too difficult

- A clear choice: Life/Death, Good/Evil (15-20)

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” 6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach). (Rom 10:5-8)
Projects (choose one)

A. Social Welfare. Examine the principles expressed in the God’s laws concerning care for the poor. Consider these questions, among others:
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   2. Anonymity of the giver and/or familiarity of the giver with the beneficiary
   3. The identity and qualifications of the beneficiary (e.g. who is ‘poor’)
   4. Frequency & mode of the distribution and degree of ‘collectivity’ in gift/distribution
   5. Comparison to modern practices and philosophies of wealth redistribution

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   2. What sinful variations of this ideal process are mentioned
   3. The penalties, remedies, and/or restrictions for the various variations
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<td>If 2 wives: the firstborn sons retained status regardless of affection of father for mother</td>
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<td>Women should not wear things that pertain to a man, &amp; vice versa</td>
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