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Deuteronomy 7

- 1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you,
- 2 "and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them.
 - Studying the history of these tribes would reveal why they were to be destroyed
- 3 "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son.
- 4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.
- 5 "But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.
- 6 "**For you are a holy people to the LORD your God;** the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.
 - Holy or chosen or set apart – peculiar
 - Not because they were special in themselves, but they were selected to be set apart as an example to the rest of the world
- 7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;
- 8 "but because the LORD loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;
- 10 "and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.
- 11 "Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.
- 12 "Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers.
- 13 "And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.
- 14 "You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock.

- **15 "And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.**
- 16 "And you shall destroy all the peoples whom the LORD your God delivers over to you; your eye shall have no pity on them; nor shall you serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.
- 17 "If you should say in your heart, "These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?" -
- 18 "you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt:
- 19 "the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs and the wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.
- 20 "Moreover the LORD your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.
- 21 "You shall not be terrified of them; for the LORD your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.
- 22 "And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.
- 23 "But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed.
- 24 "And He will deliver their kings into your hand, and you will destroy their name from under heaven; no one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.
- 25 "You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.
- 26 "Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.

Deuteronomy 8

- 1 "**Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe,** that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers.
- 2 "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.
- 3 "**So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.**
- 4 "**Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.**

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- 5 "You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you.
- 6 "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.
- 7 "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;
- 8 "a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;
- 9 "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.**
 - However, human nature is to believe that, when we have all we want, that it was because of something we, ourselves, have done
- 11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,
- 12 "lest-when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them;
- 13 "and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;
- 14 "when your heart is lifted up, and **you forget the LORD your God** who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
 - That is what we normally do – we forget God
- 15 "who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;
- 16 "who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, **to do you good in the end-**
 - When will He do good to us?
 - In the Kingdom!
- 17 "then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'
- **18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.**
- 19 "Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.
- 20 "As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the LORD your God.
 - Chapter 8 is a great Thanksgiving Chapter!

Deuteronomy 9

- 1 "Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven,

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- 2 "a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?'
- 3 "Therefore understand today that the LORD your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.
- 4 "**Do not think in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out from before you.**
- 5 "**It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**
- 6 "**Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked (stubborn, rebellious) people.**
- 7 "Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD.
- 8 "Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.
- 9 "When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.
- 10 "Then the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.
- 11 "And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.
- 12 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; they have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.'
- 13 "Furthermore the LORD spoke to me, saying, 'I have seen this people, and indeed they are a stiff-necked people.
- 14 'Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.'
- 15 "So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.
- 16 "And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against the LORD your God-had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside quickly from the way which the LORD had commanded you.

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- 17 "Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes.
- 18 "And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.
- 19 "For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure with which the LORD was angry with you, to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also.
- 20 "And the LORD was very angry with Aaron and would have destroyed him; so I prayed for Aaron also at the same time.
- 21 "Then I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire and crushed it and ground it very small, until it was as fine as dust; and I threw its dust into the brook that descended from the mountain.
- 22 "Also at Taberah and Massah and Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked the LORD to wrath.
- 23 "Likewise, when the LORD sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice.
- 24 "You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.
- 25 "Thus I prostrated myself before the LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you.
- 26 "Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said: 'O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
- 27 'Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the stubbornness of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin,
- 28 'lest the land from which You brought us should say, "Because the LORD was not able to bring them to the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness."
- 29 'Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm.'

Deuteronomy 10

- 1 "At that time the LORD said to me, 'Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood.
- 2 'And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.'
- 3 "So I made an ark of acacia wood, hewed two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand.
- 4 "And He wrote on the tablets according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the LORD had spoken to you in the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me.
- 5 "Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, just as the LORD commanded me."

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- 6 (Now the children of Israel journeyed from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah, where Aaron died, and where he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his stead.
- 7 From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water.
- 8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day.
- 9 Therefore Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God promised him.)
- 10 "As at the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; the LORD also heard me at that time, and the LORD chose not to destroy you.
- 11 "Then the LORD said to me, 'Arise, begin your journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.'
- 12 "And now, Israel, **what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**
- **13 "and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?"**
- 14 "Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.
- 15 "The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.
- 16 "Therefore **circumcise the foreskin of your heart**, and be stiff-necked no longer.
 - Cut away the part that hinders you from keeping the Law
- 17 "For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.
- 18 "He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.
- 19 "Therefore **love the stranger, for you were strangers** in the land of Egypt.
 - Love those who are sinners, for you were sinners!
- 20 "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.
- 21 "He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.
- 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.