

# ✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



## DEUTERONOMY

**MEMORIZATION – Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”**

### Chapter 1

1. We have a brief synopsis of what we have been reading in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers.

### Chapter 2

1. The Lord says the Israelites will not receive any of the land of Sier or of Moab. To whom has the Lord given the hill country of Sier?

2. To whom has the Lord given Moab (Ar)?

### Chapter 3

1. Do the battles depicted sound harsh and brutal to you? Does this Old Testament God seem very different from our New Testament Jesus? Remember that a spiritual cleansing is going on. Far more is being decided than simply occupation of land. God’s plan is to wipe out the idol worship (including child sacrifice) that is being practiced throughout the land.

### Chapter 4

1. Decrees and laws are to be observed carefully. Why?

2. a) Where is God when the Israelites pray to Him?

b) Consequently, where is God when we pray to Him today?

3. Keep in mind that as Moses speaks to the people using phrases such as “Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb...” he is speaking to the generation of men which was younger than 20 years old at the time of the refusal to enter Canaan forty years earlier. This inclusive language remains throughout Scripture and in Middle Eastern culture to this day. In your mind’s eye think of yourself experiencing these things with the people of God of all the ages.

4. Moses’ words are very detailed in forbidding the making of any form to be worshiped. In Moses’ exact words, what things are the Israelites not to be enticed into bowing down to or worshiping?

5. Much time is spent warning against idolatry. “For the Lord your God is a consuming \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ God.”

6. Moses continues to warn against idolatry – not just for this time, but also for when the Israelites have established themselves in the land for “a long time.” What will happen if the Israelites become corrupt and make any kind of idol?

7. Grace! Even after rejecting God and worshiping idols, there can be grace. It is often in the midst of experiencing the consequences of our sin that we repent and seek God. The same will be true of the Israelites. “But if from there you \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_, you will \_\_\_\_\_ Him if you \_\_\_\_\_ for Him with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_.”

8. Write out Deuteronomy 4:31.

9. Moses gives a beautiful statement of God’s actions. Why were the Israelites shown these things?

10. If the Israelites keep God’s decrees and commands what will be the result?

## **Chapter 5**

1. Surprise! Did you know that the Ten Commandments are in the Bible twice? Read the Ten Commandments listed here and then review Exodus 20:1-17.

## **Chapter 6**

1. Love the Lord your God with all of what three things?
2. Moses exhorts the Israelites to teach these commandments to their children. When are they to talk about them?
3. Have you seen Jews today with boxes tied to their hands or foreheads, or on their doorways? The boxes contain quotes of Scripture and are a way the Jewish community seeks to fulfill this command.
4. Who will it be easy for the Israelites to forget when they enter the land and are well fed and satisfied?

## **Chapter 7**

1. How many nations (all larger and stronger than Israel) will God drive out of the land?
2. "...show them no mercy." It sounds so harsh. What reason is given?
3. What is to be done to altars, sacred stones, Asherah poles and idols?

## **Chapter 8**

1. During the forty years in the desert the Israelites were humbled. They were hungry and then received manna. What was this to teach them?
2. Read Matthew 4:1-4 and Luke 4:1-4 for an example of Jesus quoting the Old Testament.

3. Moses again warns the Israelites against forgetting the Lord when they enjoy prosperity. They are told to praise the Lord, not forget Him. For if they fail to remember God and praise Him, what will happen to their hearts? Do you see the relevance of this warning for us today?
4. Who gives “the ability to produce wealth?”

### **Chapter 9**

1. True or false: The Lord has brought Israel to take possession of the Promised Land because of Israel’s righteousness.
2. Why are the nations being driven out of the land?

### **Chapter 10**

1. As Moses recounts the history of the forty years, he includes details we didn’t read before. What sounds new to you?
2. What does the Lord ask of Israel?
3. Read the phrases about God found in 10:14-21. Which phrase do you especially like?
4. About two million descendants of Jacob left Egypt. How many originally went down into Egypt?

### **Chapter 11**

1. The change from being nomads to becoming farmers is going to take some adjustment. Even the farming methods will be different.
  - a) In Egypt how were the crops watered?

b) In Canaan how are the crops watered?

2. More warning against idolatry. Compare 11:18-20 to 6:7-9.

3. What are the boundaries mentioned for the land the Israelites will possess?

## **Chapter 12**

1. The rules for worship in the land are being laid out. List three places of worship of false gods that are to be destroyed completely.

2. What are the Israelites to:

a) breakdown?

b) smash?

c) burn?

d) cut down?

e) wipe out?

3. The Israelites even need to be careful as they worship the true God. “You must not worship the Lord your God \_\_\_\_\_.”

Extra credit: The Israelites are to seek the one place the Lord will choose for His dwelling and offerings. “Be careful not to sacrifice your burnt offerings anywhere you please. Offer them only at the place the Lord will choose in one of your tribes, and there observe everything I command you.” This sounds very close minded. Remembering that this is a spiritual battle, can you think of any possible reason for this restriction?

4. In their worship of their false gods, the Canaanites “do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates.” What do they burn in the fire as sacrifices to their gods?

## **Chapter 13**

1. What are the Israelites to do if a prophet tells them to follow gods other than the Lord?

## **Chapter 14**

“Just for fun” extra credit: What’s a coney?

1. The food rules are spelled out again. See also Leviticus chapter 11. What makes pigs unclean?

2. What percentage of the field’s produce is a tithe?

3. For what is every third year’s tithe used?

## **Chapter 15**

1. How often are debts to fellow Israelites to be cancelled?

2. Are the people to deal harshly or generously toward any poor in the land?

3. Fellow Hebrews who have sold themselves are to be released in what year?

## **Chapter 16**

1. List the festivals found in chapter 16.

2. How many times each year are the men to go to the Lord’s place?

## **Chapter 17**

1. Harsh sentences for idol worshipers.
  - a) How many witnesses does it take to convict?
  - b) What is the punishment?
  
2. There are requirements for a future king. What is said about the number of wives for the king? What could happen to his heart? Tuck this warning away in your mind and remember it when we read of Solomon.

### **Chapter 18**

1. We have another warning against imitating “detestable ways of the nations there.” List at least five of these forbidden practices.
  
2. Why will these nations be driven out before the Israelites?

Extra credit: In their fear of the mighty God they witnessed at Horeb (Mt Sinai), the Israelites asked for Moses to act as “go-between.” As Moses’ ministry ends, the Lord looks to the future and says “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put My words in his mouth and he will teach them everything I command him.” Who do you think best fulfilled this prophecy? Hint: Read Acts 3:22 (Peter is preaching).

### **Chapter 19**

1. Cities of refuge are a safe haven for people who have done what?
  
2. True or false: When a malicious witness is proven to be a liar, he is to suffer what he intended to do to his brother – life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. This is to be a deterrent to the rest of the people.

### **Chapter 20**

1. What is to be offered to the city’s people when the Israelites march up to attack a city?
2. What will happen to the city’s people if they surrender to the Israelites?

3. If the peace offer is rejected and a fight ensues with Israel being victorious, what happens to:
  - a) the men of the city?
  - b) the women, children and livestock?
4. This is the battle procedure for all the cities “that are a \_\_\_\_\_ from you and do not belong to the nations \_\_\_\_\_.”
5. “However, in the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. List those nations identified for destruction.
7. This is the harshness of the Old Testament in stark reality. What is the reason given for this destruction?

### **Chapter 21**

1. Once again, we have some interesting laws. Just keep reading.

### **Chapter 22 – none**

### **Chapter 23 – none**

### **Chapter 24**

1. Here’s something “sweet.” When a man marries, he is not to be sent to war or have any other duty. He is to be free to stay at home and “bring happiness to the wife he has married.” How long is this bliss to last?
2. Fields, olive groves and vineyards are not to be picked clean at harvest. For whom are the remnants to be left?

### **Chapter 25 – none**



## **Chapter 26**

1. Notice that the tithing of a tenth is mentioned again.

## **Chapter 27**

1. Instructions are given to set up large, plastered stones with the law written on them, to build an altar of fieldstones, and to offer burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Where is all of this to be done?

2. The Israelites are to follow God's commands. Their obedience makes them different and separate from the pagan nations. This is a witness to a lost world.

3. Blessings and curses.

- a) From what mountain will blessings be pronounced?

- b) From what mountain will curses be pronounced?

Extra credit: Where are Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim?

## **Chapter 28**

1. How wonderful the blessings! All of these blessings will belong to the Israelites if...

How many "ifs" are in this section regarding blessings? Write them out.

2. How horrible the curses! If the Israelites do not follow the Lord, then they are no different from the sinful, pagan nations. Their witness of the Lord to a lost world cannot occur if they are not separate and different from the pagan nations.

## **Chapter 29**

1. It is as if Moses is predicting the future rather than warning the nation of Israel. For the Israelites do not follow the Lord their God, and His awful judgment does indeed destroy the nation of Israel and scatter the Israelites among all nations.

2. The Covenant is renewed. If the people worship other gods, the Lord will bring disaster on the land. The reason for this judgment is clear to other nations. Carefully read 29:24-28.

### **Chapter 30**

1. After judgment come repentance and grace. Summarize:

- a) 30:1 – the judgment -
- b) 30:2 – the repentance –
- c) 30:3 – grace –

### **Chapter 31**

- 1. What is the four word phrase that is said three times in the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter?
- 2. How often is the Law to be read to all Israel?

### **Chapter 32**

1. How sad that God knows of Israel's future unfaithfulness. He preserves a witness of His love and Israel's unfaithfulness in The Song of Moses.

a) God's love for Israel:

Israel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's eye.

God watches over Israel like an \_\_\_\_\_ hovers over its young and catches them on its wings as the young learn to fly.

b) Israel's unfaithfulness:

Israel "deserted the \_\_\_\_\_, who fathered you; you forgot the \_\_\_\_\_ who gave you birth."

c) God's sovereignty:

"See now that I Myself am He! There is \_\_\_\_\_ besides Me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have \_\_\_\_\_ and I will \_\_\_\_\_, and no one can deliver \_\_\_\_\_."

d) God's words and commands: "They are not just \_\_\_\_\_ for you – they are \_\_\_\_\_."

## Chapter 33 - none

## Chapter 34

1. What precious moments between Moses and the Lord as Moses sees the “Promised Land” – the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Imagine what it would (will) be like to face death while speaking with God.

2. Who buried Moses?

3. Moses was a great prophet, whom the Lord knew \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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