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**Deuteronomy 27-28**

We come to the beginning of the third discourse and it runs from chapter 27-30.

1. Chapter 27 deals with the personal accountability to God of every Israelite.

2. Chapter 28 deal with the national accountability to God.

\* Remember the key words of the book are do, observe, obey and keep to mention of few.

3. The context is Israel to the covenant of the law who was looking for earthly blessings.

4. The Church is the new covenant to grade who is looking for spiritual heavenly blessings in Christ.  
Eph.

5. The positive confession movement or health and wealth doctrine has taken many of these blessings and curses and made them applicable to the New Testament believer as our divine right to name and claim but they are out of context and out of sink with prayer.

b Certainly we can make contemporary application and apply principles but the primary application is Israel!

**27:1-10**      **The command to write the law on stone tablets**

**27:1**    The command is to keep all the commandments not some of them.

**27:2-4**

1) After they had crossed the Jordan and occupied the land they were to set up stones and whitewash them. vs. 2

2) They were to write on these stones the law. vs. 3

3) The location was Mount Ebal in the heart of the land next to Mount Gerizim. vs. 4

a) The place of Mount Ebal was at the heart of the land near The city of Shechem.

b) Mount Ebal stood next to Mount Gerizim with a beautiful valley between them of about 300 yards wide.

c) The height of Mount Ebal is about 1402 feet above the valley and 3,077 feet above sea level and Gerizim is 228 feet lower than Ebal.

d) Both are composed of limestone rock and through them runs the main artery from east to west, the modern day city of Nablus lying on the throat of the valley to the west.

e) The interesting thing is that Mount Ebal was for the cursings and the mount is barren to the day.

**27:5-7**      The prescribed worship

- 1) The alter was to be untouched by an instrument, only the natural rocks or they would be defiled. vs. 5, Ex. 20:25
- 2) Burnt offerings for dedication and consecration. vs. 6, Lev. 1
- 3) Peace offering for fellowship with God. vs. 7, Lev. 3
- 4) The writings was to be legible in order to be understood. vs. 8

**27:9-10** The call to obey

- 1) The potential danger was there. vs. 9a-e
- 2) They were Israel, governed by God. vs. 9f
- 3) They had become the people of God. vs. 9g
- 4) Their duty was obedience. vs. 10

**27:11-26** **The curses pronounced on the mount**

**27:11-12** Moses declares who will stand on Mount Gerizim, the mount of the blessings.

- \* These are the son's of Jacob by his legitimate wives, Leah and Rachel
- 1) Simon was the son of Leah, his name means "heard".
  - 2) Levi was the son of Leah, his name means "attached".
  - 3) Judah was the son of Leah, his name means "praise".
  - 4) Issachar was the son of Leah, his name means "hire".

5) Joseph was the son of Rachel, his name means "he will add".

6) Benjamin was the son of Rachel, his name means "son of my right hand".

**27:13** Moses declares who will stand on Mount Ebal, the mount of cursings.

\* These are the son's of Jacob by the maids of Leah and Rachel, except for Reuben and Zebulum.

1) Reuben was the son of Leah and his name means "see a son".

\* He forfeited his right of inheritance by going up to his father's bed and defiling it by having sexual intercourse with Bilhah. Gen. 35:22, 49:4

2) Gad was the son of Leah's maid Zilpah, his name means "troop or fortune".

3) Asher was the son of Leah's maid Zilpah, his name means "happy".

4) Zebulun was the son of Leah, his name means "dwelling".

5) Dan was the son of Rachel's maid Bilhah, his name means "judge".

6) Naptali was the son of Rachel's maid, Bilhah, his name means "my wrestling".

**27:14-26** The twelve curses pronounced for personal accountability.

1. Cursed be anyone who makes any carved or molded image. vs. 15

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- a. That would violate the first and second commandment. Ex. 20:3-4
  - b. The practice is said to be an abomination to the Lord, a detestable thing, due to being the work of man's hands to give some likeness to God, who is Spirit!
  - c. The intent is in secret which God see.
  - d. All the people were to answer, 'Amen!'
2. Cursed is the one who treats his father or mother with contempt. vs. 16
- a. That would violate the fifth commandment. Ex. 20:12
  - b. The violation included speaking disrespectfully or tricking them.
  - c. All the people were to say, Amen!
3. Cursed be the one who moves his neighbor's landmark. vs. 17
- a. That would violate the tenth commandment, coveting someone's things. Ex. 20:17, Deut. 19:14
  - b. All the people say Amen!
4. Cursed be the one who makes the blind to wander off the road. vs. 18
- a. That would violate compassion for the handicapped or disabled. Lev. 19:14
  - b. There being no fear of God.
  - c. All the people were to say Amen!
5. Cursed be the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, fatherless and widow. vs. 19
- a. That would violate the ninth commandment, bearing false witness. Ex. 20:16, Ex. 22:21, Lev. 19:33, Deut. 10:18, 24:17
  - b. All the people said, Amen!
- 6, 8, 9. Cursed be the one who lies with his father's wife, his sister or step-sister and mother-in-law for he would be uncovering his father's bed and commit incest. vs. 20, 22, 23
- a. This would be a violation of the seventh commandment, adultery. Ex. 20:14, Lev. 18:8, 9, 17 20:11, 14, Deut. 22:30
  - b. All the people were to say, Amen!
7. Cursed be the one who lies with any kind of animal. vs. 21
- a. This was the practice of the Canaanites, bestiality.
  - b. This is an abomination to God. Ex. 22:19, Lev. 18:23, 20:15, 16
  - c. All the people were to say, Amen!
10. Cursed be the one who attacks his neighbor secretly. vs. 24
- a. That would violate the sixth commandment, you shall not murder. Ex. 20:13

- b. For man was made in the image of God. Gen. 9:6
  - c. All the people were to say, Amen!
- 11.** Cursed be the one who takes a bribe to slay and innocent person. vs. 25
- a. This again would violate the sixth commandment. Ex. 20:13, 23:7
  - b. All the people were to say, Amen!
- 12.** Cursed be the one who does not confirm all the words of this law. vs. 26, "Gal. 3:10"
- a. This would violate the covenant with God.
  - b. This would bring upon them the curses heard.
  - c. All the people were to say, Amen!
- \* All of these negative curses if obeyed would bring about positive blessings on each individual as well as the nation!

### **28:1-14      The blessings of obedience**

**28:1-2**      The conditions

- 1) If you diligently obey.
- 2) if you observe carefully all His commandments.

The promise

- 1) God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

- 2) The following blessings would come upon them. vs. 2

**28:3-6**      Six beatitudes- Math. 5:3-12

- 1) They would be blessed in the city. vs. 3a
- 2) They would be blessed in the country. vs. 3b
- 3) They would be blessed in having children, their harvest, their herds, cattle and the offspring of their flocks. vs. 4
- 4) They would be blessed by never lacking provisions in their baskets and kneading bowls. vs. 5
- 5) They would be blessed as they came in from battle. vs. 6a
- 6) They would be blessed as they went out to battle. vs. 6b

**28:7-14**      The beatitudes are elaborated

**28:7**      Regarding their enemies.

**28:8**      Regarding their harvest.

**28:9-10**      The fact that the Lord would establish them as a holy people to Himself, conditioned on their obedience.

- 1) they would be a witness to the peoples of the earth that they were called by His name.
- 2) the result would be fear of Israel.

**28:11** Regarding their fruitfulness.

**28:12** Regarding their rainfall.

- 1) They would have the early and latter rains.
- 2) they would be the financial leader.

**28:13** Regarding world power and leadership.

- 1) They would be the head and others the tail.
- 2) They would be in authority and not submission.

**28:14** Their complete obedience was to keep them from going after other gods.

### **28:15-32    The curses of disobedience**

**28:15** The condition

- 1) If you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God.
- 2) If you do not observe carefully all His commandments and statutes.

The promise

- 1) All these curses will come upon you.
- 2) All the curses will overtake you.

**28:16-19**    Six curses

- 1) They would be cursed in the city. vs. 16a

2) They would be cursed in the country. vs. 16b

3) They would be cursed in their basket and kneading bowl. vs. 17

4) They would be cursed in their increase of children, produce, cattle and offspring of their flocks. vs. 18

5) They would be curse in their coming in from battle. vs. 19a

6) They would be cursed in their going our to battle. vs. 19b

\* These are prophetic in nature of the future!

**28:20-57**    The curses are elaborated

**28:20** Regardless of what they put their hand to do, God will cause it to fall apart.

\* The reason is due to the fact that they had forsaken God.

**28:21-22**    Pestilence would come upon them and their enemies would overcome them.

Lev. 26:16, Amos 4:9

**28:23-24**    The Lord would withhold the rain for their crops.

\* The earth becoming hard and iron filled due to the lack of rain.

**28:25** They would experience defeat and fear of their enemies.

**28:26** They will not be buried but left as food for the birds.

**28:27-29** Their judgment will be as that of the pagan Egyptians, growing in severity and intensity.

**28:30-32** Their hope of a safe and happy home will not exist.

- 1) Their wives would be sexually seduced.
- 2) their homes would be enjoyed by others.
- 3) Their vineyards would be harvested by others.
- 4) Their flocks would be ravished. vs. 31
- 5) Their children would be taken and their life will be hopeless without strength. vs. 32

**28:33-48** **Their oppression through Babylon.**

**28:33-36** They would be utterly crushed by Babylon through three sieges of 506, 496, 486 B.C as Jerusalem and the Temple were burnt and leveled. 2kings 25, Jer. 5:15-17  
\* Assyria also besieged Samaria in 722 B.C., 2kings 17

**28:37-48** They would become a byword and an astonishment among all the nations. Jer. 24:9, 25:9

**28:37** The proclamation

**28:28-45** The evidence of the astonishment and proverb they would become.

**28:46-47** The reason for these calamities.

**28:48** The judgment over them.

**28:49-57** **Their oppression through Rome.**

**28:49-50** Rome's identity.

- 1) Rome was the world. vs. 49
- 2) Their symbols were the eagle.
- 3) Their language was Latin.
- 4) Cruel and uncompassionate. vs. 50

**28:51-52** Tier oppression and power.

**28:53-57** The horrible things that the Jews would resort to under their oppression.

- 1) Cannibalism. vs. 53  
\* Lev. 26:29, 2kings 6:28-29, Jer. 19:9, Lam. 2:20, 4:10
- 2) Treacherous unnatural affection against family. vs. 54-55
- 3) The women will also become unnatural in their conduct to family. vs. 56-57  
\* Eating the very placenta of their children in secret due to the lack of food thinking only of themselves.

**28:58-29:1 The recapitulation of the curses.****28:58** The condition

- 1) Their failure was in not being careful to observe all the word written in the book. vs. 58a
- 2) The word would lead them to the fear of the awesome name, The Lord Your God. vs. 58b-c

**28:59-63** The consequences

- 1) Plagues and sickness. vs. 59
- 2) Diseases of Egypt. vs. 60-61
- 3) The numbers will diminish. vs. 62
- 4) The Lord will rejoice in their calamities. vs. 63

**28:64-68 Their scattering all over the world.**

**28:64** Jews are found all over the world, in every nation.

**28:65-66** Their personal safety an future will be bleak.

**28:67** The state of mind during the exile from the land of Israel.

**28:68** Titus sold multitudes of Jews as slaves as well as killing them.

**29:1** This should be the last verse of chapter 28, and is recorded so in the Hebrew writings?