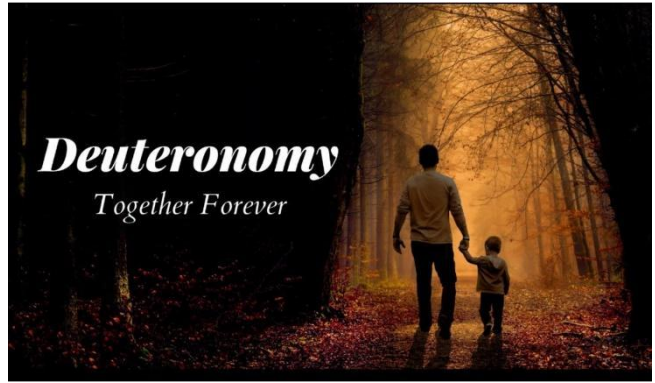


Study Notes (Deuteronomy 7:6-26)



Chapter 7:6-11

God's Love Declared; Inside and Outside

- God wants this new generation of Israel, the generation that would be led into the Promised Land under Joshua, to remember that God's Love is declared over them.
 - This is mirrored for us in the New Testament through Jesus in **Ephesians 2:1-10**
- God's Presence and Purpose with Israel is motivated by His Love for them.
- This would remind Israel to take seriously how they lived before God. He is unchanging; He is Holy. They are called into relationship with Him; not He them.

Chapter 7:12-16

Obedience = A Fruitful Vine

- Their obedience to God's Revelation would not only bless them, but also the land. In this relationship with God, His Blessings would fill their lives and overflow into the very creation itself. (See **Exodus 23:25-33**)
 - Their Prosperity would be Blessed (Vv.13-14)
 - Their Bodies would be Blessed (v.15)
 - Their Military would be Blessed (v.16)
- Remember, Israel was called of God for a specific role, in a --specific time, for a specific purpose. *Israel as a Kingdom was to contrast the Kingdom of this world.*
- God would provide all that they need; but they must be obedient in order to bear the fruit He gives them the potential to know for their lives.
 - **Isaiah 5:1-7**

Chapter 7:17-26

Motivated by Faith, not Fear

- The removal of the present occupants of the Promised Land will take time. God will be faithful; even if His strategy and timing seem like He is not.
- Israel was to be very careful not to bring anything into their homes that would contaminate them, their children, and their future.
- If Israel wanted to know the peace God was offering, they had to keep Him central in their lives.
 - **Philippians 4:4-9**

"And in the wilderness, where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place."

-Deuteronomy 1:31

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Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) What did God desire this present, new generation to understand about the relationship between He and them? How does this mirror our own relationship with God through Jesus today? (Hint: See **Ephesians 2:1-10**)
- 2) In what ways, specifically, would Israel's obedience to God bring blessing into their lives?
- 3) How does Israel compare to the vine in **Isaiah 5:1-7**? How does this mirror our lives with God today?
- 4) God told Israel that the inhabitants of the Promised Land would not all be driven out by once. What was the reason He gave?
- 5) It can be hard to keep our faith in God (trusting and obeying) when we are challenged by surrounding circumstances. As Israel was encouraged to trust God even when they did not see Him at work spiritually through things like locusts, we are encouraged to trust God today. In what areas are you struggling to trust Him today? How does **Philippians 4:4-9** invite us to know God's peace despite our circumstances?

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 8:1-20**