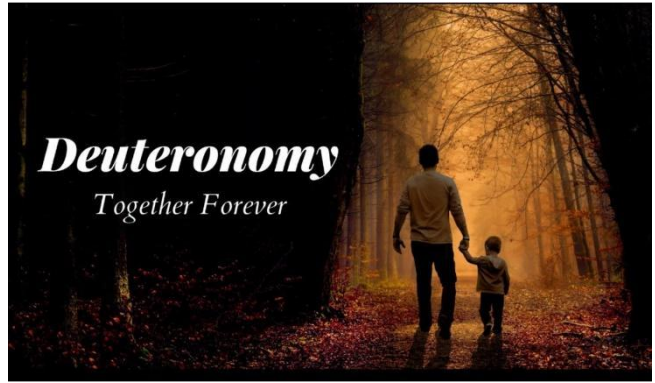


Study Notes (Deuteronomy 7:1-6)



Intro to Historical / Theological Setting

Why A Holy War?

- The place of judgment in God's work of Redemption.
 - This act of war to rid the land of these seven people groups was a decree from God, led by God Himself. In leading this campaign God had held these nations accountable to what is and is not moral based on His own unchanging character.
 - We see that these resident nations were held accountable to measure of tolerance God alone holds.
 - **Note: Genesis 15:16 / 34:1-7**
 - **Note: Leviticus 18:24-26**
 - This war that Israel was authorized to wage is limited both historically and theologically to that specific time, place, and people and is not a precedent to apply in any effort of genocide after. Note the following:
 - Blessed are the Peacemakers -> **Matthew 5:9**
 - No more swords -> **Matthew 26:52**
 - God reserves Judgment for Himself -> **Romans 12:17-21**
 - A Greater Judgment awaits
 - Christ and His Saints -> **Revelation 19:11-21**
 - God Himself -> **Revelation 20:7-10**

Chapter 7:1-6

Eviction of the Land of Promise

- This was a very real, sobering invitation for Israel to step into. This is the Holiness of their God. There is no sin within Him; there is to be no sin within His children. Sin separates, divides and destroy God's creation.
- As Israel would expel the residents of Canaan, this is a shadow into the eviction that takes place in our hearts today when we come to place our Faith in Jesus.
 - **Note: Colossians 3:5-11**
 - **Note: James 4:1-3**

"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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Week 11: Second Discourse (Part 4)



Deeper Questions for Application

- 1) *This Holy War coming upon the inhabitants of the land of Canaan (Promised Land) was decreed by who? Who led this campaign into the Promised Land? What right does this individual have to judge and destroy?*
- 2) *What behaviors were particularly offensive to God? How do we see God's love even in the hundreds of years of tolerance? (Note Genesis 15:16; 34:1-7; Leviticus 18:24-26)*
- 3) *This war Israel was authorized to wage is limited both _____ and _____ to that specific _____, _____, and _____. Is it right to use the Bible to justify judging entire cultures and declaring genocide toward specific people groups today?*
- 4) *In the New Testament what does Jesus say about peace makers? Who is this peace between? Will there be another judgment coming upon the world like God brought to Canaan? If so, who will lead this and when will it be?*
- 5) *As God would evict the residents of Canaan out of the land, how does this shadow into our relationship today with God through Jesus Christ? What are we to be waging war against? **True or false:** You are better at peace making efforts between others when you are at peace in your heart with God first?*

*Type your answers and send them to me at damianmericka@live.com or attach through facebook messenger. ***For Next Week read Deuteronomy Chapter 7:7-26**