

**Bethany  
Bible Study &  
Discussion**



**Deuteronomy  
Part 8  
(chapter 7)**

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CONQUER &  
DESTROY

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## Great Victory in Canaan (1)

When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath **cast out many nations** before thee, 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 thou; (1)

Victory over 7 nations **greater and mightier** than Israel!

We can be victorious with God on our side!

“for the battle is the Lord’s” (I Samuel 17:47)

“we are more than conquerors through Him” (Romans 8:37)

“I can do all things through Christ” (Philippians 4:13)

Post-victory  
(2-8)

What to  
do?

Why?

# Post-victory ... what to do? (2-5)

<sup>2</sup> And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and **utterly destroy them**; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

<sup>3</sup> Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

<sup>4</sup> For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

<sup>5</sup> But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

# Post-victory ... What to do? (2-5)

1. Destroy the enemies completely
2. Burn their altars & images
3. Make no covenant with them
4. Do not enter into marriage relationships ... it will lead to idolatry and invite God's wrath

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father (I Kings 11:4)

- #3 and #4 implies there will be a remnant of enemies left (also see verse 22)

# New Testament perspective is similar

**For complete freedom, believers must:**

**Destroy idols**

Little children, keep yourselves from idols (I John 5:21)

**Destroy sin completely**

A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump (I Corinthians 5:6)

Mortify (Colossians 3:5-10)

**Don't go back to old ways**

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? (Galatians 4:9)

**Don't form alliances with the world**

Come out from among them and be ye separate (II Corinthians 6:14-17)

# Post-victory ... Why destroy? (6-8)

<sup>6</sup> For thou art an **holy people** unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a **special people** unto himself, **above all people** that are upon the face of the earth.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

<sup>8</sup> But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.



# Post-victory ... Why destroy? (6-8)

**Expectations are higher for Israelites because they are:**

Holy People

Chosen & Loved by God above all people

Special people

Delivered People

Peculiar treasure (Exodus 19:5)

People of inheritance (Deuteronomy 4:20)

Similarly, **expectations are higher for all believers!**

(in all that we think, say, and do)

**Jews &  
Gentiles...**  
who were  
they before  
God chose  
them?

Fewest of all people (7)

In bondage (8)

Poor (Deuteronomy 8:17)

Not righteous (Deuteronomy 9:6)

**==> Blessings on Jews is simply God's grace**

Paul's testimony "Chiefest of all sinners" (I Timothy 1:15)

All of us "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1)

**==> Blessings on Gentiles is simply God's grace**

# Love of God & Justice of God (9-11)

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

<sup>10</sup> And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

<sup>11</sup> Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

# Love of God & Justice of God (9,10)

## LOVE

God is Faithful and Merciful to those who love & keep His commandments (9)

## JUSTICE

God will destroy all those who reject Him (10)

## Conclusion

It is better to obey God (11)

## Blessings of Obedience (12-16)

<sup>12</sup> Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

<sup>13</sup> And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

<sup>14</sup> Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

<sup>15</sup> And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

<sup>16</sup> And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

# Blessings of Obedience

God will honor the covenant and be merciful (12)

Love thee, bless thee, multiply thee (13)

Womb is blessed (13)

Harvest & Livestock is blessed (13)

Blessed above all people (14)

No barrenness among you or cattle (14)

No diseases (15)

## **Obedience leads to God's blessings, but not always**

(Disobedient sinners also prosper, but their end is death & destruction – Psalms 73)

## **New Testament focuses on spiritual blessings**

He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)

# Coping with Fear and feelings of insecurity (17-24)

<sup>17</sup> If thou shalt say in thine heart, **These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?**

<sup>18</sup> Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

<sup>19</sup> The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out: so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

<sup>20</sup> Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

<sup>21</sup> Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

<sup>22</sup> And the Lord thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

<sup>23</sup> But the Lord thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.

<sup>24</sup> And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.

# Coping with Fear and Insecurity (17-24)

These nations are  
more than I; how  
can I dispossess  
them? (17)

Fear & insecurity can paralyze us and lead to discouragements, defeats, and destruction ... **how to cope?**

## **Trust in God's word ...**

Do not be afraid (18)

God will send hornets (22)

Assurance of God's presence (21)

Promise of God's victory (22-24)

Enemy kings delivered into their hand (24)

## **Remember past victories and miracles (18-19)**



# Final warning about the cursed thing

(25-26)

<sup>25</sup> The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God.

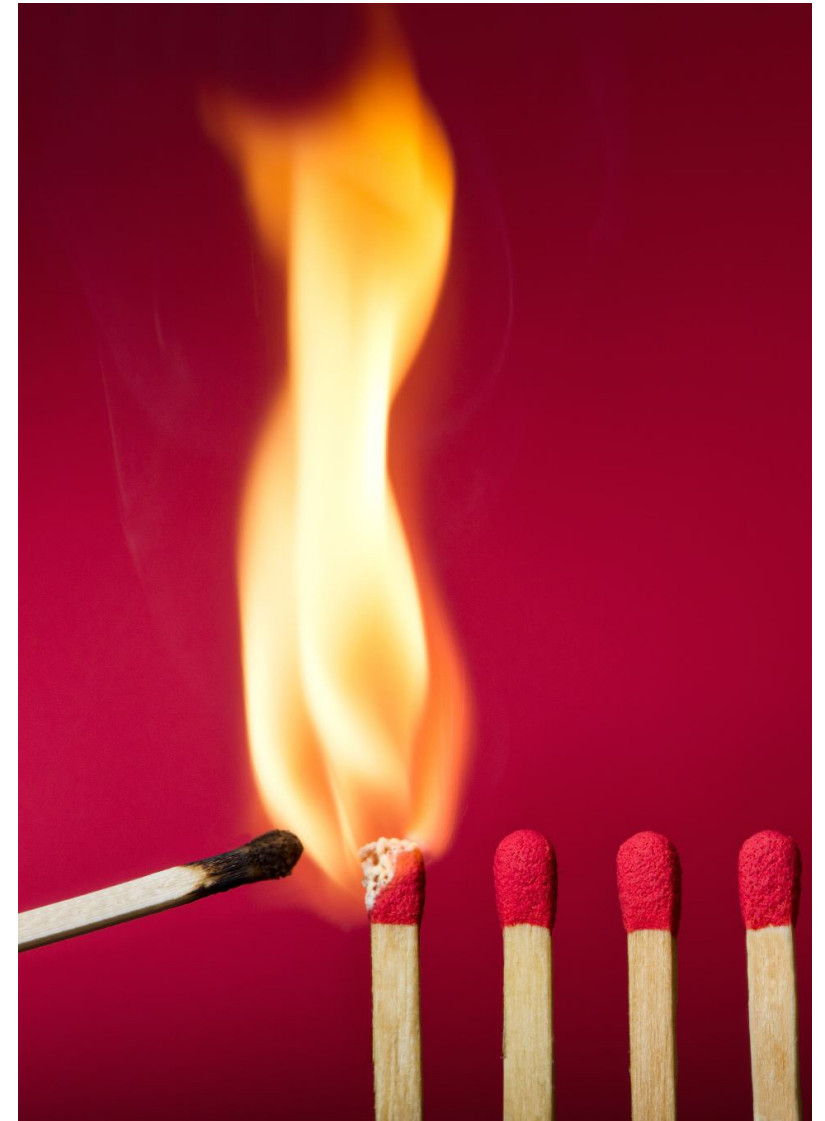
<sup>26</sup> Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

# The Cursed Thing (25-26)

BURN THE IDOLS

DO NOT COVET SILVER OR GOLD

DO NOT BRING CURSED THINGS INSIDE HOME  
(detest it, and abhor it)



# Paul's "flee & follow" counsel to Timothy

(I Timothy 6:9-11)

<sup>9</sup> But they that will be **rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which **drown men** in destruction and perdition.

<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with **many sorrows**.

<sup>11</sup> But thou, O man of God, **flee** these things; and **follow** after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

What are we "fleeing"

&

what are we "following"?

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