



Deuteronomy: REVIEW & REFLECTION



Bible Study

Knowledge

+ Understanding

+ Application

= Transformed lives

Review Topics

1. God's Promise to Israelites
2. Death of first generation
3. Moses denied entry
4. Laws to enjoy blessings of promised land
5. What must we do with the Word of God?
6. Blessings & Curses, How to deal with sin?
7. Song of Moses and Blessing of Moses on tribes
8. Peaceful transition of Power from Moses to Joshua
9. Moses – the great servant leader
10. Worship
11. **YOUR REFLECTION**

Deuteronomy

Last book of Moses | Last book of law or Torah

Meaning: Deuteronomy ~ “Second Law”

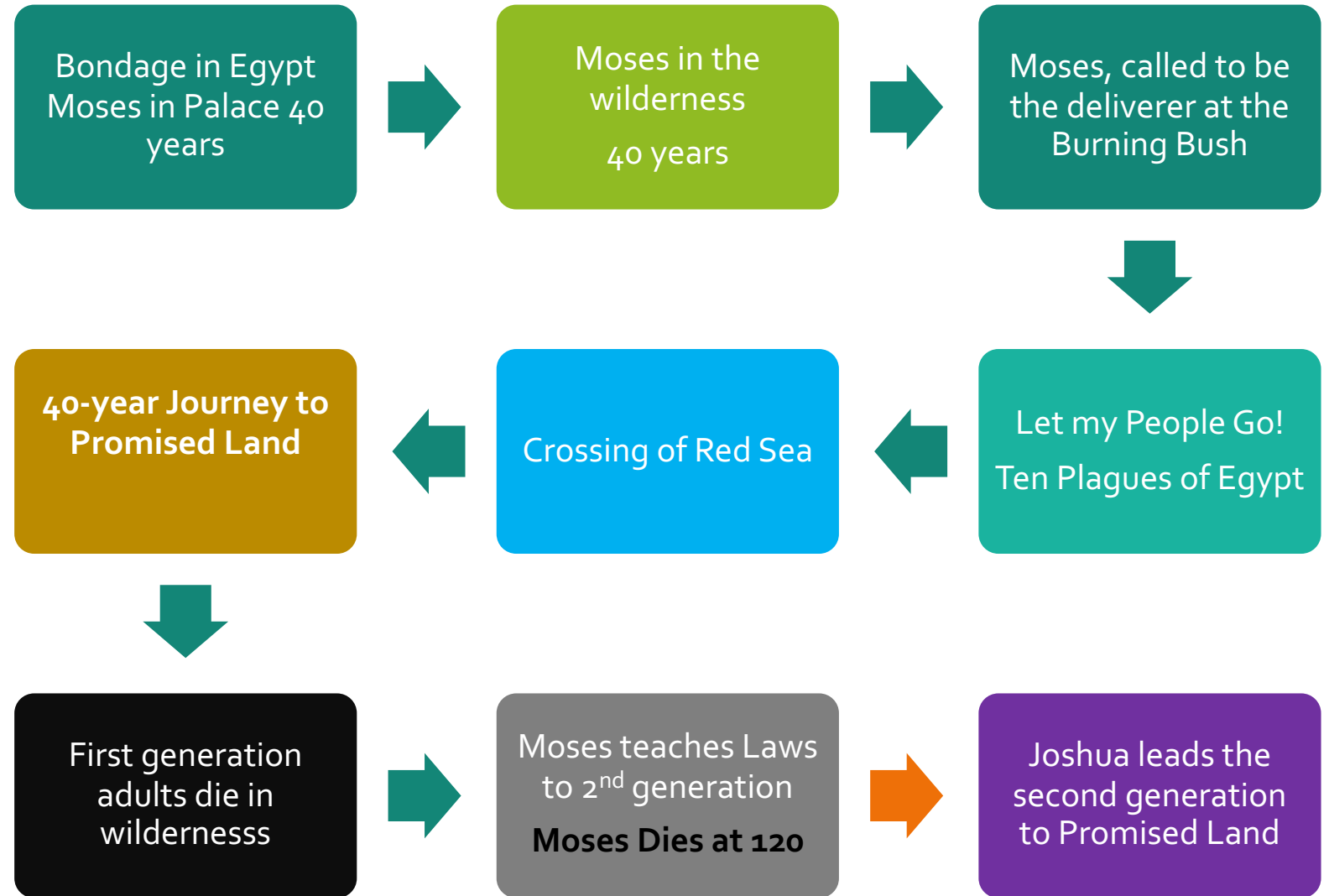
Goals:

- To Remind of God’s covenant relationship
- To Remind of God’s faithfulness and failure of Israelites
- To Review laws & application of laws to different scenarios

Theme:

- Obedience to God leads to Blessings**
- Disobedience leads to Judgement**
- Repentance leads to restoration**

Quick history: From Egyptian Bondage to Promised Land





1. God chooses Israelites and makes Great Promise

Promise of God

God is a promise giving and promise keeping God

Abraham, [Genesis 12:3,7](#) “I will make thee a great nation” “unto thy seed will I give this land”

Isaac, [Genesis 26:3-4](#)³ Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham thy father; ⁴ And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; (Genesis 26:3-4)

Jacob, [Genesis 28:14-15](#) And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

Joseph [Genesis 50:24](#) And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Israelites: The chosen generation (7:6-9)

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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:

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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;

Israel: The great nation

4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? 8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Israel is a great nation because of:

A great God who is present, near, and accessible (Christianity is a relationship, not a religion)

Righteous laws that lead to social justice

We can be great if we recognize the presence of God in our lives (Immanuel, Holy Spirit) and Obey the scriptures.

Israel: The Blessed nation (29:26-29)

- Blessed with fullness of blessings on the land
- Their God is unique and powerful (Jeshurun, the upright one)
- God will destroy those who rise up against Israel
- Will find refuge in God's everlasting arms
- They shall tread upon high places

“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (27)

Nature of Israelites (ch.9)

Proud (4)

Stiffnecked (6, 13, 27)

Rebellious (7, 23-24)

Corrupt (12)

Sinful (16)

Evil (18)

Unbelieving (23)

Provoked God to anger (8, 18)

Idolatry, making graven images (12, 16)

Wicked (27)

The Promised Land (11:9-11)

God desires to take us to a better place

The Promised land

is a land flowing with milk and honey (9)

Is not like the dry land of Egypt (10)

is a land of hills and valleys that drinks water from heaven! (11)

is a land that God cares for ... his eyes are watching, always (12)

The Challenge of enemy in the Promised land & God's Assurance (9:1-3)

The Challenge of Enemy:

- Greater and mightier
- Cities great and fenced up to heaven
- Giants
 - And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers (Numbers 13:33)

God's Assurance:

- I go before you as a consuming fire
- I will destroy them & bring them down



Hear God(1)



Do what you hear
(2,6)



Do not edit God's
instructions (2)



Learn from past
mistakes (3)



Be a witness to
other nations(6)

Tips for
success
in Promised
Land

(4:1-6)

2. Sin of unbelief wipes out entire generation

First generation came close but did not enter promised land

CRITICAL MISTAKE & Punishment

God said, Possess the land (1:21)

But Moses & Israelites made a critical mistake

Did not believe God's promise (1:32)

Sent spies to investigate the land before entering
first generation wandered for 38 years and died in wilderness (1:35)

Exceptions: Joshua, Caleb, and little children

Lessons: We can lose great blessings because of our unbelief

We can come close to blessing, but still not receive it!

God's purpose
in making
Israelites
wander
(8:2-3)

To teach humility (dependence on God)

To test them (through hunger, thirst, hardship)

To discover the true condition of their hearts (which is reflected in the quality of obedience and faith)

To discern the value of bread versus Word (physical versus spiritual needs), waiting on God versus taking Satan's offer (verse 3 used by Jesus, Mathew 4:4)

First settlement: Trans-Jordan land acquired

King of Heshbon (2:24-37) and King of Bashan (3:1-11) defeated.

God destroyed Giants.

Trans-Jordan land distributed to the Reubenites, Gadites and half the tribe of Mannaseh, and they did not go to Promised land (3:12-17)

Lesson:

We can defeat Giants when we go in the power of God & His promises

3. Moses denied entry to Promised Land

Moses will see but not enter

Moses failed to enter because of corporate and personal sins

Corporate Sin

^{1:37} Also the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither.

Personal Sin

Numbers 20: 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice:... ¹² And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel. therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Moses saw the land later during transfiguration (Mathew 17:1-3, along with Elijah)

Lessons: Leaders held to higher standards
God is just and justice is based on truth (no bias in judgement)



4. Covenant Renewed and Laws given to enjoy blessings of Promised Land

Renewed Covenant (29:10-15)

The renewed covenant is:

- **Divine** covenant, between God and people (12)
- **Inclusive** covenant (captains, elders, officers, all men, little ones, wives, strangers) (10-11)
- **Inter-generational** covenant (those present, and those not present or born later) (14-15)

Purpose:

- Form a people unto himself (chosen, separated, holy people)
- Fulfill the promise made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

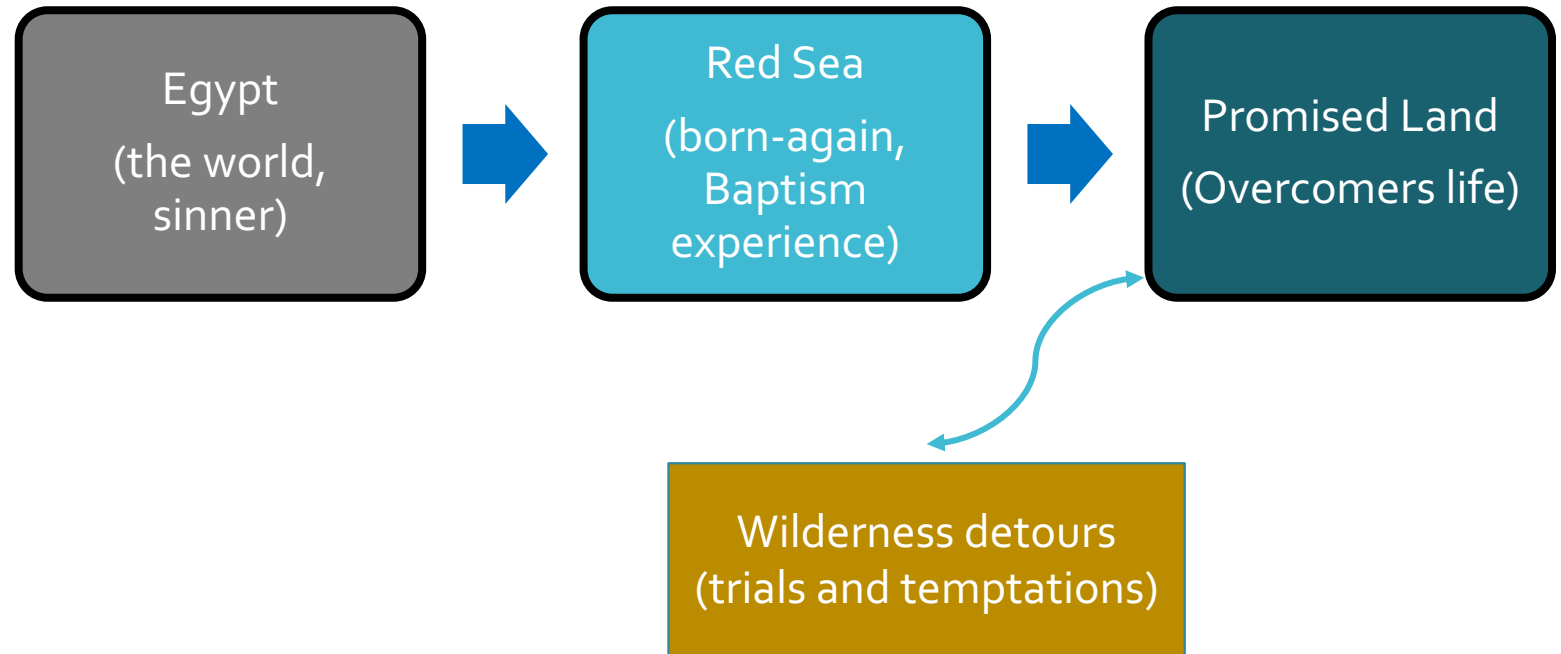
Conditions of the covenant (29:16-20)

Condition: Do not be tempted by the idolatry of other nations

Consequences of idolatry and living in the illusion & ‘imagination of the heart’

- Sin will take root and generate poison
- Sin will not go unpunished (at individual level or as a nation).
- God sees everything. There is no ‘secret sin’
- Curses will follow disobedience
- Name blotted out

Spiritual symbolism



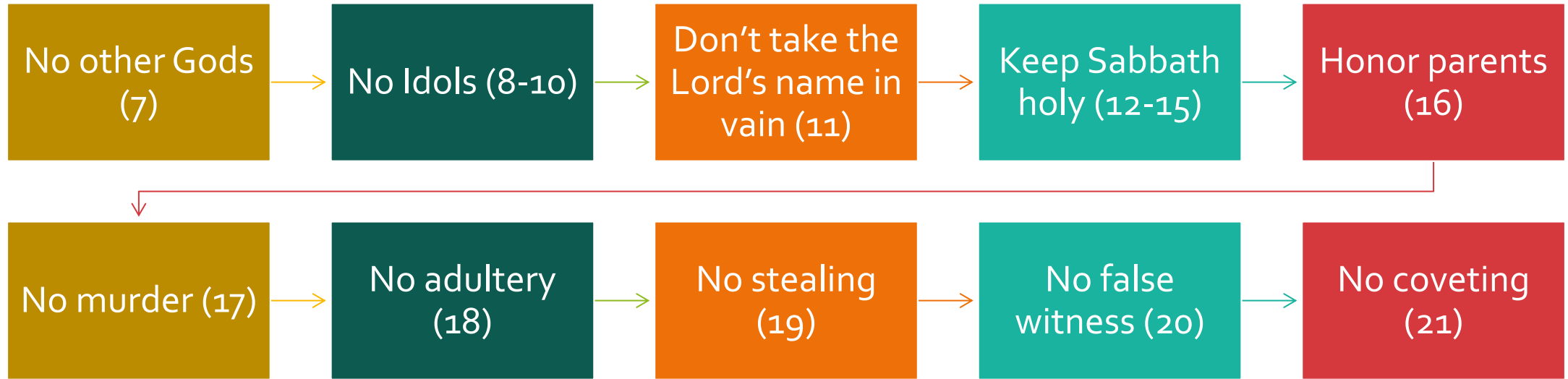
Ten commandments given at Mt. Sinai (Horeb)

(5:1-6)

Commandments given by God (~ 3,500 years back) for present and future generations. It represent God's absolute standards ... no compromise allowed.

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, **written with the finger of God (Exodus 31:18)**

Summarized in 2 commandments (Matthew 22:36-40, Romans 13:8-10)



Ten Commandments (also in Exodus 20:1-17)

Other Laws
and rituals
given
(chapters 13-
26)

False prophets (13) | Food (14) | Tithing (14)
| Slaves & Debtors (15) | Feasts (16) |
Judges, Kings, Priests, Prophets (17-18) |
Criminal laws (19) | War (20) | Murder,
Female prisoners, rights of firstborn,
rebellious son, body of criminals (21) |
Behavior and Chastity (22) | Entering
assembly, Sanitation, social laws (23) |
divorce and marriage (24-25) | First fruits,
Tithing (26)

**Significance
of the
FEASTS:
Some general
thoughts
(ch.16)**

Instituted by God for Jewish nation

Holy convocation with God, and His people

Appointed time + chosen place

A time of remembrance

A time of rejoicing

A time of worship & praise

A time of compassion & generosity

A time of spiritual and physical rest

7 Feasts

Leviticus 23

SPRING FEASTS (historical, fulfilled prophecies) (50-days)

1. **Feast of Passover** (4-5) (Nissan, **March-April**) (14th day, Thursday)
2. **Feast of Unleavened bread** (6-8) (15th day, Friday, 7-days)
3. **Feast of First fruits** (9-14) (17th day, Sunday)
4. **Feast of weeks or Pentecost** (15-22) (50th day after Passover) (1-day)

FALL FEASTS (historical, await the fulfillment of prophecies)

5. **Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah** (23-25) (**Sept/Oct**) (1st day) (10-days)
6. **Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur** (26-32) (10th day after Feast of trumpets)
7. **Feast of Tabernacles or Booths/Sukkot** (33-44) (15th -22nd day)

Deuteronomy 16 lists 3 feasts: combines 1&2, 3&4, 7; 5 & 6 are not covered

Connecting 7 Feasts to Prophecies

Passover (Crucifixion of Christ on the cross, blood shed)

Feast of Unleavened bread (burial of sinless Christ)

Feast of First fruits (Resurrection of Christ)

Feast of Pentecost (Holy Spirit descends, Church formed)

Feast of Trumpets (Christ returns in the air, Rapture of Church)

Day of Atonement (Repentance of remnant Israel during tribulation)

Feast of Tabernacles (Millennial reign with Christ)

Laws & Salvation

Laws do not lead to salvation

- Laws remind us of our sins and need for Savior
- Christ became the final and complete sacrifice for sins of the world
- Salvation is by Faith alone, Christ alone, and Grace alone (and not by works of Law)

Practice of Laws Today

The principles underlying the laws apply even today

We do not have to practice the ceremonial laws & rituals

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5. What must we do
with the Word of God?

What must we do with the Word of God? (6:6-9)

⁶And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. ⁸And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. ⁹And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

KEEP

Keep in Heart (6)

TRANSFER

**Teach/pass on to children (7)
at all times (sitting, walking, lying down, rising)**

DISPLAY/WITNESS/Visible Faith, not secret believers

Hand (8)

On the walls (9)

On the doorposts and gates (9)

Are we keeping, transferring, and displaying?

Revelation & Responsibility

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law (29:29)

What is revealed belongs to us ... and to our children (so teach, 6:6-9)

We are responsible for what is revealed ... (therefore to him who knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17))

God does not reveal everything (so we shouldn't try to figure out everything)

How to answer our children? 6:20-25

Children question:

Why must we obey God's commandments?

Parent's answer:

1. It is God's commandment (24)
2. It is our reasonable response to God's gracious dealing with us
3. Obedience will lead to good life, blessings, and God's favor
4. It will lead to righteousness (right relationship with the Lord)

6. Blessings & Curses, How to deal with sins?

How to deal with sins?

Blessings and Curses

Obedience will lead to blessings

- Obedience must be immediate and complete
- Partial and delayed obedience = disobedience

Disobedience will lead to curses

Major reasons for disobedience

Blessings leading to drifting away

Alliances with heathens leading to Idolatry

Pride and self confidence

Not seeking God's will in every situation

Blessings of Obedience (7:12-15)

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)

Blessings

(material
blessings in the
land)
(28:3-14)

Blessed In city and in the field (3)

Blessed ... fruitfulness of womb, field, livestock (4-5)

Blessed ... coming in and going out (6)

Blessed ... in the battlefield (7)

Blessed ... in everything (8)

Blessed ... as a holy people (9)

Blessed ... as an exalted nation of the Lord (10)

Blessed ... in abundance fruit of body, ground, and cattle (11)

Blessed ... in treasures, timely rain, and works of hand (12)

Blessed ... to be a lender (12)

Blessed ... to be head (not tail), above (not down) (13)

Condition for blessing:

Complete obedience and no idolatry (14)

List of curses & Amens! (ch.27:13-26)

1. Idolaters (15, violation of commandment #1)
2. Dishonor parents (16, family, commandment #5)
3. Steal by shifting boundaries (17)
4. Cruelty to blind (weak, disabled, 18)
5. Injustice to stranger, fatherless, and widow (19)
6. Violate sexual standards (beast and family, 20-23)
7. Violence towards neighbor (24)
8. Bribery to kill (25) (though not directly involved in crime, declared guilty ... intent of our actions is important)
9. Failure to conform to all the words of the law (26)

CURSES IMPACT ALL AREAS (Chapter 28)

- Reversal (3-6, blessings, 16-19 curses)
- Barrenness (of womb, field, cattles) (16-19, 38-40)
- Children in slavery (32, 41)
- Destruction and loss of harvest (33, 42)
- Sickness (27-29)
- Defeat (25-26, 48-52)
- Demotion, Lender (43-44)
- Eat own family due to famine & hunger (53-57)
- Plagues of Egypt (59-61)
- Decimated (62-63)
- Scattered (64)
- Restlessness, fear, and sorrow (65-66)
- Back to Egypt (68)
 - Historically, curses came true upon the nation, but remnant & repentant spared

Purpose of Judgement

Demonstrate that God is just and fair

Like blessings, judgement also exercised publicly for all to see as a warning

28:10 (Blessed) And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee.

28:37 (Cursed) And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee.

29:24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?

Two choices:
blessings or
curses,
LIFE Or DEATH

Deuteronomy 30: 19 (life and death) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **life and death**, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Mathew 7:13-14 (narrow and broad way) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to **destruction**, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto **life**, and few there be that find it.

Two choices

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known (27-28).

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. **John 3:36**

Blessings/LIFE for
Obedience

(11:27)

HEAVEN (JOHN 3:36)

Curses/DEATH for
Disobedience

(11:28)

HELL (JOHN 3:36)

SIN



REPENT



RESTORATION
Of fellowship,
Of lost years,
Of lost blessings

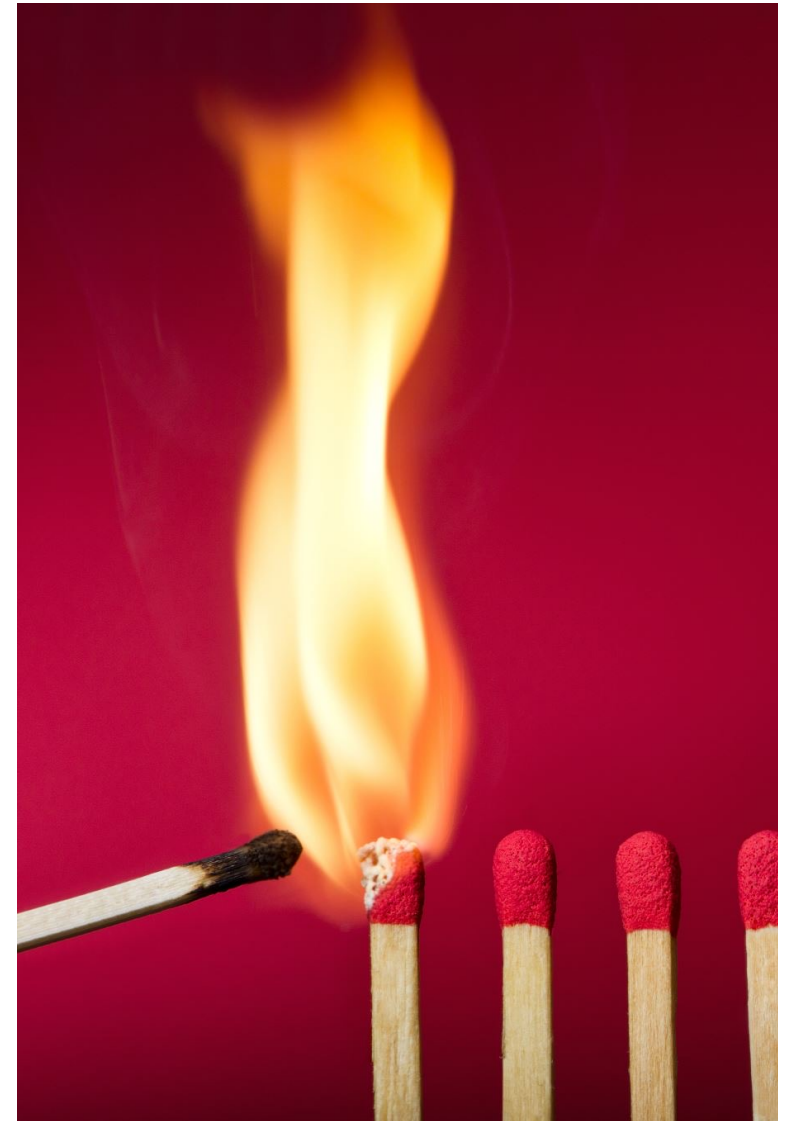
Dealing with sin Burn & Destroy!

BURN THE IDOLS (7:25)

**DO NOT BRING CURSED
THINGS INSIDE HOME (7:26)**

(detest it, and abhor it)

BURN IT And I took your sin, the calf
which ye had made, and burnt it
with fire, and stamped it, and ground
it very small, even until it was as
small as dust: and I cast the dust
thereof into the brook that
descended out of the mount (9:21)



SIN



**NO
REPENTENCE**



DESTRUCTION
Of fellowship,
Of blessings,
Of Joy & Peace



7. Peaceful Transition of Power

Joshua

... next leader

(34)

Peaceful transition

- Joshua publicly recognized as a leader (Numbers 27:19)
- Joshua had the spirit of wisdom (9)
- Blessed by Moses by laying on of hands (9)
- Joshua given charge by Moses as told by God (Numbers 27:19,23)
- Israelites listened to him (9)
- Joshua died at the age of 110 (Judges 2:9)

Moses counsels Joshua & encourages him

^{3:21} And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, **Thine eyes have seen all that the Lord your God hath done** unto these two kings: so shall the Lord do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest. ²² Ye shall not fear them: **for the Lord your God he shall fight for you.**

LESSON: When in battleground, don't be afraid

- Remember the **past** victories (21)
- Trust God's promise for **future** victories ...He shall fight battles(22)

What to do after entering land? (7:2-5)

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)
- Israelites did not follow the instructions and were punished.