



Deuteronomy: REVIEW & REFLECTION

Part-II

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Deuteronomy: *Brief Review & Reflection on (few) 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. Peaceful transition of Power from Moses to Joshua
8. **Song of Moses, Book of the Law; Blessing on tribes**
9. **Moses – the great servant leader**
10. **Worship**
11. **YOUR REFLECTION**



8. Song of Moses, Book of the Law of God, and Blessing on Tribes

Sad Song of Moses (31)

Moses asked to write the song and teach children.

Song to capture the falling away of the Israelites after Moses departure.

Israelites will fall into sin of idolatry when they are full (16,20)

Forsake God and break the covenant (16)

God will be angry and punish (17, 18) (32:19-26)

31: 20 (Prosperity leading to Drifting away)

For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

Book of the Law & Song of Moses

Book & Song ... Served as a witness against them

Deuteronomy 31:19 Now therefore **write ye this song** for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31: 26 Take this **book of the law**, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Jacob's children, 12 sons and 1 daughter

(Genesis 29 & 30)

LEAH: Reuben | Simeon | Levi | Judah | Issachar* (born after Asher) | Zebulun | Dinah

BILACH (Rachel's servant): Dan | Naphtali

ZILPAH (Leah's servant): Gad | Asher

RACHEL: Joseph | Benjamin

Jacob blessed with new name (Israel) after he wrestles with God (Genesis 32:28)

Blessing on tribes of Israel (33:6-25)

49:1 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.

Reuben | Judah | Levi | Benjamin | Ephraim | Manasseh | Zebulun |
Issachar | Gad | Dan | Naphtali | Asher

Moses' final blessing of tribes

- The nature of blessing varies with the one given by Jacob in Genesis 49
- Spoken as leader to Israel as a nation (unlike Jacob as father to sons)
- Themes: Blessings of Protection, Victory in battles, Abundance (fruitfulness of land and children)



9. Moses, the great Servant leader

God's Surprising Offer to Moses (9:14)

Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven:
and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

The offer: Destroy Israelites. Rebuild a new nation (mightier and greater) under Moses

Moses rejects the offer; instead, intercedes for Israel (9:18-21, 26-29)

Burnt the calf with fire, ground it to powder, and cast the dust into the brook that descended out of the mount (21)

Why was Moses successful as a leader?

Called and anointed by God (Exodus 3)

Depended upon God (Exodus 33:15)

Heard from God (Exodus 33:11)

Shepard's heart/Intercessor (Exodus 32:11-14)

Obedient (with few exceptions)

Not covetous (Deuteronomy 9:14, refused great offer)

Patient

Open to counsel (Exodus 18:24, father-in-law)

Faithful (Exodus 12:7)

Humble (Numbers 12:3)

And more!



10. Worship

Preparing for Worship

12:² Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

³ And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

Prepared to worship by being Chosen by God

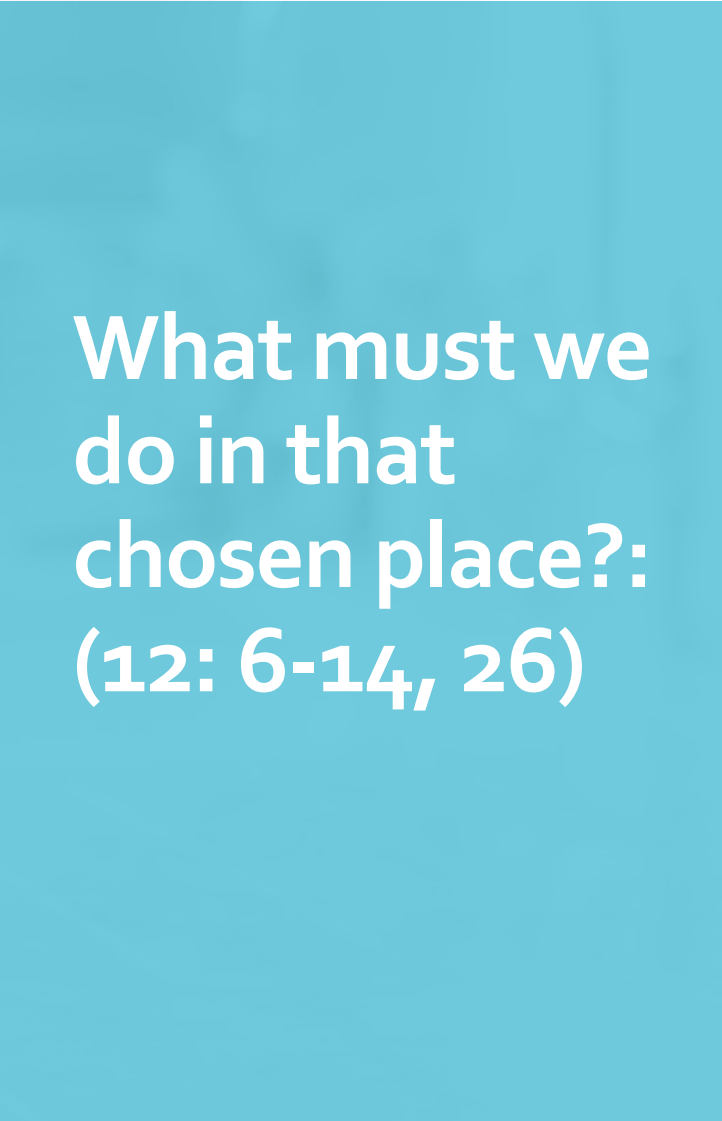
Prepared to worship by decisively dealing with sinful influences (idols)

- Destroy the idols & the heathen places of worship (2-3)

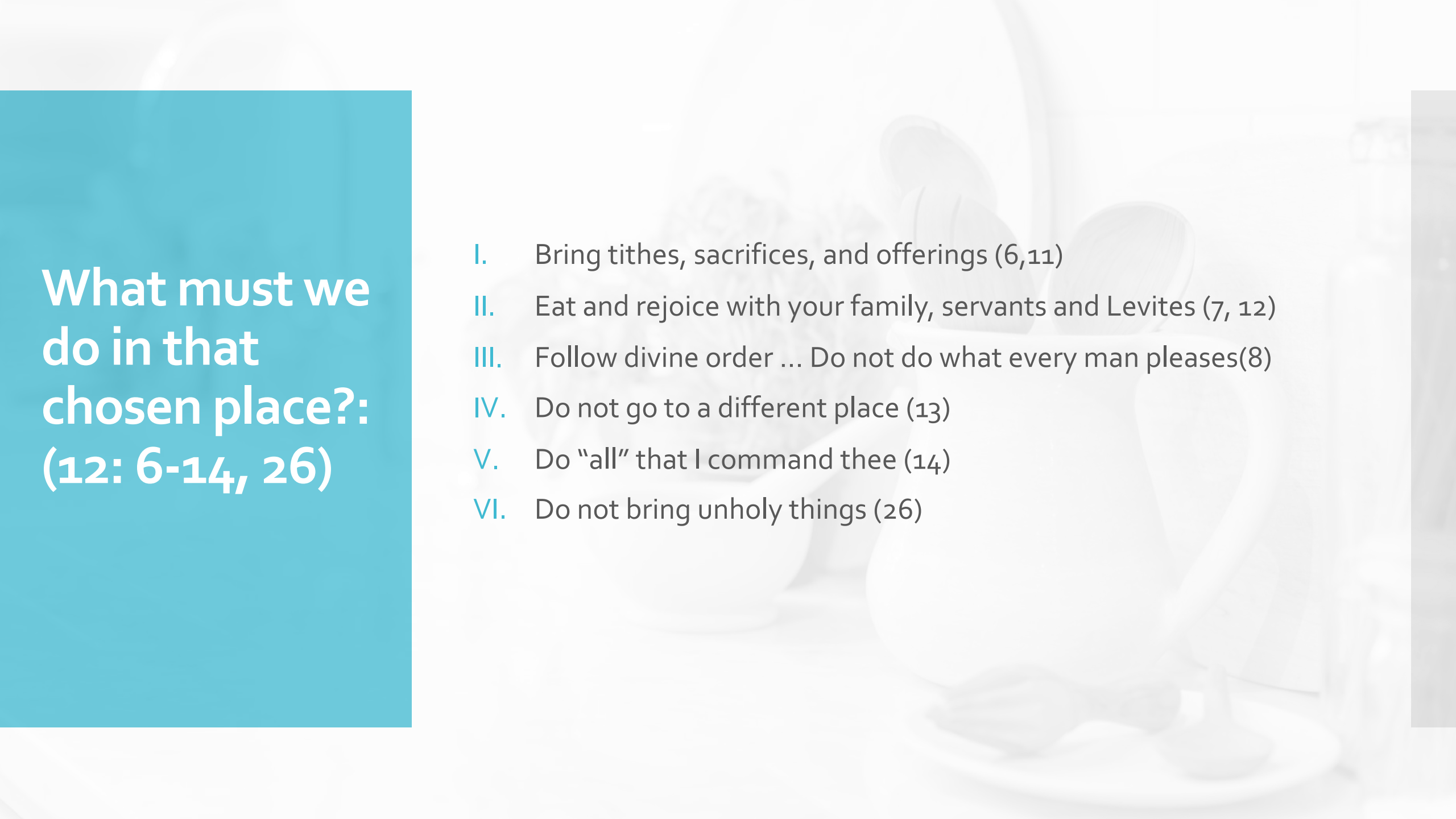
Prepared to worship by going to a specific place chosen by God (5)

- God was taking them from Egypt to a different place (11:10)
- In this different place, the rules of worship must be different

Where is this chosen place? (Shiloh)



What must we do in that chosen place?: (12: 6-14, 26)

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- I. Bring tithes, sacrifices, and offerings (6,11)
 - II. Eat and rejoice with your family, servants and Levites (7, 12)
 - III. Follow divine order ... Do not do what every man pleases(8)
 - IV. Do not go to a different place (13)
 - V. Do “all” that I command thee (14)
 - VI. Do not bring unholy things (26)

The Ark of the Covenant (Ch.10) kept in the tabernacle

Exodus 37:1-7 And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: ² And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. ³ And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it. ⁴ And he made staves (~ poles) of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. ⁵ And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. ⁶ And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof. ⁷ And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

Hebrews 9:3-4 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;



The Ark (ch.10)

God's Presence
God's Provision
God's Prosperity
God's wisdom
God's mercy



God's Presence

- ²² And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel (**Exodus 25:22**)

God's Provision (Golden Pot with Manna)

God's Wisdom (Ten commandments)

God's Prosperity

- And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the Lord blessed Obededom, and all his household (**II Samuel 6:11**)

God's Mercy (lid of the ark = mercy seat)

- blood sprinkled to make atonement for sins (**Leviticus 16**) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (**Hebrews 9:22**)
- This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you (**Luke 22:20**)

Greatness
ascribed to a
great God
(32:1-6)

God

He is the Rock

His work is perfect

He is just and upright

He is God of truth

He is God without iniquity

He is righteous

He is faithful

Israelites have corrupted themselves, their image is marred, and they are a crooked and perverse generation (5)

God Exalted (33:1-5)

God exalted

- As the glorious one
- As the giver of law and teacher
- As the lover of Israel
- As the guardian and protector of Israel
- As the King of Israel (Jeshurun, the upright one)

Who is God?

Why does he deserve our worship and obedience? (Chapter 10)

- Everything belongs to God (heavens and earth, and all that is there in) (14)
- God of gods, Lord of lords, great God, mighty & terrible (17)
- No respecter of persons (17)
- Does not take bribe (17)
- Compassionate to fatherless, widow, and strangers (18)
- Done great things (21)
- Multiplied you as stars of heaven (22)

²¹ He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

Quality of Sacrifices

Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God (17:1)

Give God the first and the best

Offering of blemished sacrifices suggests:

- Lack of understanding
- Frugality
- Following a tradition (meeting the letter of the law)
- Compromised life
- Partial obedience

Blemished sacrifices are an abomination to the Lord

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1)

Worship & Compassion (ch.15)

~ faith &
works

Compassion to Debtors (1-3): debt released after 7 years

Compassion to Poor (4-11) give cheerfully

Compassion to Slaves (12-18): released in 7th year with honor + provisions

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 ...
how to cope?

Trust in God's word ...

Do not be afraid (18)

God will send hornets (22)

Be assured of God's presence (21)

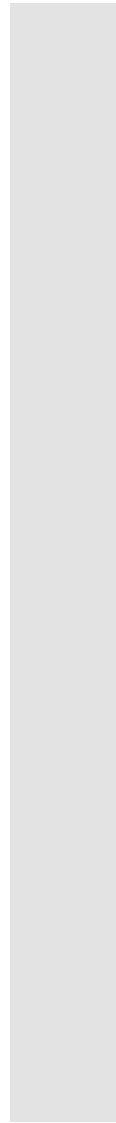
Claim Promise of God's victory (22-24)

Remember past victories and miracles (18-19)



Therefore,

*Having gone through
the book of
Deuteronomy, how are
you going to respond?*



THEREFORE (11:)

⁸Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

Your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did (7)

THEREFORE

- Love the Lord and his keep his commandments, always (1,8)

Result (8,9)

- Will be strong and possess the promised land