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Deuteronomy

Deut 1

Vss 1-25 normally takes eleven days to Kadesh- Barnea, first day of 11 month Moses tells people everything the Lord told him to say, Moses appoints leaders, appoint leaders, look He's placed you in front of the land, go occupy don't be afraid, but you all said to me let's send our scouts (reconcile with Leviticus).

Commentary: Make note of this principle. What should have taken eleven days took forty years, but they made it. There's no doubt that a journey to peace, health, resources, and any other endeavor can be delayed by unfaithfulness. However, because it is God's purpose not our's He makes it in spite of our unbelief. We must make up our minds as we journey with Him. We can arrive looking great in an efficient time, or we can arrive tattered and torn. But we are going to arrive!

Vss 26-45 But you rebelled against the command of The Lord. You complained in your tents, and The Lord was angry with me because of you, instead of you (Moses) Joshua son of Nun will enter promised land.

Commentary: Although Moses did not obey in a manner of the followers . He got caught up in his own tiredness with them and forgot that He represented God. As a result he

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disobeyed God and acted out of character. While many point to the fact that Moses hit the rock a second time as opposed to speaking to the rock, the more serious matter in my view is that Moses acted out of his personal 'fleshy' nature. Every person in leadership has to control our flesh-nature. God has plenty of wrath for disobedience ours is not needed. As long as Moses was pleading for the people and giving instructions he was fine. But when he attempted to give a little of his own medicine he forfeited personal blessings.

2/18 C2-4

C2 do not bother Edomites, I have given them the hill country. We bypassed the land of our relatives the descendants of Esau, do not bother Moab (descendants of Lot), 38 years passed from the time we left Kadesh-Barnea until we crossed the Zered brook the generation died. Do not bother Ammonites. I will not give you their land (descendants of Lott).The Lord destroyed the Zammzumites/Rephaites, did the same thing for the descendants of Esau God destroyed the Horites, will give you the Amorites, take him King Sihon) and begin to occupy his land, we asked, occupy his land, conqueror Aroer, avoided Ammonites.

Commentary: It is important to note that others had God's material blessings. Many in the region were in the same Hebrew family as Israel being descendants of Abraham or his brother (Genesis 14:13). This is why the term Jacob or Israel distinguishes them from other Hebrews. Their distinction is also spiritual and eternal blessings that will be realized through Judah. Ultimately, Jesus enter humanity through the tribe of Judah.

C3 Vss 1-15

Victory over The land of Bashan,
We took possession of the land East of Jordan, I gave to Gad, Reuben, Manasseh, when
The Lord has given security to all of Israel you may return

Commentary: Moses briefly recounts the fact of how tribes were established east of the Jordan.

21-29 I gave Joshua this charge, you have seen everything The Lord has done to kings in the east of the Jordan, he will do the same to all the kings on the west, do not be afraid. I pleased with The Lord, please let me cross the Jordan, but The Lord would not listen.
That's enough speak no more

Commentary: Preparing Joshua for the conquest ahead, Moses attempts to encourage Joshua going forth. Joshua facing his foes would need all of the encouragement he could get, and it is the same for people of the faith.

C-4 Vss 1-31

listen carefully Israel and obey, do not add or subtract from these decrees, obey and you will show your wisdom and intelligence to the surrounding nations, never forget what

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you have seen, pass them to your children, do not make idols, don't worship the stars, I call heaven and earth to testify, if you break my covenant you will be [scattered.in](#) the distant land when you are suffering all these things you will return, God is merciful

Commentary: A consistent pattern through tout Scripture is that lasting success without falling requires obedience. Every believer and every ministry will have difficult days. But the agencies will add to their difficult days with disobedience.

32 Has any nation ever heard the voice of God speaking from fire, has any god taken for himself out of another nation with miracles, war, a strong hand, he let you see because He loved your ancestors, so remember this and keep it firmly in your mind, I am giving these instructions so you will enjoy a long life, then the three cities of refuge set apart

Commentary: The undeniable markings that distinguish Israel's faith from any other faith or religion. No other faith attempts to show a god so powerfully moving upon the earth as the account in Exodus. False religions don't even attempt to claim such an extraordinary experience. Israel and believers are to remember this.

2/19 C-5-7

C-5 Vss 1-15 The Lord made a covenant with us at Mount Sinai not with our ancestors but us alive today, this is what he said, I rescued you: no other god, must not misuse my name, observe the sabbath, honor father and mother, must not murder, not commit adultery, steal, false testimony against neighbor, covet neighbors wife land servants Ox donkey,

Commentary: These Commandments are repeated numerous times because they are the core Commandments. And the violation of them calls for severe discipline. Therefore, repeating them is so important for all parties. Also note lying is a sin, but giving false testimony against a neighbor is more reprehensible.

vss 26-33 we have heard The Lord go yourself listen then come tell us, stay in the path The Lord had commanded and you will live long prosperous lives

Commentary: The people agree but don't want to hear directly from God any more. Generally, people desire a fudge factor. They want space to error even if on purpose. Every person is to be as in-tuned to God as any other person. This will be seen in the instructions to share with families and children.

C6 1-25 obey and live a long life, you must love The Lord your God heart soul strength, commit to these commands, repeat to your children, talk about them at home, on the road, in bed, getting up, on your hands and forehead, on door posts, gates, The Lord will bring you into a land, be careful not to forget, when you have eaten your full don't forget him,

Do what is right so all will go well for you, you will drive outcall enemies, when your children ask what's the meaning of these laws, we will be counted righteous when we

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obey

Commentary: God's word is life. Jesus said. "My words are spirit and life (John). People who obey Him and live for Him have more qualitative lives. He promises this. This does not mean persons who attend church, but those who obey His words daily. When they sin they confess their fault, and they avoid corporal sins.

And then the life therapy that ensures obedience is to be mindful of His principles daily. Talk about them to children. Consider them day and night each day. Place markers everywhere coming and going. It was never intended that people of God would have a few settings a week were they are considering God's word against an enemy attempting to destroy them every hour. The Bereans were upheld as New Testament believers who understood. They searched the Scriptures daily. Someone in every household if not everyone should be searching God's word daily.

C7 1-26 God give you these nations Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, 7 nations, destroy them, they will lead you away from me to worship other Gods, you must break down, cut, shatter their Asherah poles, burn their idols, The Lord did not choose you because you were larger, he loves you, He keeps His covenant to a thousand generations, but he does not fail to punish and destroy, He will live and bless you, he will give fertility, cattle, olive oil, The Lord will protect you from illness, and you will not suffer the diseases of the Egyptians, how can we conquer? remember Egypt remember the terrors he sent them, remember the miraculous signs, you will not clear away all at once otherwise the wild animals would multiply too quickly, do not bring detestable objects in your home

Commentary: Remembering is the operative term. That is, remembering to action. Simply holding memorials and festivals mean nothing to God if folks don't obey Him. Then there are people who want God's blessings without the process they need to become mature. Blessings can overwhelm a person or people when they are not prepared. God knows this and provides a filter.

2/20 8-10
C-8 Vss 1-20

Be careful to obey all, remember how God led you out, humbled by letting you go hungry, he did it to teach you, you do not live by bread alone, forty years, feet didn't swell, clothes didn't wear out, obey, the Lord is bringing you into a good land, be careful that in your plenty you don't forget, do not become proud, if you forget and follow other Gods, you will certainly be destroyed.

Commentary: These are the words referenced by Jesus when Satan tempted him to turn stones to bread. They were taught that following God was more important than eating. The continuing theme not to forget continues.

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C -9 1-15 today you are about to cross to take over a land of people more powerful than you, The Lord your God will crossover before you like a devouring fire to destroy them, don't say in your hearts The Lord has done this because we are such good people, it is because they were so wicked, you are a stubborn people,

Commentary: God's operation among the Israelites is Old Testament grace. Again they are constantly reminded they did not merit His blessings. He was moving on their behalf because of His own agenda to set them apart.

Vss 16-29 The Lord said to me...leave me alone that I may destroy them, coming down the mount I could see you had sinned against God, and at Kadesh-Barnea you rebelled, you have been rebelling as long as I have known you. I threw p myself down for forty days and nights, I pleaded with The Lord

Commentary: Moses provides an overview of the campaign since they departed Egypt. The overview is complete with the rebellious character that will not leave the people. Moses reminds this new generation of what it has taken to reach the

C-10 Vss 1-22 at that time The Lord said chisel two stones like the first, make a wooden Ark to store them in, I came down the mountain and placed them there, at that time The Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the Ark and stand before The Lord as ministers, The Lord agreed not to destroy you, what does God call you to do? Fear God, live in ways that please Him, change your hearts, stop being stubborn, you must show love to foreigners, orphans, widows, fear The Lord and worship him,

Commentary: Moses continuing with an overview of the forty year campaign. His focus is always on fearing God. This seems to be related to their care for those who are vulnerable to care. So as God paves the way for them, they are to remember the vulnerable. Jesus tells the parable of the the debtor who owed a large amount of money to his lord. His lord forgave the debt. However he in return did not show the same kind of benevolence to a debtor who owed him substantially less. Once his lord heard about his insensitivity he called the fellow back and threw him in jail. Jesus no doubt recalls the history of Israel and translates the experience for His followers. Remember the less fortunate.

2/21 C11-13

C-11 Vss 1-15 you must love The Lord and obey his decrees, keep in mind in not talking to your children, they didn't see the miraculous signs, Therefore be obedient to obey every command, so you have the strength to go in and take over the land, if you obey and love he will send the rains, he will give you pasture land,

Commentary: The reason why Deuteronomy is a repeat of the Law is because it is a new generation, but more importantly - we'll mention this often- representing humanity Israel

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is so obstinate. They have no excuse with God being so redundant.
Their conduct has direct result on their whole existence including the land and skies.

Vss 16-32 dont let your heart be deceived that you turn away from God, you will quickly die in that land, tie them on your hands, wear them on Your forehead, home and the road, bed and getting up, today I give you a choice between blessing or curse, blessed if you obey, cursed if you reject, when you cross over obey

Commentary: God's provisions come with a death warrant. It is not different today. God's words are essential to living. They are to be shared with every family member. The memory system involved exposure throughout each day, and writing activities. Jesus says He is the living water and bread of life (John 4, John 6). How often do we need these two essentials bread and water? Daily unless we are fasting. God principles, decrees, and concepts are to be ever before us.

C-12 Vss 1-15. When you drive out nations destroy all the places of worship, you must seek God at the place he will choose, you will bring offerings, there you will feast and rejoice where you are, when he gives you rest, you must bring offerings, celebrate there (tabernacle), and remember the Levites, do not offer burnt offerings anywhere you like, eat the meat, but must not eat the blood

Commentary: There was major concern with Israel being influenced by the people possessing the land. Notice it had nothing to do with race or ethnicity. It was a concern about diluting the faith. Paul warns believers about being in intimate relationships with persons who don't have the same belief system. The Law also reminds Israel to care for the Levites.

Vss 16-32 cannot eat offerings in your hometown, must eat them in the designated place, do not neglect the Levites, be careful to obey all my commands so that all would go well, do not inquire about their gods, you must not add or subtract them,

Commentary: The occupants of the land observed their religious activities anywhere. Separating themselves, the Israelites were to observe their activities in designated areas. Recall the conversation Jesus had with the woman at the well. She indicated worship locales, but Jesus translated the worship locations into a whole new concept. Location is no longer the issue. Those who worship Him, worship in spirit and truth (John 4).

C-13 Vss 1-18 if prophets come with signs and visions, if they speak about other gods don't listen to them, false prophets must be put to death, even if your brother or mother, wife tries to lead you astray, you must put them to death, all of Israel will hear about it and be afraid, when you settle if you hear scoundrels are leading others astray, if true, destroy the town and animals, burn the town don't keep the plunder.

Commentary: The perspective of deceptive prophets is again a life-or-death issue. The standard is set to determine a true prophet. One who attempts to convince a person about

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other gods, is false. And the prophet had to be executed. Any family relations attempting to introduce other gods or god concepts were to be executed. The additional point beyond prohibiting the conduct was that others would fear and not participate in activities involving false gods. Paul translated this condition for New Testament believers. Person teaching or demonstrating conduct inconsistent with the faith were brought publicly before all believers and punished that all others would see the example and fear (1 Timothy 5:20).

2/22 C 14-16

C14 Vss 1-15 never cut yourselves or shave your head mourning, don't eat detestable animals, you may eat animals that has split hooves and chews the cud, you may eat whatever has both fins and scales, you may eat undefined birds, all winged insects that walk along the ground are unclean, must not eat anything that has died a natural death,

Commentary: Again it was the custom of persons in the land to mutilate themselves and shave their head in mourning. This is an excellent example of God's people responding by being holy or separating themselves by responding to tragedy without mutilating themselves. Holiness is not based on acts of religious piety. It is responding to life's circumstances in a way that sets the believer apart from others. The believer mourns without self-destructive conduct.

Concerning diet it is clear the distinction generally is to abstain from eating anything that eats other non-plant life forms, particularly those things that will touch something dead or dying. This is an extension of the defilement restrictions to stay clear of dead carcasses. Death is the antithesis of the God of life. It could be argued that God did not create death.

Vss 22-29 set aside the tithes of your crops, bring it to the designated place and eat it there. This applied to your tithes of grain, wine, olive oil, first born, when place of worship too far, sell the tithe portion, when you arrive buy food wine then feast there in the presence of The Lord (money changers), do not neglect Levites, at the end of every third year, store your tithe in the nearest give to the Levites, foreigners, orphans widows

#CBCCommentary: Let it be settled that throughout Scripture, any eatable tithe or offering (grain, meat, etc) not burned or discarded was eaten by the Levites, people, or both. And care for the Levite-ministers was imperative.

C-15 Vss 1-10 cancel debts of everyone after 7 years, cancel debts. The Lord's time of release has come, they must not demand payment, applies only to Israelites, there should be no poor among you, you will lend money but never need to borrow, if there are poor do not be tight fisted toward them, lend whatever they need, don't deny a loan because its close to jubilee,

Commentary: Everyone was provided economic freedom every seven years. First, the directive is that there would be no poor. Integral to the policy was the Year of Jubilee where everyone would be relieved of debt. The poor was also supported with loans to

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assist them. Even if the loan was needed in the sixth year, lenders were to loan the money without consideration of the seventh year.

11-23 give a generous gift to a fellow Israelite freed from servitude, remember you were once in Egypt, but if servant doesn't want to leave, take an awl push it thru his earlobe. He'll be your servant for life, must not consider it a hardship when releasing servants, set aside first born males from flocks and herds, do not use them to work your fields, you must eat these animals in the presence of The Lord

Commentary: The Law continues with provisions to prevent people from being poor or providing for the poor. It was not enough to release a servant. The Law called for giving the servant a generous gift. When a servant preferred to stay there was a marking process the servant had to accept. They wore a mark or widget probably a ear or stone on one the earlobe. This was a way of branding the servant. Additionally, it indicated to the community that this person was not being held against his will.

C-16 Vss 1-22 celebrate Passover early spring month of Abib, Passover sacrifice can be from flock or herd, sacrifice at the place designated, eat it with bread made without yeast, do not let any of the Passover lamb to be left till morning, Passover only sacrificed in the place designated, Festival of Harvest-7 weeks from when you cut the grain, celebrate with Family and all others, Festival of Shelters-7 days at the end of harvest a time of happiness celebrate with family at place designated by the Lord, every year each male must celebrate these three festivals, all must appear with a gift, appoint judges, judge fairly,

Commentary: As Israel scattered across the landscape they would be celebrating their holidays in different locations. They had to celebrate at designated locations. As in Leviticus details are provide for observances of the Holy Days.

2/23 C17-19

C-17 1-20 never share defective sheep or goats, if a male or female does something detestable such as worshiping another god, when you hear about it if true, take outside the town and stone to death, testimony of two or three necessary for executions, Difficult to decide cases take to a place The Lord will choose, priest to adjudicate, do exactly as they judge, when you enter the land you may decide to select a king, select a king God chooses, fellow Israelite, must not build up large stable from Egypt, not have many wives, must not accumulate large wealth, must copy this body of instructions and read them daily, prevent him from becoming proud, and acting above his fellow citizens

Commentary: It is well established that sacrifices must be without defect. It was not only a matter of giving an exceptional gift to The Lord. These "gifts" were consumed by the people. The Law did not want consumption of "spoiled" or contaminated goods.

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C-18 1-21. Levites will have no land, they will live off the special gifts, that is their share, they may claim from the cattle, sheep and goats, the shoulder cheeks stomach, also the first share of grain olive oil and wool, if a Levite moves he ministers in whatever town he moved too, when you enter the land do not imitate the detestable-(sacrifice your daughter,

Practice fortune telling, use sorcery, interpret omens, witchcraft, cast spells, function as mediums psychics, The Lord will rise up a servant like me, I will raise up a prophet, you may ask how will we know a prophecy is from The Lord? If the prophet speaks my name and the prophecy comes true

Commentary: We can not express how often God demands that his ministers be considered first. Now, we have shared about this earlier. Recall in the Church Age everyone is considered ministers. Peter called believers a Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). This section continues with the warning against the occult. Know matter how harmless astrology, palm reading, ouija boards may appear, these are channels of demonic darkness. No person should be fooled. False prophets are simple to identify. What they say does not come true.

C-19 1-20 you must set apart three cities of refuge, if someone kills another person unintentionally without previous hostility, the skater may flee, set aside three cities. If I enlarge your territory, set aside three more, this way you will prevent the death of innocent people, someone hostile causing death is not protected, the home town sends agents to bring him back, do not feel sorry for the murderer, never steal anyone's land by moving boundary markers, if an accuser is found presenting false witness the accuser must be given the penalty he sought for the false accused, the rest of the people will hear about it and be afraid , show no pity for the guilty

Commentary: The cities of refuge represent God's mercy. These were places where persons who killed someone by accident could flee. They were required and additional cities needed to be designated as Israel spread across the settled land. Someone fleeing who committed murder could be followed and retrieved. Beyond lying a person who falsely accuses another received the penalty that would have occurred to the falsely accused.

2/24 C 20-22

C20 Vss 1-20 when you go to fight armies greater than you do not fear, when you prepare for war the priest must speak to the troops, officers may excuse soldiers-(built new house, just planted a vineyard, engaged, afraid or worried), before attacking offer peace if they accept they go into forced labor, kill every man in the town (applies only to distant towns), completely destroy the nations inhabiting the land, This will prevent them from teaching your detestable in the worship of their gods, when a war extends do not cut the trees with your axes, but you can eat the fruit, cut trees that are not valuable for food

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Commentary: The war policy first spoke of courage. The Apostle Paul informs every believer that we are in battle against spiritual agents. We are to wage battle with them in faith (Ephesians 6). The priests were to encourage the troops. There were persons who were exempted. The newly married. Those with new vineyards, and those who were simply scarred. What a powerful principle that not everyone is fit for battles in faith. Jesus excused those mourning around Jairus daughter before he healed her.

C21 Vss 1-9 when someone murdered in a field and you do not know who murdered, the priests in the nearest town must take a young cow break its neck and the elders must swear that they have not shed this person's blood, they ask The Lord for forgiveness and the land will not be held guilty

Commentary: Closing an unresolved murder case required a process involving the priest. Notice there is not a matter where the priest are not involved. The Christian's faith should be the paramount consideration in every area of living. The priests' principal concern was the land where innocent blood was shed. The sacrificed a bull to cleanse the land of defilement.

C21 Vss 10-23 if you go to war and win and see a woman and want to marry her, you may take her home she must shave her head and cut her nails, change her clothes, she can mourn for parents a month, you may marry her, if you are not pleased with her you must let her go free, if a man married two wives one he loves and the other he does not he cannot honor the son of the wife he loves and not the eldest son of the wife he does not love, a rebellious son is reported to elders who stone him to death, purge the evil from among you, someone is executed in a tree the body must not remain there, this way you prevent the defilement if the land,

Commentary: Men of war could marry a woman from those they conquered. There was a process she had to complete. There were also provisions for men to marry more than one wife, and provisions for their sons from these relationships. Regardless of the love for one or both wives he had to honor the oldest son of the wife he didn't love. A rebellious son deserved stoning. This gives additional perspective in Jesus' story concerning the prodigal. Finally, it would curse the land to allow someone to remain hanging on a tree until day. This is why Joseph and Nicodemus desired to remove Jesus from the cross.

C22 Vss 1-15 if you see neighbors animal running away take it back to owner, do the same if donkey clothing or anything else lost, if donkey collapses help your neighbor, a woman must not dress in a man's clothing and visa-versa, if a nest on the ground do not take the mother, take the young so the land will prosper, when building a house build a railing around the roof, must not plant another crop in the rows of the vineyard, don't plow with Ox and donkey yoked, must not wear clothing with wool and linen, suppose a man married a woman and claims she was not a virgin after marriage, the father must

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bring proof to the elders (blood-stained sheet), they will take the husband and punish him and fine him 100 pieces of silver, he can never divorce her, but if true she is stoned at her father's door, adultery both man and woman stoned, a woman engaged has sex with a man they both are stoned, she did not scream, but if he sees her in the country and rapes her only the man dies, if a man has sex with a virgin he has to pay 50 pieces of silver and marry her, may never divorce her, man must not marry former wife

Commentary: Lost in culture and tradition, the Law called for a neighbor or even those who didn't like each other to have a minimum care. They had to recover lost property for each other. Jesus spoke of going the extra mile. Or helping those who misuse you. None of the concepts were new.

Person's behaving outside of their natural gender pattern was prevalent among the nation's occupying the land. God's people were to set themselves apart. Women were not to act like men outwardly and visa-versa.

The care for animal life in this case birds are cited. It was unlawful to take a mother from her nest. It defiled the land to do so. It's not clear why it defiled the land, but it did. Be careful how you treat birds and their nests.

Honoring growth areas and non-growth areas in a vineyard was extremely important. It's almost as if it was as important to allow areas for the harvest to be gathered as the harvest itself--an obvious concession to those gathering the harvest whether workers or the needy.

Another consideration for laborers extended to the ox. It was unlawful to restrain the ox that plowed the land from eating. Paul refers to this principal when speaking about compensating those who minister to the body spiritually.

Wearing hybrid material clothing was prohibited. We have experienced polyester as a highly static material, particularly during cold periods. One of the principles in any artistic endeavor is to maintain the integrity and commonality of a product. Mixed material clothing has serious short-comings concerning care for God's people.

The Law also envision those times when someone entered a false marital covenant. This is a lawful principle not often discussed. Note, an unlawful covenant did not require the decree of divorce. The covenant in-fact cannot exist because someone entered the relationship on grounds that otherwise would have prevented the covenant from being established in the first place. A woman who was not a virgin, but entered marriage under the assumption or because of deception that she was a virgin is one such case. There were two sides for such a serious accusation. The father was presented the sheet after marriage was consummated by sex. So if he presented a bloody sheet, his daughter was exonerated. She could never be divorced and her husband paid a fine. On-the-other hand, if proven guilty she would be stoned to death.

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Adultery was punishable by death for both parties. This shows the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who brought a woman to Jesus caught in the act of adultery, but did not present the man (John 8).

The rape principles were designed to protect the victim, but also to protect both parties when a sex act occurred. It was simple to establish when a woman was consensual. If she didn't scream for help it was determined consensual. It is only when psychobabble becomes involved that we come up with a myriad of reasons why a woman cannot scream. Here's today's application. Report the incident immediately. The Law also provided where a woman might be in a location such as a field where she cannot be heard. Again it's understood she needed to report the assault immediately.

Another protection for the woman was that if it were not rape the fellow had to marry her. The man could never divorce her. What a difference this principle would make today.

2/25 C23-25

C-23 1-24a man with crushed genitalia cannot enter the assembly, a person born illegitimately cannot enter the assembly to the tenth generation or Ammonite or Moabite cannot enter the assembly, they did not help you when you fled Egypt, Do not detest the Edomites, Egyptians, relatives and Egyptians received you as foreigners, during war nocturnal emissions (wet-dream) must remain outside the camp for a day, use a spade and cover your dung, The Lord moves around the camp, do not return an escaped slave to his master, no man or woman can become a temple prostitute, don't charge interest, fulfill a vow quickly, entering a neighbors vineyard or field you can eat your field, but no harvesting

Commentary: The sense of defilement of the assembly passed to persons who could not perform conjugal rights to multiply and also children born out of wedlock. One might observe how this could happen and their not be a violation of Law calling for execution. Tamar David's daughter was raped by her half brother who sent her away. There's no record that a pregnancy occurred, but if it had he was not punished as he should have been. Though unlawful, apparently sexual encounters were the order of the day as with any other period of time.

Ammonites and Moabites were strictly prohibited from the assembly because of their wretched behavior toward Israel when they fled Egypt. This adds an additional dimension concerning God's grace and exception when a Moabite woman enters the ancestors lineage of Jesus (Ruth).

The Edomite and Egyptian prohibitions are cited. Military men are to take of excrement and wet-dream emissions to keep themselves clean.

C24 1-22. A man not pleased by his wife issues divorce papers, she's free to marry, but if the second man divorces her the first cannot remarry her, a

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newly married man cannot serve in the military for a year, wrong to take a millstone as security for a loan needed to make a living, if a person in Israel kidnapped and used as a slave the kidnapper is executed, skin diseases must be presented to priests, if lending to a person do not enter the house for the security it must be brought outside, if the person is poor don't take necessities, don't take advantage of the poor, parents must not be out to death for children's sin and visa versa, true justice must be given to foreigners, don't take a women's garment for security, when harvesting crops leave some for the poor

Commentary: All of the areas covered by the Law is extremely broad shown by this section of Scripture covering several topics. Only a divorce decree is required to execute a divorce. Again, this is different from a case where the covenant should have never occurred.

Kidnapping a person (Person of Israel) and using them as a slave was punishable by death.

Concerning loans it was not lawful to give a loan, but it was unlawful to take the source of a person's well being as security. Again the consideration toward the poor cannot be over-stated.

C25 1-19 if two persons take a matter two a judge one is right the other wrong, the wrong person must lie down and be whipped with no more than 40 stripes, don't muzzle an Ox, if brothers are living together and one dies her husband's brother must marry her and fulfill the brother's duty. The first son will be considered the son of the dead brother, if a brother refuses she reports him to the elders, she pulls the sandal of his foot and it's publicly declared he did not fulfill his responsibility, two men in a fight of the wife if she pulls the other's testicles her hand cut off, must use accurate measures, never forget what the Amalekites did, they attacked

Commentary: A person determined to be wrong in a matter was whipped. Jesus shared that people should work out their differences before being taken to judges.

A man not fulfilling his brotherly obligation was a disgrace in the community. It was understood that he had to enter his sister-in-law to father a son for his brother. This would not constitute an unlawful violation of the sex laws because the brother is deceased and it actually continued the deceased brother's lineage.

Understandably, if the brother already had sons, there's no law or responsibility to have sex with the sister in law.

Women were cautioned not to interfere with the genitalia of her husband's adversary.

2/26 C26-28

C26 Vss 1-19 once you have settled into the land take crops of the first produce bring to

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the first in the designated worship place, recount the story of being freed from Egypt by the mighty hand of God, afterwards go celebrate, do this every three years, don't forget the Levites, foreigner, orphans and widows, vow that you have not violated The Lord's commands

Commentary: Nearly entering the Land, the people are informed to bring first fruit offerings every three years. And their benevolence toward the poor is a constant reminder of their conditions as a people with no land.

C27 Vss 1-26 when you cross the Jordan gather large stones, write these instructions, set the stones up at Mount Ebal, build an altar there, Moses addresses the crowd before entering, today you have become the people of The Lord, when crossed over half the tribes on Mount Gerizim pronounce blessings. Other half pronounce curses on Mount Ebal, the whole congregation joins in to agree to curses of anyone violating the Commandments

Commentary: Memorials would be established and the people enter an educational chant of consecration. The very meaning of memorial is to remember.

C28 Vss 1-14 The Lord will set you high above all other people, blessing for obeying-towns children
crops herds blessings, whatever you do wherever you go, The Lord will conquer your enemies, fill your storehouses with grain, the nations will stand in awe of you, you'll be head and not the tail,

Commentary: This Law is often referred to as the Palestinian covenant. It occurs before they enter the promised land. God spares no bounds in speaking of His blessings upon an obedient Israel.

Vss 15- 40 but if you refuse to listen-all of the areas of blessing will be cursed, wherever you go whatever you do, frustration confusion, afflict with disease, scorching heat and drought, boils and blindness,
Oppressed and robbed, exile,
If you don't serve The Lord with joy and enthusiasm, you will serve your enemies

Commentary: As detailed as God's blessings are toward Israel, He provides as much detail concerning His punishment for turning away from Him. Both the blessings and curses become a reality. No believer today should be confused about God's requirements. An obedient believer can expect God's favor. A debaucherous believer or debaucherous conduct will be met with severe discipline (Hebrews 12).

Vss 41-68 all these curses will pursue and overtake you, The Lord will bring a distant nation against you, they will show no respect for the young or old, you will eat your own flesh, women will eat their after birth, though you be one numerous as stars in the sky few will be left The Lord will find pleasure in destroying you,

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Commentary: If anyone is under the misunderstanding that God not severely "whip" His own, history has a completely different story. The words that should stick in every wayward believer's mind. "The Lord will take pleasure in destroying you." This is why speedy repentance is the best remedy and prepare for corrective measures. God is just. He provides blessing for obedience. He disciplines for disobedience according to the offense.

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C29-31

C-29 1-29 All the miracles The Lord has not given you minds to understand eyes to see ears to hear. Drink no alcoholic drink, we defeated enemies, The Lord is making this covenant including curses, this covenant with you and future generations, so you will not worship any other god, generations to come will exclaim the whole land is devastated, why, The Lord has secrets known to no one, not accountable for them, but we are accountable for what he has revealed.

Commentary: This section is proof positive that God's revelation to humanity is occurring in spite of humanity. It is clear that as a people they do not understand the big picture. They were caught up in their daily existence. Every believer needs a big picture view that God provides daily to accomplish His broad purpose. When we understand that there is a long-term and community purpose in our lives, it should provide more faithfulness that we'll overcome the day-by-day challenges.

The Covenant relationship calling for both care for faithfulness and curses for unfaithfulness are principles in effect with believers today.

Note the Covenant is more than simply a unilateral agreement, but also prophecy of disobedience and severe punishment is also included.

C 30: 1-20 when you are among the other nation's, I have exiled you, if you and your children turn with your whole heart, He will have mercy and gather you back, He will make you even more prosperous, the Command I give you today is not to difficult, j give you a choice between life and death. Love The Lord, keep His Commands by walking in His ways. If you turn away destroyed, You can make this choice by loving The Lord your God obeying Him and committing yourself to him firmly. This is the key to your life.

Commentary: God always has arms waiting to embrace His children in spite of their horrific conduct. But the operative condition is 'turning' from their wickedness. The key to life is living for God by His principles.
We continue to say, it's life or death decisions.

C-31 1-15 I'm 120 and unable to lead you, The Lord Himself will cross over before you, He will destroy the nation's living there, be strong and courageous don't panic, he will neither fail not abandon you, then Moses called Joshua and said, be strong and

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courageous, you will lead these people

Commentary: What a marvelous illustration of transition without a gap. It is a principle that should be observed in every ministry. Word of support and encourage to continue moving forward are provided by the incumbent. Many leaders could learn from this great man, Moses, that God's operation is not designed to be hampered by the limitations of humanity.

Moses wrote the entire body of instructions, every 7 years read this book before all the people, it is time for you to die call Joshua and present yourselves at the Tabernacle, after you die these people will begin to worship other gods, my anger will burn against them, write down the words to this song,

I proclaim God he is the rock

He is faithful

People of Israel belong to The Lord

Jacob a special possession

He found them in a desert

The Lord alone guided them

He fed them

But Israel became fat, unruly

Abandoned God

Offered sacrificed to demons

The Lord saw this and drew back

Provoked to anger by His pen sons and daughters,

Moses recited all the words of the song,

That same day The Lord said go to Moab, go to Mt Nebo, look over the land I am giving to the people, you will die on the mountain,

Commentary: Here is textual evidence that Moses wrote the book. It seems awkward to some that he's writing in the third-person (he) as opposed to first- person (I).

Note, the people's observance of God's principles requires their exposure to the whole written record. The same is true for Christians. Paul said,

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

The old data in the mind has to be replaced with the new data that is the Word of God.

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C 33-Joshua 1

C33 1-29

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The blessing that Moses gave:
Indeed God loves his children
Rueben-love and not die though small
Judah-give them strength
Levi-you give thummim and Urim
Benjamin-preserves from harm
Joseph-may their land be blessed
Zebulun- prosper in their travels
Issachar-prosper in their tents
Gad-poised like a lion
Dan-a lions cub
Asher-blessed above other sons

Commentary: The principle of memory and original purpose seems to be the point as they prepare to enter the promised land. Any venture may call for a number of changes moving forward, but like a constitution well designed origins represent - back to the basics and inspiration for the future.

C-34 Moses up mount Nebo, The Lord showed him the whole land, Moses died their 120 years old, people mourned 30 days. Joshua full of the Holy Spirit, never another prophet like Moses in Israel,

Commentary: Moses is about to depart for the holding place for saints until Jesus sets them free (Ephesians 4:8-10). But God allows Moses to see the promised land. This experience speaks of the importance of our pursuits upon the earth. Many a person desires to see something during their earthly days. The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon he would not die until he saw the Messiah (Luke 2:25-30).

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