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DEUTERONOMY: PART 1

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Here we are — keeping Old Testament Holy Days?

The modern church world has no time for them (and lots of them are “fussy” about the Old Testament itself).

But the New Testament Church only had the Old Testament — they called it the Word of God ... scripture ... and they turned the world upside-down. It is profitable for us.

We are going to review one of the key books.

### Deuteronomy 31:9-13 (NKJV)

9 So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.

10 And Moses commanded them, saying: “At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles,

11 when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

12 Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, (*law = Torah ... the instructions of God*)

13 and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess.”

We last reviewed Deuteronomy in Rome in 2011.

It must be a particularly important book! Deuteronomy is quoted 86 times in the New Testament — and in 17 separate New Testament books. When Jesus fought satan ... His response to each test was to quote Deuteronomy in His spiritual battle.

The reason is that the words of Deuteronomy are living words ... living principles.

**ADAM CLARKE**: “It may be safely asserted that very few parts of the Old Testament scriptures can be read with greater profit by the genuine Christian than Deuteronomy”.

That’s where you’ll learn the most.

### **Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (NKJV)**

14 “When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,’

15 **you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses**; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, You shall not return that way again.’

17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

18 **“Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites.**

19 **And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,**

20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

The king was to write a copy and read it frequently.

It’s important to govern well. Remember — we are to be kings — governing in the World Tomorrow.

(The word “law” is Torah. A broader meaning is: “Instruction”).

Some background: Moses is down to his last 30-60 days. The nation is about to cross the Jordan. The Kingdom is about to be established in the Promised Land.

Moses gives several speeches (some say it's the longest farewell speech in history 😊). He gives key lessons that the people must hear ... including us.

The older generation are now dead. Very few of this audience could remember Egypt ... the great miracles ... God's majesty.

### **Deuteronomy 1:1-8 (NKJV)**

1 **These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness**, in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazereth, and Dizahab.

2 **It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.**

3 **Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the Lord had given him as commandments to them,**

4 after he had killed Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

5 On this side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, **Moses began to explain this law**, saying,

6 "The Lord our God spoke to us in Horeb, (*Mount Sinai*) saying: 'You have dwelt long enough at this mountain.

7 Turn and take your journey, and go to the mountains of the Amorites, to all the neighbouring places in the plain, in the mountains and in the lowland, in the South and on the seacoast, to the land of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as far as the great river, the River Euphrates.

8 **See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to your fathers—to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—to give to them and their descendants after them.'**

Let's look at a brief review of history.

### **Deuteronomy 1:21-40 (NKJV)**

21 **Look, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the Lord God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.'**

22 “And every one of you came near to me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land for us, and bring back word to us of the way by which we should go up, and of the cities into which we shall come.’

23 “The plan pleased me well; so I took twelve of your men, one man from each tribe.

24 And they departed and went up into the mountains, and came to the Valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.

25 They also took some of the fruit of the land in their hands and brought it down to us; and they brought back word to us, saying, ‘It is a good land which the Lord our God is giving us.’

26 **“Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God;**

27 and you complained in your tents, and said, ‘Because the Lord hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, “The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.” ’

29 “Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, or afraid of them.

30 The Lord your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

31 and in the wilderness where you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’

32 **Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God,**

33 **who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day.**

34 **“And the Lord heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and took an oath, saying,**

35 **Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers,**

36 **except Caleb the son of Jephunneh;** he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the Lord.’

37 **The Lord was also angry with me for your sakes, saying, ‘Even you shall not go in there.**

38 **Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there.** Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

39 **Moreover your little ones and your children**, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, **they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.**

40 But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way of the Red Sea.'

Forty years earlier — God told the people to GO ACROSS THE JORDAN AND POSSESS THE LAND. But Moses listened to the people. They suggested sending some of the people to spy the land. This was a mistake by Moses. Why would you want to spy out the land when God had told you to go in?

There was a penalty for their lack of faith. They didn't believe the Lord their God. That entire generation died in the next 4 decades in the wilderness.

**Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (NKJV)**

1 **"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you.**

2 **You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.**

3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did at Baal Peor; for the Lord your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.

4 **But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.**

5 **"Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me**, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.

6 **Therefore be careful to observe them**; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'

7 "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?

8 **And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?**

9 Only **take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.** And **teach them to your children and your grandchildren,**

10 especially concerning the day you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb, when the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

11 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.

12 And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.

13 **So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.**

14 **And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments**, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

As an aside — there's a mythology that it's humanly impossible to keep God's commandments. It is not impossible! They are too hard — people say. Is it too hard? No! They're not too hard.

Have we murdered today? Have we stolen? Have we lied? And even if we have ... say ... lied — did we have to ... or could we have kept the commandment with a little more effort? The answer is .. of course we could!

#### **Deuteronomy 30:11-14 (NKJV)**

11 **"For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.**

12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

14 **But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.**

#### **Deuteronomy 30:11 (NASB)**

11 **"For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.**

#### **Deuteronomy 30:11 (HCSB)**

11 **This command that I give you today is certainly not too difficult or beyond your reach.**

“Too mysterious” (KJV:Hidden) — and Brown Driver Briggs (Hebrew Lexicon) says: “To be beyond one’s power, be difficult to do”.

The scriptures tell us: It is not too difficult or beyond one’s power to do!!

Of course ... God knew they could not live perfectly in view of their sin nature ... temptation ... devil — but He made provision within the law for Atonement and Reconciliation with the ceremonial sacrifices.

But the one thing that God did demand was allegiance. Not perfection — but loving loyalty to Him and Him alone.

Ditto for us (and we’ve got the Holy Spirit!)

### **Deuteronomy 5:1-22 (NKJV) THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

1 And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: **“Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.**

2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

3 **The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.**

4 **The Lord talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.**

5 I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:

6 **I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**

**7 You shall have no other gods before Me. (this is the Key — the allegiance!)**

**8 You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;**

**9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.** For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

10 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

11 **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain**, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

12 **Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.**

13 **Six days you shall labor and do all your work,**

14 **but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God.** In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

15 And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

16 **Honor your father and your mother**, as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.

17 **You shall not murder.**

18 **You shall not commit adultery.**

19 **You shall not steal.**

20 **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

21 **You shall not covet your neighbour's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbour's house, his field, his male servant, his female servant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.'**

22 **"These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.**

Of special importance. SPOKEN BY GOD. WRITTEN ON STONE. PLACED INSIDE THE ARK. Then God was finished.

The Ten Commandments. In Hebrew: Aseret Ha-Debarim (the 10 words)

What's wrong with any of them? Most would say nothing ... apart from the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment. 😊

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NKJV)**



- 1 **“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,**
- 2 **that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you,** you and your son and your grandson, **all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.**
- 3 **Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you,** and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—a land flowing with milk and honey.’
- 4 **“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! ( The Shema!)**
- 5 **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.** *(The essence of allegiance. We should love Him to the best of our ability)*
- 6 **“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.**
- 7 **You shall teach them diligently to your children,** and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. *(Parental responsibility ... family is key. Teach them from when they are born)*
- 8 **You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** *(Phylacteries ... little boxes which some Jews wear on their foreheads or on the back of their hands?)*
- 9 **You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.** *(Mezzuzah’s)*

**MAKE SURE YOU TEACH YOUR CHILDREN!!!** It is a duty to bring your children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV)**

- 1 **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**
- 2 **“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:** *(one of the Big 10!)*
- 3 **“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”**
- 4 **And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

#### **Ephesians 6:4 (Passion Translation NT)**

- 4 **Fathers, don’t exasperate your children, but raise them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord.**

God's plan is to build a family. You can't just leave children to a mad world — or even their own devices. Teaching is for now ... and in the World Tomorrow.

**Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (NKJV)**

1 **“Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.**

2 **And you shall remember that *the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.***

3 **So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but *man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.***

4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 **You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.**

6 **“Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.**

7 **For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land,** a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills;

8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

9 **a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing;** a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. ***(Be grateful!!)***

11 **“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,**

12 **lest**—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them;

13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied;

14 **when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;**

15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock;

16 who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—

17 then **you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.'**

18 ***"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.***

19 Then it shall be, **if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.**

20 As the nations which the Lord destroys before you, **so you shall perish, because you would not be obedient to the voice of the Lord your God.**

God treats His people like sons. He desires to prosper! To bless! BUT ... IT IS CONDITIONAL. Don't ever forget THE LORD YOUR GOD!

When all is going well — BEWARE! Don't forget the lesson of: The Judges? Solomon? Laodicea?

### **Deuteronomy 9:1-16 (NKJV)**

1 **"Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over the Jordan today, and go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and fortified up to heaven,**

2 a people great and tall, the descendants of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you heard it said, 'Who can stand before the descendants of Anak?'

3 **Therefore understand today that the Lord your God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the Lord has said to you.**

4 **"Do not think in your heart, after the Lord your God has cast them out before you, saying, 'Because of my righteousness the Lord has brought me in to possess this land'; but it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out from before you.**

5 **It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these**

**nations that the Lord your God drives them out from before you**, and that He may fulfill the word which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 **Therefore understand that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked people.**

7 **“Remember! Do not forget how you provoked the Lord your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day that you departed from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the Lord.**

8 **Also in Horeb you provoked the Lord to wrath**, so that the Lord was angry enough with you to have destroyed you.

9 When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water.

10 Then the Lord delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God, and on them were all the words which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 **And it came to pass, at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave me the two tablets of stone, *the tablets of the covenant.***

12 “Then the Lord said to me, Arise, go down quickly from here, for your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted corruptly; **they have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them; they have made themselves a molded image.**’ (*Barely 6 weeks later*)

13 “Furthermore the Lord spoke to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed they are **a stiff-necked people.**

14 Let Me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they.’

15 “So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire; and the two tablets of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and behold, **you had sinned against the Lord your God—had made for yourselves a molded calf! You had turned aside quickly from the way which the Lord had commanded you.**

These people had a “Problem Attitude”. Especially concerning the incident of the Golden Calf 40 years earlier.

Yet. God for His part ... was going to bless.

Israel had the title-deeds to the Promised Land due to the promise to Abraham ... Isaac and Jacob — but their domicile in the land was conditional on obedience. If they were disobedient ... they would be cast out (for a while) ... but in the end ... God will always restore .... And bring them back.

### **Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (NKJV)**

12 **“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**  
13 **and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes**

which I command you today for your good?

14 Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.

15 **The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.**

16 **Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.**

17 **For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.**

18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 **You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name.**

21 **He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen.**

22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now **the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.**

God’s love expressed. God “delighted” in Abraham ... Isaac ... Jacob. But ... they weren’t perfect! Not sinless! God knew that ... didn’t expect that. But he valued and delighted in their allegiance to Him. Their loving-loyalty ... even though flawed. Us too!

### **Deuteronomy 11:8-21 (NKJV)**

8 **“Therefore you shall keep every commandment which I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and possess the land which you cross over to possess,**

**9 and that you may prolong your days in the land which the Lord swore to give your fathers, to them and their descendants,** a land flowing with milk and honey.'

10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden;

11 but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,

12 a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.

13 **'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,**

14 **then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.**

**15 And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'**

16 **Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them,**

17 **lest the Lord's anger be aroused against you,** and He shut up the heavens so that there be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you.

18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 **You shall teach them to your children,** speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

20 And **you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,**

21 that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

God loves The Promised Land. He will prosper them ... if ... they teach ... understand ... meditate ... know The Word. Us too!

**Deuteronomy 11:22-28 (NKJV)**

22 **“For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—**

23 **then** **the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves.**

24 **Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours:** from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.

25 No man shall be able to stand against you; **the Lord your God will put the dread of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread,** just as He has said to you.

26 **“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: (2 ways — the blessing and the curse)**

27 **the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today;**

28 and **the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.**

Their part — walk and “tread”. God will bless. Blessing and cursing. It will be their responsibility. You choose!

Whether they enjoy their domicile in the land — prolong their days — is entirely down to them. God will certainly do His part.