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DEUTERONOMY:PART 2

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Deuteronomy is known in the Hebrew Bible as Debarim (“words”— from the opening verse “these are the Words”).

They are to be read every 7 years at the Feast of Tabernacles.

They are quoted over 80 times in the New Testament —Living Words and Living Principles.

Given to Israel just before they crossed the River Jordan ... to establish the Kingdom in the Promised Land — to which they had the Title Deeds.

Their domicile there was on condition they obeyed.

Deuteronomy 13:1-11 (NKJV)

1 “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

4 You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. *(God demands loyal ... loving ... allegiance)*

5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

6 “If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices

you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers,
7 of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth,
8 you shall not consent to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him or conceal him;
9 but **you shall surely kill him;** your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.
10 And **you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God,** who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
11 So all Israel shall hear and fear, and not again do such wickedness as this among you.

Beware false prophets. Don't turn away from allegiance to the True God and Provider. If you do ... capital punishment ... put you to death. Hopefully rare! But necessary to protect society.

And ... the warning is still relevant today.

2 Peter 2:1-3 (NKJV)

1 But **there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.**

2 **And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.**

3 **By covetousness (greed) they will exploit you with deceptive words;** for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

There will be false prophets. Many people will follow them. Unfortunately ... they will follow to destruction.

2 Peter 2:18-22 (NKJV)

18 **For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.**

19 **While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption**; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.

20 **For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.**

21 ***For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.***

22 **But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."**

Some who have escaped ... return to their unclean ways. Better to not have been called than listen to deceptive words from false teachers.

There is no reason why any of us should do this ... but some will stray. So it is good for us to remain aware and alert.

Deuteronomy's message ... in part ... is REMEMBER YOUR GOD. BE FAITHFUL TO HIM. HE HAS THE POWER TO PROVIDE AND BLESS ... in Ancient Israel — here and now — AND IN THE WORLD TO COME.

No nations up to now have faithfully partnered with God. But ... it will happen soon ... in the Millennium!

Deuteronomy 17:8-13 (NKJV)

8 "If a matter arises which is too hard for you to judge, between degrees of guilt for bloodshed, between one judgment or another, or between one punishment or another, matters of controversy within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the Lord your God chooses.

9 And **you shall come to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge there in those days, and inquire of them; they shall pronounce upon you the sentence of judgment.**

10 You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the Lord chooses. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you.

11 **According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to**

the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. (They must interpret according to the Law)

12 Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the Lord your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear and fear, and no longer act presumptuously.

The judges would interpret the Law ... requiring evidence ... witnesses. It wasn't a case of every man doing what was right in his own eyes ... no vigilantes!

We should be able to evaluate circumstances by the standards of God's Word and reach good ... wise ... conclusions.

1 Corinthians 6:1-6 (NKJV)

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

2 Do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? And **if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?**

3 Do you not know that **we shall judge angels**? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?

5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

Deuteronomy 18:9-22 (NKJV)

9 **"When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.**

10 **There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,**

11 **or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.**

12 **For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord,** and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

13 You shall be blameless before the Lord your God.

14 For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.

15 **"The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, (talking of Jesus Christ)**

16 according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.'

17 "And the Lord said to me: What they have spoken is good.

18 **I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.**

19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

20 **But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'**

21 And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?'—

22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

There should be no astrology ... no mediums. "TO THE LAW AND THE TESTIMONY".

Alliance is to GOD ALONE!

JESUS = THAT PROPHET. We can tell that for sure if we turn to the next verse:

Acts 3:14-16 (NKJV)

14 But **you denied the Holy One and the Just**, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 and **killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead**, of which we are witnesses.

16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Acts 3:22-24 (NKJV)

22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, ***The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.***

23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear ***that Prophet*** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

Quoting Deuteronomy 18. Mr Gerald Flurry of the Philadelphia Church of God claims to be the "That Prophet"?! HE IS NOT!!

Deuteronomy then continues with various stipulations that Israel is to keep as God's nation ... ending with Chapter 26.

When we get to Chapters 27 and 28 — they outline the Blessings and the Curses.

Deuteronomy 27:1-8 (NKJV)

1 Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: "**Keep all the commandments which I command you today.**

2 And it shall be, **on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime.**

3 **You shall write on them all the words of this law**, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey,' just as the Lord God of your fathers promised you.

4 Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that **on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones**, which I command you today, and **you shall whitewash them with lime.**

5 And **there you shall build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones;** you shall not use an iron tool on them.

6 **You shall build with whole stones the altar of the Lord your God,** and offer burnt offerings on it to the Lord your God.

7 You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the Lord your God.

8 And **you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law.**" (Torah)

Deuteronomy 27:11-26 (NKJV)

11 And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying,

12 “These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin;

13 and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 “And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel:

15 **Cursed** is the one who makes a carved or molded image, an abomination to the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.’

“And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen!’

16 **Cursed** is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

17 **Cursed** is the one who moves his neighbour’s landmark.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

18 **Cursed** is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

19 **Cursed** is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

20 **Cursed** is the one who lies with his father’s wife, because he has uncovered his father’s bed.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

21 **Cursed** is the one who lies with any kind of animal.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

22 **Cursed** is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

23 **Cursed** is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

24 **Cursed** is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

25 **Cursed** is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

26 **Cursed** is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.’

“And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’ ”

We can see this coming to pass. Moses was dead by this time.

Joshua 8:30-35 (NKJV)

30 **Now Joshua built an altar to the Lord God of Israel in Mount Ebal,**
31 **as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses: “an altar of whole stones over which no man has wielded an iron tool.”** And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord, and sacrificed peace offerings.

32 **And there, in the presence of the children of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.**

33 Then all Israel, with their elders and officers and judges, stood on either side of the ark before the priests, the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the stranger as well as he who was born among them. Half of them were in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

34 And **afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the cursings, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law.**

35 There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded which Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, with the women, the little ones, and the strangers who were living among them.

Moses' instructions were fulfilled.

Deuteronomy 28:1-10 (NKJV)

1 **“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.**

2 **And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God: (your loyal allegiance is to God)**

3 **“Blessed** shall you be in the city, and **blessed** shall you be in the country.

4 **“Blessed** shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

5 **“Blessed** shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

6 **“Blessed** shall you be when you come in, and **blessed** shall you be when you go out.

7 **“The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.**

8 **"The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

9 **"The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.**

10 Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you.

Blessings "if you diligently obey". Conditional.

Not a prophecy — but certainly very predictable!

God's preference!

They had the Title Deeds to the land — but how long they lived there — and whether they prospered — was in their hands. Their choice!

Deuteronomy 28:15-25 (NKJV)

15 **"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:**

16 **"Cursed** shall you be in the city, and **cursed** shall you be in the country.

17 **"Cursed** shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18 **"Cursed** shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.

19 **"Cursed** shall you be when you come in, and **cursed** shall you be when you go out.

20 **"The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.**

21 **The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.**

22 **The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew;** they shall pursue you until you perish.

23 And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.

24 **The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust**; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

25 **The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies**; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

Curses “if you do not obey”.

Deuteronomy 28:58-62 (NKJV)

58 **If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book**, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,

59 **then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.**

60 Moreover **He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt**, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

61 **Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law**, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed.

62 You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, **because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.**

Lots of sickness. And ... when they disobeyed ... they would be evicted from the land.

Deuteronomy 30:1-6 (NKJV)

1 **Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you**, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, *(when you fail ... this is what you need to know)*

2 **and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice**, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

3 **that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you**, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.

4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

5 **Then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.**

6 And **the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.**

When you fail! Though evicted ... God will eventually restore them. The final fulfilment in the World Tomorrow — pictured by The Feast of Tabernacles.

Deuteronomy 30:11 (NKJV)

11 **“For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. (The Law is not too difficult!)**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NKJV)

15 **“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,**

16 in that **I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.**

17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

19 **I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; (YOU CHOOSE! Here’s a hint: CHOOSE LIFE!)**

20 that you may **love the Lord your God**, that you may **obey His voice**, and that you may **cling to Him**, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.” **(This is your loving allegiance)**

Verse 20:

- Love The Lord
- Obey His voice
- Cling to Him (KJV: Cleave— other translations: remain loyal to Him ... hold fast to Him ... remain faithful to Him)

The key characteristic God looks for — and has a right to expect — is allegiance. He knows we won't be perfect — but we can be loyal!

Deuteronomy 31:1-3 (NKJV)

1 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

2 And he said to them: "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the Lord has said to me, You shall not cross over this Jordan."

3 The Lord your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the Lord has said.

Deuteronomy 31:6-11 (NKJV)

6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

7 Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it.

8 And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

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.

Deuteronomy 32:45-52 (NKJV)

45 Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law.

47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

48 **Then the Lord spoke to Moses that very same day, saying:**

49 **“Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo,** which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession;

50 **and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people;**

51 **because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.**

52 **Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there,** into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 (NKJV)

1 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan,

2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea,

3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

4 Then the Lord said to him, **“This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.”**

5 **So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.**

6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.

7 **Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigour diminished.**

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 But **since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,**

11 in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land,

12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Moses was a remarkable man!

Lots of good teaching for us ... and particularly relevant at Feast time. It pictures the people of God about to “cross over the Jordan” — and set up God’s Kingdom.

Life in The Promised Land about to start.

Hopefully soon — our “Promised Land” is about to start?!