

Deuteronomy

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Moses speaks to the rebellious Israelites--He commends Caleb and Joshua

Deut 1:1 These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red Sea, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

Deut 1:2 (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)

Deut 1:3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them;

Deut 1:4 After he had slain Sihon, the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei;

Deut 1:5 On this side Jordan in the land of Moab began Moses to declare this law, saying,

Deut 1:6 The Lord, our God, spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount;

Deut 1:7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mount of the Amorites and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the south, and by the seaside, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

Deut 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

Deut 1:9 And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone;

Deut 1:10 The Lord, your God, hath multiplied you, and behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Deut 1:11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!)

Deut 1:12 How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife?

Deut 1:13 Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you.

Deut 1:14 And ye answered me and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.

Deut 1:15 So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes.

Deut 1:16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

Deut 1:17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's; and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it.

Deut 1:18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

Deut 1:19 And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites as the Lord, our God, commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

Deut 1:20 And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the Lord, our God, doth give unto us.

Deut 1:21 Behold, the Lord, thy God, hath set the land before thee; go up and possess it as the Lord God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not; neither be discouraged.

Deut 1:22 And ye came near unto me, every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land and bring us word again by what way we must go up and into what cities we shall come.

Deut 1:23 And the saying pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe;

Deut 1:24 And they turned, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eschol, and searched it out.

Deut 1:25 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord, our God, doth give us.

Deut 1:26 Notwithstanding, ye would not go up but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, your God;

Deut 1:27 And ye murmured in your tents and said, Because the Lord hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

Deut 1:28 Whither shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and, moreover, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.

Deut 1:29 Then I said unto you, Dread not; neither be afraid of them.

Deut 1:30 The Lord, your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

Deut 1:31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the Lord, thy God, bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went until ye came into this place.

Deut 1:32 Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord, your God,

Deut 1:33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.

Deut 1:34 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

Deut 1:35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land which I sware to give unto your fathers,

Deut 1:36 Save Caleb, the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children because he hath wholly followed the Lord.

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

Deut 1:38 But Joshua, the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither; encourage him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

Deut 1:39 Moreover, your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither; and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

Deut 1:40 But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

Deut 1:41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the Lord. We will go up and fight, according to all that the Lord, our God, commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill.

Deut 1:42 And the Lord said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up; neither fight--for I am not among you--lest ye be smitten before your enemies.

Deut 1:43 So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill.

Deut 1:44 And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah.

Deut 1:45 And ye returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not hearken to your voice nor give ear unto you.

Deut 1:46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode there.

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History of Israel's conquests and dealings with other nations

Deut 2:1 Then we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea as the Lord spake unto me; and we compassed Mount Seir many days.

Deut 2:2 And the Lord spake unto me, saying,

Deut 2:3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward.

Deut 2:4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren, the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you; take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore;

Deut 2:5 Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a footbreadth because I have given Mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

Deut 2:6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink.

Deut 2:7 For the Lord, thy God, hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand; he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness; these forty years the Lord, thy God, hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

Deut 2:8 And when we passed by from our brethren, the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

Deut 2:9 And the Lord said unto me, Distress not the Moabites; neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of their land for a possession because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession.

Deut 2:10 The Emim dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim,

Deut 2:11 Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim.

Deut 2:12 The Horim also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them when they had destroyed them from before them and dwelt in their stead, as Israel did unto the land of his possession which the Lord gave unto them.

Deut 2:13 Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

Deut 2:14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years--until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host as the Lord sware unto them.

Deut 2:15 For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from among the host until they were consumed.

Deut 2:16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people,

Deut 2:17 That the Lord spake unto me, saying,

Deut 2:18 Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, this day;

Deut 2:19 And when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, distress them not nor meddle with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon any possession because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

Deut 2:20 (That also was accounted a land of giants; giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,

Deut 2:21 A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them and dwelt in their stead,

Deut 2:22 As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horim from before them; and they succeeded them and dwelt in their stead even unto this day;

Deut 2:23 And the Avim which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Capthorim, which came forth out of Capthor, destroyed them and dwelt in their stead.)

Deut 2:24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon; behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon, the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it and contend with him in battle.

Deut 2:25 This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.

Deut 2:26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon, king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

Deut 2:27 Let me pass through thy land; I will go along by the highway; I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

Deut 2:28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may eat, and give me water for money, that I may drink; only I will pass through on my feet,

Deut 2:29 (As the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites, which dwell in Ar, did unto me) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the Lord, our God, giveth us.

Deut 2:30 But Sihon, king of Heshbon, would not let us pass by him; for he hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, that the Lord, thy God, might deliver him into thy hand as he hath done this day.

Deut 2:31 And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee; begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land.

Deut 2:32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

Deut 2:33 And the Lord, our God, delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

Deut 2:34 And we took all his cities at that time and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones of every city; we left none to remain;

Deut 2:35 Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves and the spoil of the cities which we took.

Deut 2:36 From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the Lord, our God, delivered all unto us;

Deut 2:37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the Lord, our God, forbade us.

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Other victories recounted--Moses not permitted to cross Jordan

Deut 3:1 Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan; and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

Deut 3:2 And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not; for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon, king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

Deut 3:3 So the Lord, our God, delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people; and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.

Deut 3:4 And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them--threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Deut 3:5 All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars, beside unwalled towns a great many.

Deut 3:6 And we utterly destroyed them as we did unto Sihon, king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children of every city.

Deut 3:7 But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we took for a prey to ourselves.

Deut 3:8 And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto Mount Hermon,

Deut 3:9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the Amorites call it Shenir),

Deut 3:10 All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

Deut 3:11 For only Og, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was the length thereof and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

Deut 3:12 And this land, which we possessed at that time--from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, and half Mount Gilead, and the cities thereof--gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

Deut 3:13 And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh--all the region of Argob with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants.

Deut 3:14 Jair, the son of Manasseh, took all the country of Argob unto the coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day.

Deut 3:15 And I gave Gilead unto Machir.

Deut 3:16 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the river Arnon half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon,

Deut 3:17 The plain also, and Jordan, and the coast thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward.

Deut 3:18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord, your God, hath given you this land to possess it; ye shall pass over armed before your brethren, the children of Israel, all that are meet for the war.

Deut 3:19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle (for I know that ye have much cattle) shall abide in your cities which I have given you,

Deut 3:20 Until the Lord have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess the land which the Lord, your God, hath given them beyond Jordan; and then shall ye return every man unto his possession which I have given you.

Deut 3:21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the Lord, your God, hath done unto these two kings; so shall the Lord do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

Deut 3:22 Ye shall not fear them; for the Lord, your God, he shall fight for you.

Deut 3:23 And I besought the Lord at that time, saying,

Deut 3:24 O Lord God, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand. For what God is there in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works and according to thy might?

Deut 3:25 I pray thee, let me go over and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain and Lebanon.

Deut 3:26 But the Lord was wroth with me for your sakes and would not hear me; and the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter.

Deut 3:27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes; for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

Deut 3:28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see.

Deut 3:29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

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Exhortation to obedience--Consequences of disobedience--Moses appoints three cities of refuge

Deut 4:1 Now, therefore, hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

Deut 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you; neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I command you.

Deut 4:3 Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the Lord, thy God, hath destroyed them from among you.

Deut 4:4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord, your God, are alive, every one of you this day.

Deut 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord, my God, commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Deut 4:6 Keep, therefore, and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Deut 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord, our God, is in all things that we call upon him for?

Deut 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day?

Deut 4:9 Only take heed to thyself and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons and thy sons' sons--

Deut 4:10 Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord, thy God, in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth and that they may teach their children.

Deut 4:11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

Deut 4:12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire; ye heard the voice of the words but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

Deut 4:13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

Deut 4:14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

Deut 4:15 Take ye, therefore, good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

Deut 4:16 Lest ye corrupt yourselves and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

Deut 4:17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air,

Deut 4:18 The likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth,

Deut 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them and serve them, which the Lord, thy God, hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Deut 4:20 But the Lord hath taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.

Deut 4:21 Furthermore, the Lord was angry with me for your sakes and sware that I should not go over Jordan and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance;

Deut 4:22 But I must die in this land; I must not go over Jordan; but ye shall go over and possess that good land.

Deut 4:23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord, your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image or the likeness of anything which the Lord, thy God, hath forbidden thee.

Deut 4:24 For the Lord, thy God, is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

Deut 4:25 When thou shalt beget children and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image or the likeness of anything, and shall do evil in the sight of the Lord, thy God, to provoke him to anger,

Deut 4:26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it but shall utterly be destroyed.

Deut 4:27 And the Lord shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you.

Deut 4:28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands--wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

Deut 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord, thy God, thou shalt find him if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deut 4:30 When thou art in tribulation and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord, thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice,

Deut 4:31 (For the Lord, thy God, is a merciful God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he swore unto them.

Deut 4:32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is or hath been heard like it.

Deut 4:33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

Deut 4:34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord, your God, did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Deut 4:35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him.

Deut 4:36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee; and upon earth he showed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

Deut 4:37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt,

Deut 4:38 To drive out nations from before thee, greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day.

Deut 4:39 Know, therefore, this day and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; there is none else.

Deut 4:40 Thou shalt keep, therefore, his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, forever.

Deut 4:41 Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sunrising--

Deut 4:42 That the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor unawares and hated him not in times past, and that, fleeing unto one of these cities, he might live--

Deut 4:43 Namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

Deut 4:44 And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel;

Deut 4:45 These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spake unto the children of Israel after they came forth out of Egypt,

Deut 4:46 On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote after they were come forth out of Egypt;

Deut 4:47 And they possessed his land and the land of Og, king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Jordan toward the sunrising,

Deut 4:48 From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto Mount Sion, which is Hermon,

Deut 4:49 And all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, under the springs of Pisgah.

Chapter 5 ([top](#))

Covenant in Horeb--Ten Commandments

Deut 5:1 And Moses called all Israel and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

Deut 5:2 The Lord, our God, made a covenant with us in Horeb.

Deut 5:3 The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.

Deut 5:4 The Lord talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

Deut 5:5 (I stood between the Lord and you at that time to show you the word of the Lord; for ye were afraid by reason of the fire and went not up into the mount) saying,

Deut 5:6 I am the Lord, thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

Deut 5:7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

Deut 5:8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth;

Deut 5:9 Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them nor serve them; for I, the Lord, thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me,

Deut 5:10 And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Deut 5:11 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Deut 5:12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it as the Lord, thy God, hath commanded thee.

Deut 5:13 Six days thou shalt labor and do all thy work;

Deut 5:14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord, thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates, that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

Deut 5:15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt and that the Lord, thy God, brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched-out arm; therefore, the Lord, thy God, commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Deut 5:16 Honor thy father and thy mother as the Lord, thy God, hath commanded thee, that thy days may be prolonged and that it may go well with thee in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.

Deut 5:17 Thou shalt not kill.

Deut 5:18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

Deut 5:19 Neither shalt thou steal.

Deut 5:20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Deut 5:21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife; neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbor's.

Deut 5:22 These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them unto me.

Deut 5:23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness (for the mountain did burn with fire), that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes and your elders;

Deut 5:24 And ye said, Behold, the Lord, our God, hath showed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth.

Deut 5:25 Now, therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the Lord, our God, any more, then we shall die.

Deut 5:26 For who is there of all flesh that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

Deut 5:27 Go thou near and hear all that the Lord, our God, shall say; and speak thou unto us all that the Lord, our God, shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it and do it.

Deut 5:28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words when ye spake unto me; and the Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken unto thee; they have well said all that they have spoken.

Deut 5:29 Oh, that there were such a heart in them that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Deut 5:30 Go; say to them, Get you into your tents again.

Deut 5:31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

Deut 5:32 Ye shall observe to do, therefore, as the Lord, your God, hath commanded you; ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Deut 5:33 Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord, your God, hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Chapter 6 ([top](#))

First and great commandment--Obedience emphasized

Deut 6:1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord, your God, commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it,

Deut 6:2 That thou mightest fear the Lord, thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deut 6:3 Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it, that it may be well with thee and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord, our God, is one Lord;

Deut 6:5 And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

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

Deut 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deut 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house and on thy gates.

Deut 6:10 And it shall be, when the Lord, thy God, shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

Deut 6:11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not--when thou shalt have eaten and be full--

Deut 6:12 Then beware, lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage.

Deut 6:13 Thou shalt fear the Lord, thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

Deut 6:14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you,

Deut 6:15 (For the Lord, thy God, is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the Lord, thy God, be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

Deut 6:16 Ye shall not tempt the Lord, your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

Deut 6:17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes which he hath commanded thee.

Deut 6:18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers,

Deut 6:19 To cast out all thine enemies from before thee as the Lord hath spoken.

Deut 6:20 And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord, our God, hath commanded you?

Deut 6:21 Then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

Deut 6:22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household before our eyes;

Deut 6:23 And he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

Deut 6:24 And the Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the Lord, our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

Deut 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord, our God, as he hath commanded us.

Chapter 7 ([top](#))

Association with other nations forbidden--Conditional blessings

Deut 7:1 When the Lord, thy God, shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee--the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou--

Deut 7:2 And when the Lord, thy God, shall deliver them before thee, thou shalt smite them and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them nor show mercy unto them;

Deut 7:3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

Deut 7:4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods; so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you and destroy thee suddenly.

Deut 7:5 But thus shall ye deal with them: Ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Deut 7:6 For thou art a holy people unto the Lord, thy God; the Lord, thy God, hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Deut 7:7 The Lord did not set his love upon you nor choose you because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people;

Deut 7:8 But because the Lord loved you and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Deut 7:9 Know, therefore, that the Lord, thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations,

Deut 7:10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them; he will not be slack to him that hateth him; he will repay him to his face.

Deut 7:11 Thou shalt, therefore, keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments which I command thee this day, to do them.

Deut 7:12 Wherefore, it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments and keep and do them, that the Lord, thy God, shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers;

Deut 7:13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

Deut 7:14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people; there shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle.

Deut 7:15 And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

Deut 7:16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord, thy God, shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them; neither shalt thou serve their gods, for that will be a snare unto thee.

Deut 7:17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I. How can I dispossess them?

Deut 7:18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them but shalt well remember what the Lord, thy God, did unto Pharaoh and unto all Egypt:

Deut 7:19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm whereby the Lord, thy God, brought thee out; so shall the Lord, thy God, do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

Deut 7:20 Moreover, the Lord, thy God, will send the hornet among them until they that are left and hide themselves from thee be destroyed.

Deut 7:21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for the Lord, thy God, is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

Deut 7:22 And the Lord, thy God, will put out those nations before thee by little and little; thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

Deut 7:23 But the Lord, thy God, shall deliver them unto thee and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction until they be destroyed.

Deut 7:24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand before thee until thou have destroyed them.

Deut 7:25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to the Lord, thy God.

Deut 7:26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it; but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

Chapter 8 ([top](#))

Exhortation to obedience--God's blessings--Warning against pride

Deut 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers.

Deut 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord, thy God, led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or no.

Deut 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Deut 8:4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee; neither did thy foot swell these forty years.

Deut 8:5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord, thy God, chasteneth thee.

Deut 8:6 Therefore, thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord, thy God, to walk in his ways and to fear him.

Deut 8:7 For the Lord, thy God, bringeth thee into a good land--a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

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

Deut 8:9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness. Thou shalt not lack anything in it, a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

Deut 8:10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord, thy God, for the good land which he hath given thee.

Deut 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord, thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day,

Deut 8:12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein,

Deut 8:13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied,

Deut 8:14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord, thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage,

Deut 8:15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water, who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint,

Deut 8:16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Deut 8:17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Deut 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord, thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deut 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord, thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

Deut 8:20 As the nations which the Lord destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord, your God.

Chapter 9 ([top](#))

Land taken from wicked nations and given to Israelites--Israelite rebellions recounted

Deut 9:1 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

Deut 9:2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakim, whom thou knowest and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

Deut 9:3 Understand, therefore, this day that the Lord, thy God, is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face; so shalt thou drive them out and destroy them quickly as the Lord hath said unto thee.

Deut 9:4 Speak not thou in thine heart after that the Lord, thy God, hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the Lord hath brought me in to possess this land; but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive them out from before thee.

Deut 9:5 Not for thy righteousness or for the uprightness of thine heart dost thou go to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord, thy God, doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deut 9:6 Understand, therefore, that the Lord, thy God, giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiff-necked people.

Deut 9:7 Remember and forget not how thou provokedst the Lord, thy God, to wrath in the wilderness; from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt until ye came unto this place ye have been rebellious against the Lord.

Deut 9:8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was angry with you to have destroyed you.

Deut 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I neither did eat bread nor drink water;

Deut 9:10 And the Lord delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words which the Lord spake with you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

Deut 9:11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights that the Lord gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant.

Deut 9:12 And the Lord said unto me, Arise; get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

Deut 9:13 Furthermore, the Lord spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

Deut 9:14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

Deut 9:15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire; and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

Deut 9:16 And I looked, and behold, ye had sinned against the Lord, your God, and had made you a molten calf; ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you.

Deut 9:17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

Deut 9:18 And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water because of all your sins which ye sinned in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

Deut 9:19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also.

Deut 9:20 And the Lord was very angry with Aaron, to have destroyed him; and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.

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

Deut 9:22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah ye provoked the Lord to wrath.

Deut 9:23 Likewise, when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you, then ye rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, your God, and ye believed him not nor hearkened to his voice.

Deut 9:24 Ye have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you.

Deut 9:25 Thus I fell down before the Lord forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first, because the Lord had said he would destroy you.

Deut 9:26 I prayed, therefore, unto the Lord and said, O Lord God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Deut 9:27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin,

Deut 9:28 Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the Lord was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

Deut 9:29 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched-out arm.

Instructions regarding tables of commandments--God gives requirements

Deut 10:1 At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two other tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me upon the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

Deut 10:2 And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables, which thou breakest, save the words of the everlasting covenant of the holy priesthood; and thou shalt put them in the ark.

Deut 10:3 And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

Deut 10:4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount, out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them unto me.

Deut 10:5 And I turned myself, and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be as the Lord commanded me.

Deut 10:6 And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth, of the children of Jaakan, to Mosera; there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar, his son, ministered in the priest's office in his stead.

Deut 10:7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

Deut 10:8 At that time, the Lord separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name unto this day.

Deut 10:9 Wherefore, Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance according as the Lord, thy God, promised him.

Deut 10:10 And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy thee.

Deut 10:11 And the Lord said unto me, Arise; take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

Deut 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the Lord, thy God, require of thee, but to fear the Lord, thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deut 10:13 To keep the commandments of the Lord and his statutes which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deut 10:14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's, thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

Deut 10:15 Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them; and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

Deut 10:16 Circumcise, therefore, the foreskin of your heart and be no more stiff-necked.

Deut 10:17 For the Lord, your God, is God of gods and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty and a terrible, which regardeth not persons nor taketh reward;

Deut 10:18 He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.

Deut 10:19 Love ye, therefore, the stranger; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Deut 10:20 Thou shalt fear the Lord, thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave and swear by his name.

Deut 10:21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things which thine eyes have seen.

Deut 10:22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the Lord, thy God, hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

Chapter 11 ([top](#))

Exhortation to obedience--Blessing and cursing set before the people

Deut 11:1 Therefore, thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments always.

Deut 11:2 And know ye this day; for I speak not with your children which have not known and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord, your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched-out arm,

Deut 11:3 And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and unto all his land,

Deut 11:4 And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the Lord hath destroyed them unto this day,

Deut 11:5 And what he did unto you in the wilderness until ye came into this place,

Deut 11:6 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben--how the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel--

Deut 11:7 But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

Deut 11:8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land whither ye go to possess it,

Deut 11:9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut 11:10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs;

Deut 11:11 But the land whither ye go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain of heaven.

Deut 11:12 A land which the Lord, thy God, careth for; the eyes of the Lord, thy God, are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

Deut 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord, your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

Deut 11:15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Deut 11:16 Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

Deut 11:17 And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit, and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

Deut 11:18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deut 11:19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deut 11:20 And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house and upon thy gates,

Deut 11:21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Deut 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord, your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him,

Deut 11:23 Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

Deut 11:24 Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours--from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

Deut 11:25 There shall no man be able to stand before you, for the Lord, your God, shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Deut 11:26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse:

Deut 11:27 A blessing if ye obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, which I command you this day,

Deut 11:28 And a curse if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord, your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which ye have not known.

Deut 11:29 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord, thy God, hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon Mount Gerizim and the curse upon Mount Ebal.

Deut 11:30 Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?

Deut 11:31 For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord, your God, giveth you, and ye shall possess it and dwell therein.

Deut 11:32 And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

Chapter 12 ([top](#))

Places of idolatry to be destroyed--God to choose the place for true worship--Instruction concerning offerings--Provision made for Levites

Deut 12:1 These are the statutes and judgments which ye shall observe to do in the land, which the Lord God of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

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

Deut 12:3 And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods and destroy the names of them out of that place.

Deut 12:4 Ye shall not do so unto the Lord, your God.

Deut 12:5 But unto the place which the Lord, your God, shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come;

Deut 12:6 And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks;

Deut 12:7 And there ye shall eat before the Lord, your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord, thy God, hath blessed thee.

Deut 12:8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

Deut 12:9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the Lord, your God, giveth you.

Deut 12:10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord, your God, giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety,

Deut 12:11 Then there shall be a place which the Lord, your God, shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you--your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord;

Deut 12:12 And ye shall rejoice before the Lord, your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates, forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

Deut 12:13 Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest;

Deut 12:14 But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

Deut 12:15 Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the Lord, thy God, which he hath given thee; the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart.

Deut 12:16 Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

Deut 12:17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand;

Deut 12:18 But thou must eat them before the Lord, thy God, in the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates; and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord, thy God, in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

Deut 12:19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

Deut 12:20 When the Lord, thy God, shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh (because thy soul longeth to eat flesh), thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

Deut 12:21 If the place which the Lord, thy God, hath chosen to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates whatsoever thy soul lusteth after.

Deut 12:22 Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them; the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

Deut 12:23 Only be sure that thou eat not the blood; for the blood is the life, and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

Deut 12:24 Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

Deut 12:25 Thou shalt not eat it, that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

Deut 12:26 Only thy holy things which thou hast and thy vows thou shalt take and go unto the place which the Lord shall choose;

Deut 12:27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord, thy God; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord, thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

Deut 12:28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee and with thy children after thee forever when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the Lord, thy God.

Deut 12:29 When the Lord, thy God, shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them and dwellest in their land,

Deut 12:30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them after that they be destroyed from before thee and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise.

Deut 12:31 Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord, thy God; for every abomination to the Lord which he hateth have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods.

Deut 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it.

Chapter 13 ([top](#))

Idolatry forbidden

Deut 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

Deut 13:2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them,

Deut 13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord, your God, proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deut 13:4 Ye shall walk after the Lord, your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice; and ye shall serve him and cleave unto him.

Deut 13:5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death because he hath spoken to turn you away from the Lord, your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the Lord, thy God, commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

Deut 13:6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers,

Deut 13:7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth,

Deut 13:8 Thou shalt not consent unto him nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him; neither shalt thou spare; neither shalt thou conceal him;

Deut 13:9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

Deut 13:10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the Lord, thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt from the house of bondage.

Deut 13:11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

Deut 13:12 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the Lord, thy God, hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

Deut 13:13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known,

Deut 13:14 Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and behold, if it be truth and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you,

Deut 13:15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof with the edge of the sword.

Deut 13:16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof and shalt burn with fire the city and all the spoil thereof, every whit, for the Lord, thy God; and it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again.

Deut 13:17 And there shall cleave naught of the cursed thing to thine hand, that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee as he hath sworn unto thy fathers,

Deut 13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord, thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the Lord, thy God.

Chapter 14 ([top](#))

Dietary restrictions--Tithing

Deut 14:1 Ye are the children of the Lord, your God; ye shall not cut yourselves nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

Deut 14:2 For thou art a holy people unto the Lord, thy God; and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Deut 14:3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing.

Deut 14:4 These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat,

Deut 14:5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

Deut 14:6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

Deut 14:7 Nevertheless, these ye shall not eat: of them that chew the cud or of them that divide the cloven hoof, as the camel, and the hare, and the coney; for they chew the cud but divide not the hoof; therefore, they are unclean unto you.

Deut 14:8 And the swine, because it divideth the hoof yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their dead carcass.

Deut 14:9 These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat;

Deut 14:10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you.

Deut 14:11 Of all clean birds ye shall eat.

Deut 14:12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray,

Deut 14:13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture after his kind,

Deut 14:14 And every raven after his kind,

Deut 14:15 And the owl, and the nighthawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after his kind,

Deut 14:16 The little owl, and the great owl, and the swan,

Deut 14:17 And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant,

Deut 14:18 And the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

Deut 14:19 And every creeping thing that flieth is unclean unto you; they shall not be eaten.

Deut 14:20 But of all clean fowls ye may eat.

Deut 14:21 Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself; thou shalt not give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest not sell it unto an alien; for thou art a holy people unto the Lord, thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Deut 14:22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

Deut 14:23 And thou shalt eat before the Lord, thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks, that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord, thy God, always.

Deut 14:24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, or if the place be too far from thee which the Lord, thy God, shall choose to set his name there when the Lord, thy God, hath blessed thee,

Deut 14:25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose.

Deut 14:26 And thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after--for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth; and thou shalt eat there before the Lord, thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household,

Deut 14:27 And the Levite that is within thy gates; thou shalt not forsake him, for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

Deut 14:28 At the end of three years, thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year and shalt lay it up within thy gates;

Deut 14:29 And the Levite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee), and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow which are within thy gates shall come, and shall eat, and be satisfied, that the Lord, thy God, may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

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Release every seven years--Relief for the poor--Firstling male animals to be sanctified

Deut 15:1 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release.

Deut 15:2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbor shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbor or of his brother because it is called the Lord's release.

Deut 15:3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again; but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release,

Deut 15:4 Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance, to possess it,

Deut 15:5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord, thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

Deut 15:6 For the Lord, thy God, blesseth thee, as he promised thee; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.

Deut 15:7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother;

Deut 15:8 But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

Deut 15:9 Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him naught; and he cry unto the Lord against thee, and it be sin unto thee.

Deut 15:10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him because that for this thing the Lord, thy God, shall bless thee in all thy works and in all that thou putteth thine hand unto.

Deut 15:11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land; therefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy in thy land.

Deut 15:12 And if thy brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee and serve thee six years, then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

Deut 15:13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty;

Deut 15:14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress; of that wherewith the Lord, thy God, hath blessed thee, thou shalt give unto him.

Deut 15:15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the Lord, thy God, redeemed thee; therefore, I command thee this thing today.

Deut 15:16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee, because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee,

Deut 15:17 Then thou shalt take an awl and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant forever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

Deut 15:18 It shall not seem hard unto thee when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant to thee in serving thee six years; and the Lord, thy God, shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

Deut 15:19 All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the Lord, thy God; thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock nor shear the firstling of thy sheep.

Deut 15:20 Thou shalt eat it before the Lord, thy God, year by year in the place which the Lord shall choose, thou and thy household.

Deut 15:21 And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord, thy God.

Deut 15:22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates; the unclean and the clean person shall eat it alike, as the roebuck and as the hart.

Deut 15:23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

The passover and other feasts--All males to give offerings--Judges and justice--Images and groves forbidden

Deut 16:1 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the Lord, thy God; for in the month of Abib the Lord, thy God, brought thee forth out of Egypt by night.

Deut 16:2 Thou shalt, therefore, sacrifice the passover unto the Lord, thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place where the Lord shall choose to place his name there.

Deut 16:3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction (for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste), that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life.

Deut 16:4 And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there anything of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until morning.

Deut 16:5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee;

Deut 16:6 But at the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

Deut 16:7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose; and thou shalt turn in the morning and go unto thy tents.

Deut 16:8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord, thy God; thou shalt do no work therein.

Deut 16:9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee; begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn.

Deut 16:10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord, thy God, with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord, thy God, according as the Lord, thy God, hath blessed thee;

Deut 16:11 And thou shalt rejoice before the Lord, thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that are among you, in the place which the Lord, thy God, hath chosen to place his name there.

Deut 16:12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

Deut 16:13 Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine;

Deut 16:14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that are within thy gates.

Deut 16:15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord, thy God, in the place which the Lord shall choose; because the Lord, thy God, shall bless thee in all thine increase and in all the works of thine hands; therefore, thou shalt surely rejoice.

Deut 16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord, thy God, in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty.

Deut 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, thy God, which he hath given thee.

Deut 16:18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, throughout thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

Deut 16:19 Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift; for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise and pervert the words of the righteous.

Deut 16:20 That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live and inherit the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.

Deut 16:21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord, thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

Deut 16:22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any graven image, which the Lord, thy God, hateth.

Chapter 17 ([top](#))

Only unblemished animals to be sacrificed--Idolaters must be slain--Difficult controversies to be settled by priests and judges--God to choose a righteous man to be king

Deut 17:1 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord, thy God, any bullock or sheep wherein is blemish or any evil-favoredness; for that is an abomination unto the Lord, thy God.

Deut 17:2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, man or woman that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the Lord, thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

Deut 17:3 And hath gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,

Deut 17:4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it and inquired diligently, and behold, it be true and the thing certain that such abomination is wrought in Israel,

Deut 17:5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman which have committed that wicked thing unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones till they die.

Deut 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

Deut 17:7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

Deut 17:8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates, then shalt thou arise and get thee up into the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose.

Deut 17:9 And thou shalt come unto the priests, the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days and inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment;

Deut 17:10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence which they of that place, which the Lord shall choose, shall show thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee;

Deut 17:11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand nor to the left.

Deut 17:12 And the man that will do presumptuously and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord, thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

Deut 17:13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

Deut 17:14 When thou art come unto the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me like as all the nations that are about me,

Deut 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord, thy God, shall choose; one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee; thou mayest not set a stranger over thee which is not thy brother.

Deut 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses; forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way;

Deut 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

Deut 17:18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests, the Levites;

Deut 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord, his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them,

Deut 17:20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand or to the left, to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

Chapter 18 ([top](#))

The Lord is the inheritance of the Levites--Wizardry and divination to be shunned--God will raise up a prophet--Presumptuous prophets condemned

Deut 18:1 The priests, the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire and his inheritance.

Deut 18:2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance as he hath said unto them.

Deut 18:3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep: And they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

Deut 18:4 The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give him.

Deut 18:5 For the Lord, thy God, hath chosen him out of all thy tribes to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons forever.

Deut 18:6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the Lord shall choose,

Deut 18:7 Then he shall minister in the name of the Lord, his God, as all his brethren, the Levites, do which stand there before the Lord.

Deut 18:8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

Deut 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

Deut 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

Deut 18:11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

Deut 18:12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord; and because of these abominations, the Lord, thy God, doth drive them out from before thee.

Deut 18:13 Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord, thy God.

Deut 18:14 For these nations which thou shalt possess hearkened unto observers of times and unto diviners; but as for thee, the Lord, thy God, hath not suffered thee so to do.

Deut 18:15 The Lord, thy God, will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken,

Deut 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord, thy God, in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord, my God; neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deut 18:17 And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

Deut 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deut 18:19 And it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Deut 18:20 But the prophet which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Deut 18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?

Deut 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken; but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Chapter 19 ([top](#))

Cities of refuge--Landmarks not to be removed--Two or three witnesses required in disputes--Punishment of a false witness

Deut 19:1 When the Lord, thy God, hath cut off the nations whose land the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, and thou succeedest them and dwellest in their cities and in their houses,

Deut 19:2 Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee to possess it.

Deut 19:3 Thou shalt prepare thee a way and divide the coasts of thy land, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

Deut 19:4 And this is the case of the slayer which shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbor ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past--

Deut 19:5 As when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve and lighteth upon his neighbor, that he die--he shall flee unto one of those cities and live,

Deut 19:6 Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

Deut 19:7 Wherefore, I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

Deut 19:8 And if the Lord, thy God, enlarge thy coast as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers,

Deut 19:9 If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord, thy God, and to walk ever in his ways, then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three,

Deut 19:10 That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

Deut 19:11 But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities,

Deut 19:12 Then the elders of his city shall send, and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die.

Deut 19:13 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

Deut 19:14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the Lord, thy God, giveth thee to possess it.

Deut 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth; at the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established.

Deut 19:16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong,

Deut 19:17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days;

Deut 19:18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and behold, if the witness be a false witness and hath testified falsely against his brother,

Deut 19:19 Then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother; so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

Deut 19:20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you.

Deut 19:21 And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Chapter 20 ([top](#))

Courage in battle exhorted--Those exempt from war--Proclaim peace before fighting--Fruit-bearing trees must not be cut down

Deut 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Deut 20:2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

Deut 20:3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel. Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble; neither be ye terrified because of them;

Deut 20:4 For the Lord, your God, is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Deut 20:5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

Deut 20:6 And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard and hath not yet eaten of it? Let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it.

Deut 20:7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.

Deut 20:8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

Deut 20:9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

Deut 20:10 When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

Deut 20:11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace and open unto thee, then it shall be that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

Deut 20:12 And if it will make no peace with thee but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it.

Deut 20:13 And when the Lord, thy God, hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword;

Deut 20:14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies which the Lord, thy God, hath given thee.

Deut 20:15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations.

Deut 20:16 But of the cities of these people, which the Lord, thy God, doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth;

Deut 20:17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them: namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites as the Lord, thy God, hath commanded thee,

Deut 20:18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the Lord, your God.

Deut 20:19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field is man's life) to employ them in the siege;

Deut 20:20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee until it be subdued.

Chapter 21 ([top](#))

Sacrifices for unsolved murders--Taking a captive to wife--Firstborn not to be disinherited--Rebellious sons

Deut 21:1 If one be found slain in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath slain him,

Deut 21:2 Then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain;

Deut 21:3 And it shall be, that the city which is next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer which hath not been wrought with and which hath not drawn in the yoke;

Deut 21:4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley.

Deut 21:5 And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near; for them the Lord, thy God, hath chosen to minister unto him and to bless in the name of the Lord; and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be tried;

Deut 21:6 And all the elders of that city that are next unto the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley;

Deut 21:7 And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood; neither have our eyes seen it.

Deut 21:8 Be merciful, O Lord, unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be forgiven them.

Deut 21:9 So shalt thou put away the guilt of innocent blood from among you when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord.

Deut 21:10 When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the Lord, thy God, hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

Deut 21:11 And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife,

Deut 21:12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head and pare her nails;

Deut 21:13 And she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month; and after that, thou shalt go in unto her and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife.

Deut 21:14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money; thou shalt not make merchandise of her because thou hast humbled her.

Deut 21:15 If a man have two wives, one beloved and another hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated, and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated,

Deut 21:16 Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn;

Deut 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

Deut 21:18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them,

Deut 21:19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him out unto the elders of his city and unto the gate of his place;

Deut 21:20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This, our son, is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.

Deut 21:21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear and fear.

Deut 21:22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree,

Deut 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day (for he that is hanged is accursed of God), that thy land be not defiled, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance.

Livestock to be restored to owners--Different apparel for men and women--Various temporal rules--Penalties for abusing wives and for sexual offenses

Deut 22:1 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray and hide thyself from them; thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

Deut 22:2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house; and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it and thou shalt restore it to him again.

Deut 22:3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost things of thy brother's, which he hath lost and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise; thou mayest not hide thyself.

Deut 22:4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

Deut 22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man; neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord, thy God.

Deut 22:6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree or on the ground, whether they be young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young;

Deut 22:7 But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go and take the young to thee, that it may be well with thee and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

Deut 22:8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house if any man fall from thence.

Deut 22:9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds, lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown and the fruit of thy vineyard be defiled.

Deut 22:10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

Deut 22:11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together.

Deut 22:12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture wherewith thou coverest thyself.

Deut 22:13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,

Deut 22:14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman; and when I came to her, I found her not a maid,

Deut 22:15 Then shall the father of the damsel and her mother take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate;

Deut 22:16 And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

Deut 22:17 And lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

Deut 22:18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

Deut 22:19 And they shall amerce him in a hundred shekels of silver and give them unto the father of the damsel because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

Deut 22:20 But if this thing be true and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel,

Deut 22:21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house; and the men of her city shall stone her with stones, that she die because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house; so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Deut 22:22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman and the woman; so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

Deut 22:23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city and lie with her,

Deut 22:24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones, that they die--the damsel because she cried not, being in the city, and the man because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife; so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

Deut 22:25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her and lie with her, then the man only that lay with her shall die;

Deut 22:26 But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death; for as when a man riseth against his neighbor and slayeth him, even so is this matter;

Deut 22:27 For he found her in the field; and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

Deut 22:28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her and lie with her, and they be found,

Deut 22:29 Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

Deut 22:30 A man shall not take his father's wife nor discover his father's skirt.

Chapter 23 ([top](#))

Various prohibitions

Deut 23:1 He that is wounded in the stones or hath his privy member cut off shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

Deut 23:2 A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord.

Deut 23:3 An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever,

Deut 23:4 Because they met you not with bread and with water in the way when ye came forth out of Egypt and because they hired against thee Balaam, the son of Beor, of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee.

Deut 23:5 Nevertheless, the Lord, thy God, would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord, thy God, turned the curse into a blessing unto thee because the Lord, thy God, loved thee.

Deut 23:6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days forever.

Deut 23:7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite, for he is thy brother; thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian because thou wast a stranger in his land.

Deut 23:8 The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the Lord in their third generation.

Deut 23:9 When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing.

Deut 23:10 If there be among you any man that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp; he shall not come within the camp;

Deut 23:11 But it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash himself with water; and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp again.

Deut 23:12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp whither thou shalt go forth abroad;

Deut 23:13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee;

Deut 23:14 For the Lord, thy God, walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he see no unclean thing in thee and turn away from thee.

Deut 23:15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee;

Deut 23:16 He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best; thou shalt not oppress him.

Deut 23:17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.

Deut 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore or the price of a dog into the house of the Lord, thy God, for any vow; for even both these are abomination unto the Lord, thy God.

Deut 23:19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother: usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of anything that is lent upon usury.

Deut 23:20 Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury, that the Lord, thy God, may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deut 23:21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it; for the Lord, thy God, will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee.

Deut 23:22 But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

Deut 23:23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform, even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord, thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

Deut 23:24 When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

Deut 23:25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor's standing corn.

Chapter 24 ([top](#))

Rules for divorce--Stealing of brethren condemned--Leprosy--Justice and charity to the poor and the stranger

Deut 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife and married her and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes because he hath found some uncleanness in her, then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Deut 24:2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

Deut 24:3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house, or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife,

Deut 24:4 Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the Lord; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance.

Deut 24:5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war; neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home one year and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

Deut 24:6 No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

Deut 24:7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel and maketh merchandise of him or selleth him, then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you.

Deut 24:8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do.

Deut 24:9 Remember what the Lord, thy God, did unto Miriam by the way after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.

Deut 24:10 When thou dost lend thy brother anything, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

Deut 24:11 Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee.

Deut 24:12 And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge;

Deut 24:13 In any case, thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment and bless thee; and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord, thy God.

Deut 24:14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates;

Deut 24:15 At his day thou shalt give him his hire--neither shall the sun go down upon it, for he is poor and setteth his heart upon it--lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

Deut 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children; neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

Deut 24:17 Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger nor of the fatherless nor take a widow's raiment to pledge;

Deut 24:18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord, thy God, redeemed thee thence; therefore, I command thee to do this thing.

Deut 24:19 When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow, that the Lord, thy God, may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

Deut 24:20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

Deut 24:21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

Deut 24:22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore, I command thee to do this thing.

Chapter 25 ([top](#))

Rules concerning punishment--Duty of a dead husband's brother--Unjust weights

Deut 25:1 If there be a controversy between men and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them, then they shall justify the righteous and condemn the wicked.

Deut 25:2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

Deut 25:3 Forty stripes he may give him and not exceed, lest, if he should exceed and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

Deut 25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

Deut 25:5 If brethren dwell together and one of them die and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her.

Deut 25:6 And it shall be that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

Deut 25:7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

Deut 25:8 Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak unto him; and if he stand to it and say, I like not to take her,

Deut 25:9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

Deut 25:10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

Deut 25:11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets,

Deut 25:12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand; thine eye shall not pity her.

Deut 25:13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small;

Deut 25:14 Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small;

Deut 25:15 But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have, that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.

Deut 25:16 For all that do such things and all that do unrighteously are an abomination unto the Lord, thy God.

Deut 25:17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way when ye were come forth out of Egypt--

Deut 25:18 How he met thee by the way and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.

Deut 25:19 Therefore, it shall be, when the Lord, thy God, hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.

Chapter 26 ([top](#))

Firstfruits offered--Third-year tithe--Covenant between God and the people

Deut 26:1 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

Deut 26:2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord, thy God, shall choose to place his name there.

Deut 26:3 And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days and say unto him, I profess this day unto the Lord, thy God, that I am come unto the country which the Lord sware unto our fathers for to give us.

Deut 26:4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord, thy God.

Deut 26:5 And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord, thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous;

Deut 26:6 And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage;

Deut 26:7 And when we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression;

Deut 26:8 And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders;

Deut 26:9 And he hath brought us into this place and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut 26:10 And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which thou, O Lord, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the Lord, thy God, and worship before the Lord, thy God;

Deut 26:11 And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord, thy God, hath given unto thee and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

Deut 26:12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates and be filled,

Deut 26:13 Then thou shalt say before the Lord, thy God, I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed thy commandments; neither have I forgotten them.

Deut 26:14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning; neither have I taken away aught thereof for any unclean use nor given aught thereof for the dead; but I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord, my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

Deut 26:15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deut 26:16 This day the Lord, thy God, hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments; thou shalt, therefore, keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

Deut 26:17 Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice;

Deut 26:18 And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments,

Deut 26:19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made--in praise, and in name, and in honor--and that thou mayest be a holy people unto the Lord, thy God, as he hath spoken.

Chapter 27 ([top](#))

Instructions to write the law and build an altar after crossing the Jordan--Blessings and cursings

Deut 27:1 And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

Deut 27:2 And it shall be, on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones and plaster them with plaster;

Deut 27:3 And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

Deut 27:4 Therefore, it shall be, when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in Mount Ebal; and thou shalt plaster them with plaster.

Deut 27:5 And there shalt thou build an altar unto the Lord, thy God, an altar of stones; thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them.

Deut 27:6 Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord, thy God, of whole stones; and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, thy God;

Deut 27:7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the Lord, thy God.

Deut 27:8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

Deut 27:9 And Moses and the priests, the Levites, spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord, thy God.

Deut 27:10 Thou shalt, therefore, obey the voice of the Lord, thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day.

Deut 27:11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

Deut 27:12 These shall stand upon Mount Gerizim to bless the people when ye are come over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin;

Deut 27:13 And these shall stand upon Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

Deut 27:14 And the Levites shall speak and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

Deut 27:15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

Deut 27:16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deut 27:26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law, to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Chapter 28 ([top](#))

Blessings for obedience--Curses for disobedience

Deut 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord, thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord, thy God, will set thee on high above all nations of the earth;

Deut 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord, thy God.

Deut 28:3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Deut 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Deut 28:5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Deut 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Deut 28:7 The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways.

Deut 28:8 The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord, thy God, giveth thee.

Deut 28:9 The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord, thy God, and walk in his ways.

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

Deut 28:11 And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods: in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Deut 28:12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Deut 28:13 And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them;

Deut 28:14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods, to serve them.

Deut 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord, thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee and overtake thee;

Deut 28:16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.

Deut 28:17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Deut 28:18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Deut 28:19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Deut 28:20 The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

Deut 28:21 The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee until he have consumed thee from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deut 28:22 The Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

Deut 28:23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

Deut 28:24 The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust; from heaven shall it come down upon thee until thou be destroyed.

Deut 28:25 The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them, and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deut 28:26 And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

Deut 28:27 The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch whereof thou canst not be healed.

Deut 28:28 The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart;

Deut 28:29 And thou shalt grope at noonday as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.

Deut 28:30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; thou shalt build a house, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.

Deut 28:31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face and shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.

Deut 28:32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all the day long; and there shall be no might in thine hand.

Deut 28:33 The fruit of thy land and all thy labors shall a nation, which thou knowest not, eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always,

Deut 28:34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deut 28:35 The Lord shall smite thee in the knees and in the legs with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

Deut 28:36 The Lord shall bring thee and thy king, which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

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

Deut 28:38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.

Deut 28:39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.

Deut 28:40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.

Deut 28:41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

Deut 28:42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.

Deut 28:43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.

Deut 28:44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.

Deut 28:45 Moreover, all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee till thou be destroyed because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord, thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee.

Deut 28:46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder and upon thy seed forever,

Deut 28:47 Because thou servedst not the Lord, thy God, with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things;

Deut 28:48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies, which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things; and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck until he have destroyed thee.

Deut 28:49 The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth, a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand,

Deut 28:50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old nor show favor to the young;

Deut 28:51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle and the fruit of thy land until thou be destroyed--which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep until he have destroyed thee.

Deut 28:52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates until thy high and fenced walls come down wherein thou trustedst throughout all thy land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land which the Lord, thy God, hath given thee.

Deut 28:53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord, thy God, hath given thee, in the siege and in the straitness wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee,

Deut 28:54 So that the man that is tender among you and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave,

Deut 28:55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat because he hath nothing left him in the siege and in the straitness wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.

Deut 28:56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,

Deut 28:57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

Deut 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD, THY GOD,

Deut 28:59 Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses and of long continuance.

Deut 28:60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

Deut 28:61 Also every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee until thou be destroyed.

Deut 28:62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the Lord, thy God.

Deut 28:63 And it shall come to pass that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you and to bring you to naught; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deut 28:64 And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Deut 28:65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease; neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind;

Deut 28:66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night and shalt have none assurance of thy life.

Deut 28:67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! And at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deut 28:68 And the Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee: Thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

Chapter 29 ([top](#))

God commands Moses to declare covenant with Israelites--Consequences of forsaking the covenant

Deut 29:1 These are the words of the covenant which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

Deut 29:2 And Moses called unto all Israel and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land:

Deut 29:3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles.

Deut 29:4 Yet the Lord hath not given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear unto this day.

Deut 29:5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Deut 29:6 Ye have not eaten bread; neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink, that ye might know that I am the Lord, your God.

Deut 29:7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon, the king of Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle; and we smote them;

Deut 29:8 And we took their land and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

Deut 29:9 Keep, therefore, the words of this covenant and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Deut 29:10 Ye stand this day all of you before the Lord, your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

Deut 29:11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water,

Deut 29:12 That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord, thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord, thy God, maketh with thee this day,

Deut 29:13 That he may establish thee today for a people unto himself and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Deut 29:14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath,

Deut 29:15 But with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord, our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day,

Deut 29:16 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;

Deut 29:17 And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them),

Deut 29:18 Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the Lord, our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

Deut 29:19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst;

Deut 29:20 The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man; and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven.

Deut 29:21 And the Lord shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law,

Deut 29:22 So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say--when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the Lord hath laid upon it,

Deut 29:23 And that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger and in his wrath--

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

Deut 29:25 Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt;

Deut 29:26 For they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they knew not and whom he had not given unto them;

Deut 29:27 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book;

Deut 29:28 And the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

Deut 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord, our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Chapter 30 ([top](#))

Israelites to be gathered and sanctified--Obedience commanded--Life and death, blessing and cursing set before them

Deut 30:1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord, thy God, hath driven thee,

Deut 30:2 And shalt return unto the Lord, thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart and with all thy soul,

Deut 30:3 That then the Lord, thy God, will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord, thy God, hath scattered thee.

Deut 30:4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord, thy God, gather thee and from thence will he fetch thee;

Deut 30:5 And the Lord, thy God, will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed; and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good and multiply thee above thy fathers.

Deut 30:6 And the Lord, thy God, will circumcise thine heart and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord, thy God, with all thine heart and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Deut 30:7 And the Lord, thy God, will put all these curses upon thine enemies and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

Deut 30:8 And thou shalt return, and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

Deut 30:9 And the Lord, thy God, will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers,

Deut 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord, thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord, thy God, with all thine heart and with all thy soul.

Deut 30:11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee; neither is it far off.

Deut 30:12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it?

Deut 30:13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it?

Deut 30:14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Deut 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil,

Deut 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the Lord, thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply; and the Lord, thy God, shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deut 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them,

Deut 30:18 I denounce unto you this day that ye shall surely perish and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

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

Deut 30:20 That thou mayest love the Lord, thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him; for he is thy life and the length of thy days--that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Chapter 31 ([top](#))

Moses exhorts Joshua and encourages the people--Moses delivers the book of the law and gives warning to the Levites

Deut 31:1 And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

Deut 31:2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in; also the Lord hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

Deut 31:3 The Lord, thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them; and Joshua, he shall go over before thee as the Lord hath said.

Deut 31:4 And the Lord shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them whom he destroyed.

Deut 31:5 And the Lord shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you.

Deut 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage; fear not nor be afraid of them; for the Lord, thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

Deut 31:7 And Moses called unto Joshua and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage; for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

Deut 31:8 And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee; he will not fail thee neither forsake thee; fear not; neither be dismayed.

Deut 31:9 And Moses wrote this law and delivered it unto the priests, the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel.

Deut 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,

Deut 31:11 When all Israel is come to appear before the Lord, thy God, in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.

Deut 31:12 Gather the people together--men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates--that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord, your God, and observe to do all the words of this law,

Deut 31:13 And that their children, which have not known anything, may hear and learn to fear the Lord, your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Deut 31:14 And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die; call Joshua and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation.

Deut 31:15 And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud; and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

Deut 31:16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

Deut 31:17 Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them; and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?

Deut 31:18 And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

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

Deut 31:20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves and waxen fat, then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.

Deut 31:21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed; for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

Deut 31:22 Moses, therefore, wrote this song the same day and taught it the children of Israel.

Deut 31:23 And he gave Joshua, the son of Nun, a charge and said, Be strong and of a good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them; and I will be with thee.

Deut 31:24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book until they were finished,

Deut 31:25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,

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

Deut 31:27 For I know thy rebellion and thy stiff neck; behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the Lord. And how much more after my death?

Deut 31:28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to record against them.

Deut 31:29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

Deut 31:30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song until they were ended.

Chapter 32 ([top](#))

Moses' song--God sends Moses unto Mount Nebo to see the land and die

Deut 32:1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

Deut 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass,

Deut 32:3 Because I will publish the name of the Lord; ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

Deut 32:4 He is the Rock; his work is perfect; for all his ways are judgment; a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Deut 32:5 They have corrupted themselves; their spot is not the spot of his children; they are a perverse and crooked generation.

Deut 32:6 Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy father that hath bought thee? Hath he not made thee and established thee?

Deut 32:7 Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

Deut 32:8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

Deut 32:9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

Deut 32:10 He found him in a desert land and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about; he instructed him; he kept him as the apple of his eye.

Deut 32:11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings,

Deut 32:12 So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

Deut 32:13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock--

Deut 32:14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

Deut 32:15 But Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked; thou art waxen fat; thou art grown thick; thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Deut 32:16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations provoked they him to anger.

Deut 32:17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God--to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

Deut 32:18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

Deut 32:19 And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

Deut 32:20 And he said, I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

Deut 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

Deut 32:22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

Deut 32:23 I will heap mischief upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

Deut 32:24 They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

Deut 32:25 The sword without and terror within shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

Deut 32:26 I said I would scatter them into corners; I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;

Deut 32:27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord hath not done all this.

Deut 32:28 For they are a nation void of counsel; neither is there any understanding in them.

Deut 32:29 Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

Deut 32:30 How should one chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?

Deut 32:31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

Deut 32:32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall; their clusters are bitter;

Deut 32:33 Their wine is the poison of dragons and the cruel venom of asps.

Deut 32:34 Is not this laid up in store with me and sealed up among my treasures?

Deut 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Deut 32:36 For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants when he seeth that their power is gone and there is none shut up or left.

Deut 32:37 And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

Deut 32:38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up, and help you, and be your protection.

Deut 32:39 See now that I, even I, am he; and there is no god with me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal; neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

Deut 32:40 For I lift up my hand to heaven and say, I live forever.

Deut 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword and mine hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies and will reward them that hate me.

Deut 32:42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood; and my sword shall devour flesh, and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

Deut 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land and to his people.

Deut 32:44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Hoshea, the son of Nun.

Deut 32:45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel;

Deut 32:46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

Deut 32:47 For it is not a vain thing for you because it is your life; and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Deut 32:48 And the Lord spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,

Deut 32:49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab that is over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession,

Deut 32:50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron, thy brother, died in Mount Hor and was gathered unto his people,

Deut 32:51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin--because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

Deut 32:52 Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

Chapter 33 ([top](#))

Love and power of God--Moses blesses each tribe

Deut 33:1 And this is the blessing wherewith Moses, the man of God, blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Deut 33:2 And he said, The Lord came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from Mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints; from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

Deut 33:3 Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand; and they sat down at thy feet; everyone shall receive of thy words.

Deut 33:4 Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Deut 33:5 And he was king in Jeshurun when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

Deut 33:6 Let Reuben live and not die; and let not his men be few.

Deut 33:7 And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah and bring him unto his people; let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou a help to him from his enemies.

Deut 33:8 And of Levi he said, Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with thy holy one, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah,

Deut 33:9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren nor knew his own children; for they have observed thy word and kept thy covenant.

Deut 33:10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments and Israel thy law; they shall put incense before thee and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

Deut 33:11 Bless, Lord, his substance and accept the work of his hands; smite through the loins of them that rise against him and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

Deut 33:12 And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

Deut 33:13 And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

Deut 33:14 And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon,

Deut 33:15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

Deut 33:16 And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and for the goodwill of him that dwelt in the bush; let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

Deut 33:17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth; and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

Deut 33:18 And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out, and Issachar, in thy tents.

Deut 33:19 They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

Deut 33:20 And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad; he dwelleth as a lion and teareth the arm with the crown of the head.

Deut 33:21 And he provided the first part for himself because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated; and he came with the heads of the people; he executed the justice of the Lord and his judgments with Israel.

Deut 33:22 And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan.

Deut 33:23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor and full with the blessing of the Lord, possess thou the west and the south.

Deut 33:24 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his foot in oil.

Deut 33:25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

Deut 33:26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help and in his excellency on the sky.

Deut 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee and shall say, Destroy them.

Deut 33:28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone; the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew.

Deut 33:29 Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

Chapter 34 ([top](#))

Moses is shown the promised land--He dies at age one hundred twenty--Joshua succeeds Moses

Deut 34:1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah that is over against Jericho; and the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead unto Dan,

Deut 34:2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah unto the utmost sea,

Deut 34:3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

Deut 34:4 And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

Deut 34:5 So Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab according to the word of the Lord.

Deut 34:6 For the Lord took him unto his fathers in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor; therefore, no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day.

Deut 34:7 And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated.

Deut 34:8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

Deut 34:9 And Joshua, the son of Nun, was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the children of Israel hearkened unto him and did as the Lord commanded Moses.

Deut 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

Deut 34:11 In all the signs and the wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

Deut 34:12 And in all that mighty hand and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.