

**Week 45: Va'etchanan 'Pleaded'** Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7; Isaiah 40 & 62; Acts 13:13-43 James 2:14-26



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### **Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land**

**Deu 3:23** “And I pleaded with יהוה at that time, saying,

**Deu 3:24** O Master יהוה, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand, for who is a mighty one in the heavens or on earth who does according to Your works and according to Your might?

**Deu 3:25** I pray, let me pass over and see the good land beyond the Yarden, this good hill country, and Lebanon.’

**Deu 3:26** “But יהוה was enraged with me, for your sake, and would not listen to me, and יהוה said to me, ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me about this matter.

Moses shares with the next generation that these conquered lands were agreed to be given to the tribes of Rueben; Gad; and ½ the tribe of Menashsheh. These lands would be their inheritance on the east side of the Jordon, as requested due to their large herds. The parameters of all their lands were reviewed, as well as, the agreement made that all twelve fighting tribes would still go in to conquer the promise land; and make sure all the tribes obtained their land inheritances before these 2 ½ tribes returned to their lands east of the Jordan.

Moses closes Deuteronomy 3 by recounting his plea with YHWH to allow him to go into the promise land. He shares his request was denied; and that it would be Joshua to lead the people into their promised land of inheritance. He repeated how he would be allowed so see all the lands from the top of Mount Abraim; and afterwards would be gathered to his people like Aaron.

Num 27:12 And יהוה said to Mosheh, **“Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Yisra’ël.”**

Num 27:13 “And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aharon your brother was gathered,

Num 27:14 because you rebelled against My mouth in the Wilderness of Tsin, in the strife of the congregation, to set Me apart at the waters before their eyes.” These were the waters of Meribah, at Qadësh in the Wilderness of Tsin.

Deu 3:27 **Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and look with your eyes, for you do not pass over this Yardên.**

Deu 3:28 But command Yehoshua, and strengthen him and make him brave, for he shall pass over before this people and cause them to inherit the land which you see.’

Deu 3:29 “And we dwelt in the valley opposite Bëyth Pe’or.

## Deuteronomy 4

### Moses Commands Obedience

Obedience; obedience; obedience. Sometimes it just seems that that word should be constantly repeated in our minds. ‘If you love Me you will keep My commandments.’ Or ‘Obedience is better than sacrifice.’

There are so many Scriptures that expound obedience! It was the lack of obedience that prevented Moses from entering the promise land. It was the lack of obedience when the people broke their covenant with YHWH with the sin of the golden calf. It was the lack of obedience when the 10 spies gave an evil report and the people didn’t enter the promise land. We could go on and on. **Moses stresses the importance of obedience.** Guard His words; stay in faith! Having a healthy fear and reverence of YHWH is a good thing; as when He spoke to the people from Mount Sinai.

Deu 4:1 “And now, O Yisra’ël, listen to the laws and the right-rulings which I am teaching you to do, so that you live, and shall go in and possess the land which יהוה Elohim of your fathers is giving you.

Deu 4:2 “Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it,<sup>a</sup> so as to guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim which I am commanding you.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Deu 12:32](#), [Pro 30:6](#), [Rev 22:18-19](#).

Deu 4:3 “Your eyes have seen what יהוה did at Ba’al Pe’or, for יהוה your Elohim has destroyed from your midst all the men who followed Ba’al Pe’or.

Deu 4:4 “But you who are clinging to יהוה your Elohim are alive today, every one of

you.

**Deu 4:6** “And you shall guard and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these laws, and they shall say, ‘**Only a wise and understanding people is this great nation!**’

**Deu 4:7** “For what great nation is there which has Elohim so near to it, as יהוה our Elohim is to us, whenever we call on Him?

**Deu 4:8** “And what great nation is there that has such laws and righteous right-rulings like all this Torah which I set before you this day?

**Deu 4:9** “**Only, guard yourself, and guard your life diligently, lest you forget the Words** your eyes have seen, and lest they turn aside from your heart all the days of your life. And you shall make them known to your children and your grandchildren.

**Deu 4:10** “The day when you stood before יהוה your Elohim in Hōrēḇ, יהוה said to me, ‘Assemble the people to Me and I make them hear My Words, so that they learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth and teach *them* to their children.’

**Deu 4:11** “And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the heart of the heavens – darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.

**Deu 4:12** “And יהוה spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard a voice of words, but saw no form, you only heard a voice.

**Deu 4:13** “And He made known to you His covenant which He commanded you to do, the Ten Words, and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

**Deu 4:14** “And יהוה commanded me at that time to teach you laws and right-rulings, for you to do them in the land which you pass over to possess.

### Idolatry Forbidden

**Deu 4:15** “Therefore, diligently guard yourselves, for you saw no form when יהוה spoke to you at Hōrēḇ out of the midst of the fire,

**Deu 4:16** lest you should do corruptly and shall make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure – the likeness of male or female,

**Deu 4:17** the likeness of any beast that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the heavens,

**Deu 4:18** the likeness of any *creature* that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth;

**Deu 4:19** and lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens, and shall see the sun, and the moon, and the stars – all the host of the heavens – and you be drawn away into bowing down to them and serving them, which יהוה your Elohim has allotted to all the peoples under all the heavens.

**Deu 4:20** “But יהוה has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Mitsrayim, to be His people, an inheritance, as it is today.

**Deu 4:21** “And יהוה was enraged with me because of your words, and swore that I would not pass over the Yardĕn, and that I would not enter the good land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

**Deu 4:22** “For I am to die in this land, I am not passing over the Yardĕn, but you are passing over, and shall possess that good land.

**Deu 4:23** “Guard yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of יהוה your Elohim which He made with you, and shall make for yourselves a carved image in any form, as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you.

**Deu 4:24** “For יהוה your Elohim is a consuming fire, a jealous Ĕl.

**Deu 4:25** “When you bring forth children and grandchildren, and shall grow old in the land, and shall do corruptly and make a carved image in the form of whatever, and shall do what is evil in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim to provoke Him,

**Deu 4:26** “I shall call the heavens and earth to witness against you on that day, that you soon completely perish from the land which you pass over the Yardĕn to possess – you do not prolong your days in it but are completely destroyed.

Heaven and Earth stood as witnesses that Moses imparted all that YHWH had commanded him to the next generation. Most importantly, he forbids them from making and worshipping any idol. He goes into details of various things not to make nor bow down to. We know idol worship was the epic sin of the previous generation by making the golden calf.

**If they would not be obedient;** YHWH would scatter them among the peoples. There, they would become imprisoned to serve the worldly system and the worldly idols of wood and stone. Sadly, this is where we are today. We are scattered among the peoples but praise Yah, we have sought Him and found Him because we searched for Him with all our heart. He has not forgotten His covenant! HalleluYah!

**Deu 4:27** “And יהוה shall scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations where יהוה drives you.

**Deu 4:28** “And there you shall serve mighty ones, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

**Deu 4:29** “But from there you shall seek יהוה your Elohim, and shall find, when you search for Him with all your heart<sup>b</sup> and with all your being. Footnote: <sup>b</sup> Jer 29:13.

**Deu 4:30** “In your distress, when all these words shall come upon you in the latter days, then you shall return to יהוה your Elohim and shall obey His voice.

**Deu 4:31** “**For יהוה your Elohim is a compassionate Ĕl, He does not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.**

## YHWH Alone Is Eloah

**Deu 4:32** “For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that Elohim created man on the earth, and ask from one end of the heavens to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a Word as great as this, or has been heard like it.

**Deu 4:33** “Has a people heard the voice of Elohim speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

**Deu 4:34** “Or has Elohim tried to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of a nation by trials, and by signs, and by wonders, and by battle, and by a strong hand and an outstretched arm, and by great fearsome deeds, according to all that יהוה your Elohim did for you in Mitsrayim before your eyes?

YHWH had demonstrated to the people when He rescued them out of Egypt; that He alone was the One True Elohim, through miracles, signs, wonders, battles, trials, and with His strong hand and outstretched arm.

Sometimes you don't know what you have until it is gone. The people were constantly reminded of the greatness of YHWH who led them out of Egypt. They were constantly reminded that there were no other gods greater than He. He had 'chosen' them and not other nations. He had taken them to be His people and they their Elohim. They had been given the privilege of being in His presence and hearing His voice without falling dead! They had literally been shown all these things.

Sadly, many of the first 'exodus' generation did forget; so now, Moses is expounding and reinforcing these truths in hope that this next generation would be different.

**Deu 4:35** “You have been shown it, to know that יהוה Himself is Elohim; there is no one beside Him.

**Deu 4:36** “From the heavens He let you hear His voice, to instruct you, and on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.

**Deu 4:37** “And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought you out of Mitsrayim with His Presence, with His great power,

**Deu 4:38** to drive out from before you nations greater and stronger than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is today.

**Deu 4:39** “And you shall know today, and shall recall to your heart that יהוה Himself is Elohim in the heavens above and on the earth beneath; there is none else.

**Deu 4:40** **“And you shall guard His laws and His commands which I command**

**you today,** so that it is well with you and with your children after you, and so that you prolong your days on the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you for all time.”

### Cities of Refuge

**Deu 4:41** Then Mosheh separated three cities beyond the Yardĕn, toward the rising of the sun,

**Deu 4:42** for a man-slayer to flee there, he who unknowingly murdered his neighbour, without having hated him in time past, and might flee to one of these cities and live:

**Deu 4:43** Betser in the wilderness in the level land for the Re'ubĕnites, and Ramoth in Gil'ad for the Gađites, and Golan in Bashan for the Menashshites.

Moses is initiating YHWH's instructions by setting up the three cities of refuge beyond the Jordan for those that 'unintentionally' caused the death of someone else. There would be six cities in total. The other three cities were to be set up in the land of Canaan.

The three cities he set up were:

1. **Betser** in the wilderness in the level land for the Re'ubĕnites, and
2. **Ramoth** in Gil'ad for the Gađites, and
3. **Golan** in Bashan for the Menashshites.

### Introduction to the Law

**Deu 4:44** And this is the Torah which Mosheh set before the children of Yisra'ĕl.

**Deu 4:45** These are the witnesses, and the laws, and the right-rulings which Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra'ĕl after they came out of Mitsrayim,

**Deu 4:46** beyond the Yardĕn, in the valley opposite Bĕyth Pe'or, in the land of Siĥon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt at Ĥeshbon, whom Mosheh and the children of Yisra'ĕl had stricken after they came out of Mitsrayim.

**Deu 4:47** And they took possession of his land and the land of Oġ sovereign of Bashan, two sovereigns of the Amorites, who were beyond the Yardĕn, toward the rising of the sun,

**Deu 4:48** from Aro'ĕr, which is on the bank of the wadi Arnon, even to Mount Siyon, which is Ĥermon,

**Deu 4:49** and all the desert plain beyond the Yardĕn as far as the Sea of the Araġah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

[NOTE: See [May 26<sup>th</sup> Devotional Highlights](#) for the details about the cities of refuge.]

Moses now begins to record the introduction to the Torah of YHWH. The details will begin in Deuteronomy chapter 5. The introduction to the Law; sets the stage to record that:

- Moses sets the Torah before the children of Israel
- He will review testimony (the witness); the laws; and the right rulings after coming out of Egypt.
- He records the location where all of this was taking place; in the lands YHWH had given them by conquering King Sihon and King Og. [Deut. 4:46-49]

## **Deuteronomy 5**

Moses recalls the day YHWH had made covenant with them at Mt. Horeb/Sinai. He emphasizes how this occasion was very special and profound. This had been their marriage ketubah. Then Moses reviews the 10 Commandments. Obedience, praise, worship, and being washed in His Word keeps our lives on His set-apart path.

Each day in the wilderness was about them and YHWH. Each generation was to be trained up in the Word. Each journey departure and arrival were directed by the movement of the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire. Everyday their lives were drenched in knowing Him.

We too are sojourners in a foreign land. Believers in Covenant belong to His holy nation, though our present physical residences are in various nations. We have been set-apart to Him; and we too like Moses should daily train up the next generation; and daily we should commune with Him in His Word.

### **The Ten Commandments**

**Deu 5:1** And Mosheh called all Yisra'ël, and said to them, "**Hear, O Yisra'ël, the laws and right-rulings which I speak in your hearing today. And you shall learn them, and guard to do them.**"

**Deu 5:2** "יהוה our Elohim **made a covenant** with us in Horeb.

**Deu 5:3** "יהוה did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.

**Deu 5:4** "יהוה spoke with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire.

**Deu 5:5** "I stood between יהוה and you at that time, to declare to you the Word of יהוה – for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain – saying:

**Deu 5:6** I am יהוה your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage.

At Mt. Sinai, when the people feared dying for hearing the voice of YHWH; they asked Moses to receive His Words and tell them instead. YHWH's response follows.

**Deu 5:7** You have no other mighty ones against My face.

**Deu 5:8** You do not make for yourself a carved image, any likeness of which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

**Deu 5:9** you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה your Elohim, am a jealous Ėl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

**Deu 5:10** but showing loving-commitment to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

**Deu 5:11** You do not **bring**<sup>a</sup> the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave him unpunished who brings His Name to naught. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>*Or lift up, or take.*

**Deu 5:12** Guard the Sabbath day, to set it apart, as יהוה your Elohim commanded you.

**Deu 5:13** Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

**Deu 5:14** but the seventh day is a **Sabbath**<sup>b</sup> of יהוה your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant rest as you do.

**Footnote:** <sup>b</sup>See footnote at [Exo 20:10](#).

**Deu 5:15** And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Mitsrayim, and that יהוה your Elohim brought you out from there by a strong hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore יהוה your Elohim commanded you to perform the Sabbath day.

**Deu 5:16** Respect your father and your mother, as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you, so that your days are prolonged, and so that it is well with you on the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

**Deu 5:17** You do not murder.

**Deu 5:18** You do not commit adultery.

**Deu 5:19** You do not steal.

**Deu 5:20** You do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

**Deu 5:21** You do not covet your neighbour's wife, nor do you desire your neighbour's house, his field, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, his ox, nor his donkey, or whatever belongs to your neighbour.'

**Deu 5:22** "These **Words**<sup>c</sup> יהוה spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a loud voice, and He

added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Footnote: <sup>C</sup>“Word(s)” is very often used as a synonym for “command(s),” in the Messianic Writings too.

**Deu 5:23** “And it came to be, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders,

**Deu 5:24** and said, ‘See, יהוה our Elohim has shown us His esteem and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. Today we have seen that Elohim speaks with man – and he lives!

**Deu 5:25** And now why should we die? For this great fire is consuming us. If we hear the voice of יהוה our Elohim any more, then we shall die.

**Deu 5:26** For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living Elohim speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and does live?

**Deu 5:27** You go near and hear all that יהוה our Elohim says, and speak to us all that יהוה our Elohim says to you, and we shall hear and do it.’

**Deu 5:28** “And יהוה heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and יהוה said to me, ‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. **They have done well in all that they have spoken.**

**Deu 5:29** Oh, that they had such a heart in them, to fear Me and to guard all My commands always, so **that it might be well with them and with their children forever!**

**Deu 5:30** Go, say to them, “Return to your tents.”

**Deu 5:31** But you, stand here by Me, and let Me speak to you all the commands, and the laws, and the right-rulings which you are to teach them. And they shall do them in the land which I am giving them to possess.’

Then we, like they, should do the following:

**Deu 5:32** “And you **shall guard to do** as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you – **do not turn aside, to the right or to the left.**

**Deu 5:33** “**Walk in all the ways which יהוה your Elohim has commanded you, so that you live and it be well with you. And you shall prolong your days in the land which you possess.**

## Deuteronomy 6

Deuteronomy 6:1-11 are instructions on **how to be 'overcomers'**; and how to teach the next generation to be 'overcomers.'

### How to be Overcomers:

Deu 6:1 “And this is the command, the laws and right-rulings which **יהוה** your Elohim has commanded, to teach you to do in the land which you are passing over to possess,

Deu 6:2 so that you **fear יהוה your Elohim**, to **guard all His laws and His commands which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days be prolonged.**

Deu 6:3 “And you **shall hear, O Yisra'el, and shall guard to do**, that it might be well with you, and that you increase greatly as **יהוה Elohim of your fathers** has spoken to you, *in a land flowing with milk and honey.*

Deu 6:4 “Hear, O Yisra'el: **יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one!** [YHWH is One, He is echad; not a trinity]

Deu 6:5 “And you shall love **יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might.**

Deu 6:6 “And **these Words<sup>a</sup> which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart,**  
Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See footnote at [Deu 5:22](#).

Deu 6:7 and you shall **impress them upon your children**, and shall **speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,**

Deu 6:8 and shall **bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.** [Let His Word be ever in your hands and eyes; and in your mind, having the mind of Yahusha and doing the will of the Father.]

Deu 6:9 “And you shall **write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.** [Every gate or orifice of your being be guarded by His Word: eyes, ears, nose, mouth, etc.]

Deu 6:10 “**And it shall be, when יהוה your Elohim brings you into the land** [the promise land is to be in His presence, Mount Zion, the New Jerusalem; a new heaven and earth] of which He swore to your fathers, to **Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob**, to give you great and good cities which you did not build,

Deu 6:11 and houses filled with all kinds of goods, which you did not fill, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and **you shall eat and be satisfied –**

### Warnings and Advice

[Notice the similar patterns of advice given to the seven assemblies in the Book of Revelation]

Deu 6:12 be on guard, lest you forget יהוה who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.

Deu 6:13 “Fear יהוה your Elohim and serve Him, and swear by His Name.

Deu 6:14 “Do not go after other mighty ones, the mighty ones of the peoples who are all around you,

Deu 6:15 for יהוה your Elohim is a jealous Ēl in your midst, lest the displeasure of יהוה your Elohim burn against you, then He shall destroy you from the face of the earth.

Deu 6:16 “Do not try יהוה your Elohim as you tried Him in Massah. [Learn from the mistakes in the past.]

Deu 6:17 “Diligently guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim, and His witnesses, and His laws which He has commanded you.

Deu 6:18 “And you shall do what is right and good in the eyes of יהוה, that it might be well with you, and you shall go in and possess the good land of which יהוה swore to your fathers,

Deu 6:19 to drive out all your enemies from before you, as יהוה has spoken.

### **Impress them on the Next Generation; Teach His Word; Rightly divide His Word**

Deu 6:20 “When your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is the meaning of the witnesses, and the laws, and the right-rulings which יהוה our Elohim has commanded you?’

Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son, ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Mitsrayim, and יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim with a strong hand,

Deu 6:22 and יהוה sent signs and wonders, great and grievous, upon Mitsrayim, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes.

Deu 6:23 And He brought us out from there, to bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.

Deu 6:24 And יהוה commanded us to do all these laws, to fear יהוה our Elohim, for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today.

Deu 6:25 And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this command<sup>b</sup> before יהוה our Elohim, as He has commanded us.’ Footnote: <sup>b</sup>“Command,” singular, very often has the meaning of “commands,” plural. See also [Psa 119:172](#) and in [Isa 51:7](#).

Psa 119:172 My tongue sings of Your word, For all Your commands are righteousness.

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Isa 51:7 “Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is My Torah: do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revilings.

## Deuteronomy 7

Moses prepares the people on what to expect when they enter the promise land. He tells them that YHWH will clear away 7 nations mightier and greater than they were.

Psa 44:3 **For not by their own sword did they possess the land**, Neither did their own arm save them; **But it was Your right hand and Your arm, And the light of Your face, Because You delighted in them.**

### BDB Definitions

**Hittites** - “descendant of Heth” 1) the nation descended from Heth, the 2nd son of Canaan; once inhabitants of central Anatolia (modern Turkey), later in north Lebanon

**Girgashites** - Girgashite or Girgasite = “dwelling on a clayey soil” 1) descendants of Canaan and one of the nations living east of the sea of Galilee when the Israelites entered the promised land

**Amorites** - Amorite = “a sayer” 1) one of the peoples of east Canaan and beyond the Jordan, dispossessed by the Israelite incursion from Egypt

**Kena'anites** - Canaanite = see Cana “zealous” 1) descendant of inhabitant of Canaan (adjective) 2) descendant or inhabitant of Canaan (noun) 3) a merchant, trader (noun)

**Perizzites** - “belonging to a village” 1) a people who inhabited southern Canaan prior to the conquest

**Hivwites** - Hivite = “villagers” 1) 6th generation of descendants of Canaan, the son of Ham, who were living in northern Canaan near Mount Hermon at the time of the conquest

**Yebusites** - Jebusite = “descendants of Jebus” 1) descendants of the 3rd son of Canaan who lived in or around the site of Jebus, the early name for Jerusalem

**TSK reference excerpt:** With respect to the situation of these nations in the land of Canaan, Calmet remarks, that the Canaanites chiefly inhabited Phoenecia; the Hittites, the mountains south of the promised land; the Hivites, mount Ebal, and Gerizim, and towards Hermon; the Girgashites, beyond Jordan, towards the lake of Gennesareth, the Jebusites, about Jerusalem; the Amorites, the mountains west of the Dead Sea, and part of the land of Moab; and that the Perizzites were probably not a distinct nation, but villagers scattered through the country. Gen 15:18-21; Exo 23:28, Exo 33:2

Below are category groupings of the various Deuteronomy 7 verses:

### Instructions Given:

- You shall strike them and put them under the ban, **completely**.

- Make no covenant with them, and show them no favour.
- Do not intermarry with them
- Break down their slaughter-places, and smash their pillars, and cut down their Ashĕrim, and burn their carved images with fire.
- You shall consume all the peoples whom יהוה your Elohim is delivering over to you – your eye shall not pardon them. And do not serve their mighty ones, for that is a snare to you. [Deut. 7:16]
- Do not be afraid of them. Remember well what יהוה your Elohim did to Pharaoh and to all Mitsrayim, [Deut. 7:18]
- יהוה your Elohim also sends the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. [Deut. 7:20]
- You are not allowed to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. [Deut. 7:22b]
- The carved images of their mighty ones you are to burn with fire. Do not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to יהוה your Elohim. [Deut. 7:25]
- Do not bring an abomination into your house, lest you be accursed like it. Utterly loathe it and utterly hate it, for it is accursed. [Deut. 7:26]

#### How YHWH looks upon His people:

- You are a set-apart people to יהוה your Elohim.
- Your Elohim has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a treasured possession above all the peoples on the face of the earth.
- “יהוה did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more numerous than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples, but because of יהוה loving you, and because of Him guarding the oath which He swore to your fathers
- יהוה has brought you out with a strong hand, and ransomed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim.

#### Who YHWH is:

- You shall know that יהוה your Elohim, He is Elohim
- The trustworthy Ėl guarding covenant and loving-commitment for a thousand generations with those who love Him, and those who guard His commands
- Repaying those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He does not delay *to do so* with him who hates Him, He repays him to his face.

#### Mutual Relationship:

- You shall **guard and hear** the command, the laws, and the right-rulings which I command you today, **to do them**.

- יהוה your Elohim shall guard with you the covenant and the loving-commitment which He swore to your fathers, and
  - shall love you and bless you and increase you, and
  - shall bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

### Blessed & Healthy People:

- Blessed are you above all peoples – there is not going to be a barren man or a barren woman among you or among your livestock.
- יהוה shall turn away from you all sickness and put on you none of the evil diseases of Mitsrayim which you have known, but He shall put them on all those who hate you.

### Outcome & Strategy:

Deu 7:22 “And יהוה your Elohim shall drive out those nations before you, little by little. You are not allowed to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you.

Deu 7:23 “But יהוה your Elohim shall deliver them over to you and destroy them with a great destruction until they are consumed.

Deu 7:24 “And He shall give their sovereigns into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under the heavens. No one is going to be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.

## A Chosen People

**Deu 7:1** “When יהוה your Elohim brings you into the land which you go to possess, He shall also clear away many nations before you: the Hittites and the Gīrgashites and the Amorites and the Kena’anites and the Perizzites and the Hivvites and the Yebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you.

**Deu 7:2** “And when יהוה your Elohim gives them over to you, you shall strike them and put them under the ban, completely. Make no covenant with them, and show them no favour.

**Deu 7:3** “And do not intermarry with them – you do not give your daughter to his son, and you do not take his daughter for your son,

**Deu 7:4** for he turns your sons away from following Me, to serve other mighty ones. Then the displeasure of יהוה shall burn against you and promptly destroy you.

**Deu 7:5** “But this is what you do to them: Break down their slaughter-places, and smash their pillars, and cut down their Ashērim, and burn their carved images with fire.

**Deu 7:6** “For you are a set-apart people to יהוה your Elohim. יהוה your Elohim has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a treasured possession above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

**Deu 7:7** “יהוה did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more numerous than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples,

**Deu 7:8** but because of יהוה loving you, and because of Him guarding the oath which He swore to your fathers, יהוה has brought you out with a strong hand, and ransomed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim.

**Deu 7:9** “And you shall know that יהוה your Elohim, He is Elohim, the trustworthy Ėl guarding covenant and loving-commitment for a thousand generations with those who love Him, and those who guard His commands,

**Deu 7:10** but repaying those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He does not delay to do so with him who hates Him, He repays him to his face.

**Deu 7:11** “And you shall guard the command, and the laws, and the right-rulings which I command you today, to do them.

**Deu 7:12** “And it shall be, because you hear these right-rulings, and shall guard and do them, that יהוה your Elohim shall guard with you the covenant and the loving-commitment which He swore to your fathers,

**Deu 7:13** and shall love you and bless you and increase you, and shall bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.

**Deu 7:14** “Blessed are you above all peoples – there is not going to be a barren man or a barren woman among you or among your livestock.

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**Deu 7:16** “And you shall consume all the peoples whom יהוה your Elohim is delivering over to you – your eye shall not pardon them. And do not serve their mighty ones, for that is a snare to you.

**Deu 7:17** “When you say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I, I am unable to drive them out,’

**Deu 7:18** do not be afraid of them. Remember well what יהוה your Elohim did to Pharaoh and to all Mitsrayim,

**Deu 7:19** the great trials which your eyes saw, and the signs and the wonders, the strong hand and the outstretched arm, by which יהוה your Elohim brought you out. יהוה your Elohim does so to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

**Deu 7:20** “And יהוה your Elohim also sends the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

**Deu 7:21** “Do not be afraid of them, for יהוה your Elohim, the great and awesome Ėl, is in your midst.

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**Deu 7:26** “And do not bring an abomination into your house, lest you be accursed like it. Utterly loathe it and utterly hate it, for it is accursed.

**Isaiah 40** Reading Isaiah 40 reminds us to prepare the way for the King of kings. Today, by staying in His Word and seeking His truth, many stumbling blocks have been removed. We have climbed out of the ditch of man-made religions and sought understanding directly from His Word.

As we climbed out of the muck and mire of blended worship, we reached the top and shouted we have found it; we found it! Found what? We found the narrow path that leads to righteousness! Then what did we do? We cried out in the wilderness, it's this way, come help us prepare this path and make it straight; help us remove the stumbling blocks and fill in the potholes; help us pull out the weeds and cut back the overgrowth; the King of kings is coming! Look the door is open!

We are His watchmen on the wall, sounding the shofar, sounding the trumpets, the King is coming, the King is coming, make way! Today, make way for Him in your life.

### **Comfort for Eloah's People**

**Isa 40:1** “Comfort, comfort My people!” says your Elohim.

**Isa 40:2** “Speak to the heart of Yerushalayim, and cry out to her, that her hard service is completed, that her crookedness is pardoned, that she has received from the hand of יהוה double for all her sins.”

**Isa 40:3** **The voice of one crying in the wilderness**, “Prepare the way of יהוה; make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim.

**Isa 40:4** “Let every valley be raised, and every mountain and hill made low. And the steep ground shall become level, and the rough places smooth.

**Isa 40:5** “And the esteem of יהוה shall be revealed, and all flesh together shall see it. For the mouth of יהוה has spoken.”

### **The Word of Eloah Stands Forever**

**Isa 40:6** The voice said, “Cry out!” and he said, “What do I cry?” “All flesh is grass, and all its loving-commitment is like the flower of the field.

**Isa 40:7** “Grass shall wither, the flower shall fade, when the Spirit of יהוה has blown on it! Truly the people is grass!

**Isa 40:8** “Grass shall wither, the flower shall fade, but the **Word of our Elohim stands forever.**”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [1Pe 1:24-25](#).

Throughout the Bible ‘witnesses have been ‘voices’ crying in the wilderness.’

- The **witness of the children of Israel** wanderings in the wilderness.
- **John, the Immerser**, crying out in the wilderness; making way for Yahusha
- **Yahusha** being led away to the wilderness, 40d/n being ‘tempted’ by Satan but standing firm on the witness of His Word.
- **Acts 1:8** And you shall be my witnesses...
- **Rev 11:3** “And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

Isaiah 40:9-31 sounds like a voice of a witness, crying out to lost ones to come see and taste that His Word is good and stands forever. Come, walk on the narrow path that leads to righteousness! See, the Master YHWH comes with strength!

### **The Greatness of Eloah**

**Isa 40:9** You who bring good news to Tsiyon, get up into the high mountain. You who bring good news to Yerushalayim, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid. Say to the cities of Yehudah, “See your Elohim!”

**Isa 40:10** See, the Master יהוה comes with strength, and His arm rules for Him. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.

**Isa 40:11** He feeds His flock like a shepherd, He gathers the lambs with His arm, and carries them in His bosom, gently leading those who are with young.

**Isa 40:12** Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured the heavens with a span, and contained the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

**Isa 40:13** Who has meted out the Spirit of יהוה, or as His counsellor taught Him?

**Isa 40:14** With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in

the path of right-ruling? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?

**Isa 40:15** See, nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are reckoned as dust on the balance. See, He lifts up isles as fine dust.

**Isa 40:16** And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for an ascending offering.

**Isa 40:17** All nations before Him are as a non-entity, and they are reckoned by Him as less than a speck, and emptiness.

**Isa 40:18** And to whom would you liken Ėl? And what likeness would you compare to Him?

**Isa 40:19** The workman moulds a graven image, and the goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and the silversmith casts silver chains.

**Isa 40:20** He who is too poor for such an offering chooses a tree that does not rot. He seeks for himself a skilled craftsman to prepare a carved image that does not totter.

**Isa 40:21** Did you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

**Isa 40:22** It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,

**Isa 40:23** who brings princes to naught, shall make the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

**Isa 40:24** Hardly have they been planted, hardly have they been sown, hardly has their stock taken root in the earth, when He shall blow on them and they wither, and a whirlwind take them away like stubble.

**Isa 40:25** “And to whom then do you liken Me, or *to whom* am I compared?” says the Set-apart One.

**Isa 40:26** Lift up your eyes on high and see. Who has created these? He is bringing out their host by number, He calls them all by name, by the greatness of ability and potent of power, a man is not lacking.

**Isa 40:27** Why do you say, O Ya'aqob, and speak, O Yisra'el, “My way is hidden from יהוה, and my rights are overlooked by my Elohim”?

**Isa 40:28** Did you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting Elohim, יהוה, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

**Isa 40:29** He gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

**Isa 40:30** Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men stumble and fall,

**Isa 40:31** but those who wait on יהוה renew their strength, they raise up the wing like eagles, they run and are not weary, they walk and do not faint.

## Isaiah 62

Yahusha is our banner! He is our hope! He is our salvation! Those that are set-apart and fully devoted to Him, are His bride. We are Zion; we are Jerusalem; we are the living stones.

He has gone to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. He tells us He is coming again to receive us to Himself! Praise Yah! HalleluYah!

Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.

Joh 14:4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

### Zion's Coming Salvation

**Isa 62:1** For **Tsiyon's sake I am not silent, and for Yerushalayim's sake I do not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her deliverance as a lamp that burns.**

Isa 62:2 And **the nations shall see your righteousness, and all sovereigns your esteem.** And **you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of יהוה designates.**

Isa 62:3 And you shall be **a crown of comeliness** in the hand of יהוה, and **a royal head-dress in the hand of your Elohim.**

Isa 62:4 **No longer are you called "Forsaken," and no longer is your land called "Deserted."** But you shall be called **"Hephtsibah,"** and your land **"Married," for יהוה shall delight in you, and your land be married.**

#### BDB Definition:

Hephtsibah = "my delight is in her"

- 1) the queen of King Hezekiah and mother of Manasseh
- 2) a name for Jerusalem (figuratively)

Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a maiden, so shall your sons marry you. And **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your Elohim rejoice over you.**

Isa 62:6 **I have set watchmen on your walls, O Yerushalayim, all the day and all the night, continually, who are not silent. You who remember יהוה, give yourselves no rest,**

**Isa 62:7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Yerushalayim a praise in the earth.**

Isa 62:8 **יהוה has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength, "No more do I**

**give your grain to be food for your enemies, nor do sons of the foreigner drink your new wine, for which you have laboured;**

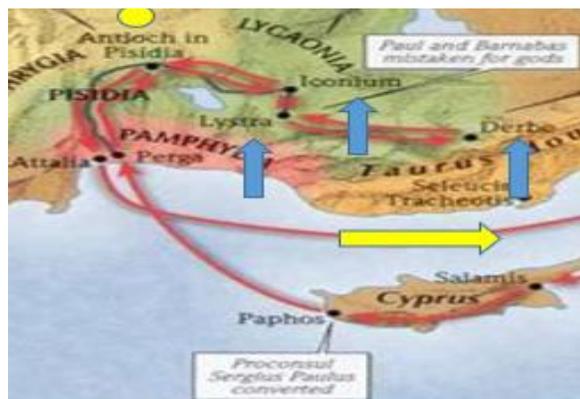
Isa 62:9 but those gathering it shall eat it, and praise יהוה. And those collecting it shall drink it in My set-apart courts.”

Isa 62:10 **Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples!**

Isa 62:11 **See, יהוה has proclaimed to the end of the earth: “Say to the daughter of Tsiyon, ‘See, your deliverance has come; see, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”**

You can only ‘pass through the gate’ if you are His sheep! He is the Good Shepherd; He is the Door to the sheepfold; only His sheep pass under His rod. There is no other way to enter. His sheep are wrapped in garments of white that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb!

Isa 62:12 And they shall be called, **“The Set-apart People, the Redeemed of יהוה.” And you shall be called, “Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.”**



Paul and Barnabas at Antioch in Pisidia

### Acts 13:13-43

Act 13:13 And having put out from Paphos, Sha’ul and those with him came to Perge in Pamphulia. And **Yohanan, having left them, returned to Yerushalayim.**

Act 13:14 But passing through from Perge, they came to **Antioch in Pisidia**, and went into the congregation on the Sabbath day and sat down.

Act 13:15 And **after the reading of the Torah and the Prophets**, the rulers of the congregation sent to them, saying, **“Men, brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, speak.”**

John Mark decides to return to Jerusalem. We will find out later that this dismays Paul. Barnabas and Paul continue and arrive to the coastal town of Perge and travel up to Antioch in Pisidia; a province of Asia Minor. It is the Sabbath and the readings from the Torah and Prophets has been done; then the rulers of the congregation ask them if they have any words of encouragement. Then Paul begins to speak. He begins with the Exodus out of Egypt.

**Act 13:16 And Sha'ul, standing up and motioning with his hand said, "Men, Yisra'ëlis, and those fearing Elohim, listen:**

From Egypt to their land inheritances...

**Act 13:17 "The Elohim of this people Yisra'ël did choose our fathers, and exalted the people in their sojourning in the land of Mitsrayim, and with a high arm He brought them out of it.**

**Act 13:18 "Now for a time of about **forty years** He sustained them in the wilderness.**

**Act 13:19 "And having destroyed seven nations in the land of Kena'an, He gave their land to them as an inheritance.**

Judges to Samuel to Saul to David...

**Act 13:20 "And after that **He gave judges** for about **four hundred and fifty years**, until Shemu'ël the prophet.**

**Act 13:21 "But then they asked for a **sovereign**, and Elohim gave them **Sha'ul the son of Qish, a man of the tribe of Binyamin, for forty years.****

**Act 13:22 "And having removed him, **He raised up for them Dawid as sovereign**, to whom also He gave witness and said, **'I have found Dawid the son of Yishai, a man after My own heart, who shall do all My desires.'****

**Act 13:23 "From this one's seed, according to the promise, Elohim raised up for Yisra'ël a Saviour, יהושע,**

**Act 13:24 after Yoḥanan had first proclaimed the immersion of repentance to all the people of Yisra'ël, before His coming.**

**Act 13:25 "And as Yoḥanan was completing his mission, he said, 'Who do you suppose I am? I am not He. But see, **there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'****

Gal 3:15 Brothers, as a man I say it: **a covenant, even though it is man's, yet if it is confirmed, no**

one sets it aside, or adds to it.

Gal 3:16 But the promises were spoken to Abraham, and to his Seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “**And to your Seed,**”<sup>b</sup> Gen 12:7 who is Messiah. Footnote:  
<sup>b</sup>Also see Gen 17:7, Gen 22:18, Gen 24:7.

Gal 3:17 Now this I say, Torah, that came four hundred and thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously confirmed by Elohim in Messiah, so as to do away with the promise.

Gal 3:18 For if the inheritance is by Torah, it is no longer by promise, but Elohim gave it to Abraham through a promise.

Act 13:26 “Men, brothers, sons of the race of Abraham, and those among you fearing Elohim, to you the word of this deliverance has been sent,

Act 13:27 for **those dwelling in Yerushalayim, and their rulers,**

- because they did not know Him,
- nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath,
- have filled them in having judged Him.

Act 13:28 “**And having found not one cause for death,** they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

Act 13:29 “And when they had accomplished all that was written concerning Him, taking Him down from the timber, they laid Him in a tomb.

Act 13:30 “**But Elohim raised Him from the dead,**

Act 13:31 and He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galil to Yerushalayim, who are His witnesses to the people.

Act 13:32 “And we bring you the Good News, **the promise made to the fathers,**

Act 13:33 **that Elohim has filled this for us,** their children, having raised up יהושע, as it has also been written in the second Tehillah, **‘You are My Son, today I have brought You forth.’** Psa 2:7.

Act 13:34 “And **that He raised Him out of the dead,** no more to return to corruption, He has said thus, **‘I shall give you the trustworthy kindnesses of Dawid.’** Isa 55:3.

Act 13:35 “For this reason He also says in another Tehillah, **‘You shall not give Your Lovingly-committed One to see corruption.’** Psa 16:10.

Act 13:36 “For Dawid, indeed, having served his own generation by the counsel of Elohim, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption,

Act 13:37 but **He whom Elohim raised up saw no corruption.**

Act 13:38 “Let it therefore be known to you, brothers, that through this One forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

Act 13:39 and by Him everyone who believes is declared right from all *sins* from which **you were not able to be declared right by the Torah of Mosheh.**

Act 13:40 “Watch then that what was said in the prophets does not come upon you:

Act 13:41 **“See, you despisers, marvel and perish, for I work a work in your days, a work which you would in no way believe if someone were to declare it to you.’ ”**  
[Hab 1:5](#).

Act 13:42 And **when the Yehudim went out of the congregation, the nations begged to have these words spoken to them the next Sabbath.**

Act 13:43 And when *the meeting* of the congregation had broken up, many of the Yehudim and of the worshipping converts followed Sha’ul and Barnaba, who, speaking to them, were urging them to continue in the favour of Elohim.

## James 2:14-26

### Faith Without Works Is Dead

Jas 2:14 **My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.**

We know other believers by their fruit, their works. If they have no fruit, then they must not have true belief. A believer produces fruit. [Belief and works](#) go hand in hand; but belief comes first thereby producing the fruit unto righteousness. It is by grace through faith (belief) that we are saved.

Jas 2:15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

Jas 2:16 but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

Jas 2:17 **So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.**

Jas 2:18 But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

Jas 2:19 You believe that **Elohim is one.** [Deu 6:4](#) You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder!

Jas 2:20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father declared right by works when he offered Yitshaq his son on the slaughter-place?

Jas 2:22 **Do you see that the belief was working with his works, and by the works the belief was perfected?**

Jas 2:23 And the Scripture was filled which says, **“Abraham believed Elohim, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.”** [Gen 15:6](#) And He called him, **“he who loves Elohim.”** [Isa 41:8](#), [2Ch 20:7](#).

Jas 2:24 You see, then, that **a man is declared right** by works, and not by belief alone.

Jas 2:25 In the same way, was not **Rahab the whore also declared right by works** when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Jas 2:26 **For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also the belief is dead without the works.**

Other Torah Portion Readings:

Matthew 4:1-11; 22:33-40; 23:31-39

Mark 12:1-44

Luke 10:25-37; 22:13-38

Romans 3:27-31

1 Timothy 2:1-6

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