

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEUTERONOMY – 11 – MOSES INSTRUCTS THE ISRAELITES TO  
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COMMANDMENTS ALWAYS.  
DEUTERONOMY 12 – LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN  
OR PAGAN NATIONS

**Deuteronomy 11**

Say – Moses instructs the Israelites to obey the statutes, ordinances and commandments always.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments (ordinances), and his commandments, always (The Bible tells US “<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” I John 5:3.)

Say – Moses speaks of several of the things God has done for them and they saw it with their eyes; verses 2-7.

<sup>2</sup>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,

<sup>3</sup>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;

<sup>4</sup>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;

<sup>5</sup>And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place; (40 years)

<sup>6</sup>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:

<sup>7</sup>But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

Say – Moses in verses 8-15 tells the Israelites that they would prosper if they were obedient to all the commandments of God; that they would be blessed and their cattle for “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” vs12. “God would give them rain of your land in due season...that they may gather in the corn, thy wine and thine oil” vs. 14.

<sup>8</sup>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; (The totality of the law of God.)

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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:

<sup>11</sup>But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: (In contrast from Egypt.)

<sup>12</sup>A land which the LORD thy God careth for (God constantly meets their needs.): the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

<sup>13</sup>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,

<sup>14</sup>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. (The Bible tells us <sup>9</sup>Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. <sup>10</sup>Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. <sup>11</sup>Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. <sup>12</sup>They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. <sup>13</sup>The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.” Psalm 65:9-1. All gifts from God our Father.)

<sup>15</sup>And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. (The Bible tells us <sup>11</sup>They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. <sup>12</sup>By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. <sup>13</sup>He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. <sup>14</sup>He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;” Psalm 104:11-14)

Say – Moses warns them about that their hearts be not deceived and go serving other gods and worship them, vs. 16. For the LORD’s wrath would be kindled against them and God would shut up the heaven that there be no rain and that the land yield not her fruit for they would perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you, vs. 17.

16Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; (They look to every place but to God.)

17And 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. (The Bible tells us “17And 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.” Deuteronomy 11:17)

18Therefore 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 (God wants us to etch it in our hearts so we think it and do it).

19And 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. (Many of our homes are split from morning until night.)

20And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21That 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.

Say – Moses warns them again about keeping God’s commandments and to walk in all his ways and to cleave unto him; and we should as God’s people walk in His ways and cleave unto Him.

22For 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;

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

24Every 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.

25There 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.

Say – Moses says to the Israelites do you want a blessing or a curse?

26Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

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

28And 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. (The Bible tells us “<sup>11</sup>Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.” Daniel 9:11)

<sup>29</sup>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.

<sup>30</sup>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?

<sup>31</sup>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.

<sup>32</sup>And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day. (If we don't do God's statutes we'll have problems.)

## **Deuteronomy 12**

Say – God through Moses gave Laws for proper worship. In verses 1-3 the Israelites are to destroy all idolatry and God's people called today for we are also.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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: (Don't keep for a museum but totally destroy. Also read I Kings 14.)

<sup>3</sup>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. (The word “grove” means Ashtaroth. Ashtaroth is plural of Ashtoreth, of the ancient Near East: for in Babylon it was Ishtar, to the Greeks it was Astarte: in Canaan a consort of El (Baal). The Bible tells us “<sup>13</sup>And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.” Judges 2:13, “<sup>5</sup>For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.” I Kings 11:5; “<sup>33</sup>Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.” I Kings 11:33.)

<sup>3</sup>And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. <sup>4</sup>Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.” I Samuel 7:3-4. <sup>10</sup>And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee” I Samuel 12:10.

Now read from the Bible, <sup>12</sup>Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark (hidden), every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

(Christ speaking) <sup>14</sup>Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz (This was in the Temple of God.).

**Who was Tammuz?** She was a fertility goddess and to the Babylonians was Ishtar and Astarte to the Greeks; it was one of the most abominable idolatries in the land. This is where Easter comes from.

<sup>15</sup>Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

<sup>16</sup>And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. (Turned their back on God and worshipped an Easter sunrise service right in the Temple of God.)

<sup>17</sup>Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. (Ashtoroth and thumbed their nose at the true God.)

<sup>18</sup>Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them” Ezekiel 8:12-18. (Also see “Easter” in the Sabbath School lessons.)

<sup>4</sup>Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God (Don't worship Me this way.).

<sup>5</sup>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: (Jerusalem)

Say – God told Moses to bring all their offerings to the altar of God vs. 6, 7, 11-12, 14,18, 26-28

<sup>6</sup>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: (This is where the Temple of God will be; read the last 8 chapters of Ezekiel.)

<sup>7</sup>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 (Because this is where God/Jesus is going to be.).

<sup>8</sup>Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.

<sup>9</sup>For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you.

<sup>10</sup>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;

<sup>11</sup>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:

<sup>12</sup>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 (Israel had to take care of the Levites because they had no land.).

<sup>13</sup>Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after (which are clean animals), 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.

<sup>16</sup>Only ye shall not eat the blood (Because that is where the life is and shall be put to death.); ye shall pour it upon the earth as water.

<sup>17</sup>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:

<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth.

<sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>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.

<sup>22</sup>Even as the roebuck and the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

<sup>23</sup>Only be sure that thou eat not the blood (God warned them again.): for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the earth as water.

<sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose:

<sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God (The world says given to the Jews but it was to the entire 12 tribes of Israel. “Which I command thee”; have to read the Law of Moses which was given by God.).

<sup>29</sup>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;

<sup>30</sup>Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared (like a hook) by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. (God knew their behavior and followed the Egyptians gods.)

<sup>31</sup>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. (The Bible tells us “<sup>1</sup>Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: <sup>2</sup>Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed (terrified) at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. <sup>3</sup>For the customs of the people are vain (are worthless): for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. <sup>4</sup>They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. <sup>5</sup>They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne (to carry or lift up), because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good. <sup>6</sup>Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD; thou art great, and thy name is great in might.”  
Jeremiah 10:1-6

<sup>32</sup>What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (God is saying don't go in and choose any of their practices and to us also; we must come out of Babylon.)

### MEMORY VERSE

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, ...for the customs of the people are vain...

Jeremiah 10:1-2

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS



JEREMIAH 10:1-6

HERE YE THE WORD OF THE LORD SPEAKETH UNTO YOU, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL; (We are spiritual Israel and so we must obey God as well.)

THUS SAITH THE LORD, LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN, (A "heathen" is a pagan; and they do not know the true God.) AND BE NOT DISMAYED (terrified) AT THE SIGNS OF HEAVEN; FOR THE HEATHEN ARE DISMAYED AT THEM.

FOR THE CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE ARE VAIN (or worthless): FOR ONE CUTTETH A TREE OUT OF THE FOREST, THE WORK OF THE HANDS OF THE WORKMAN, WITH THE AX.

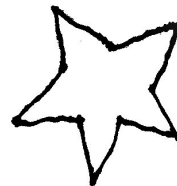
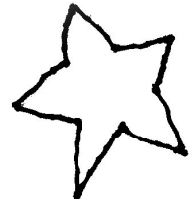
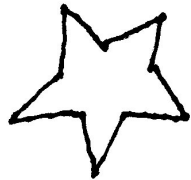
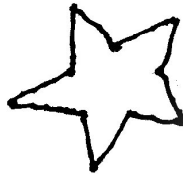
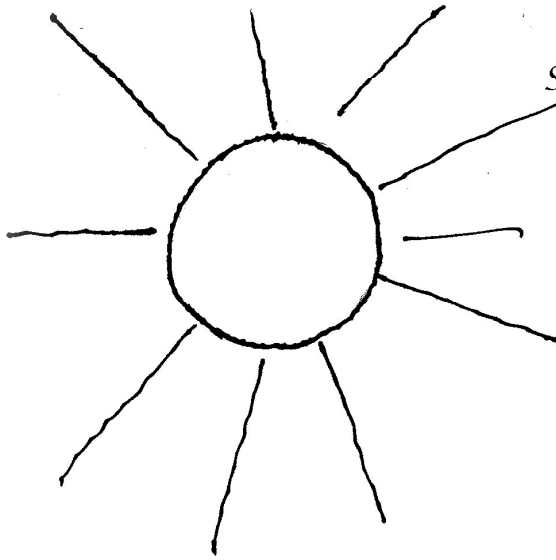
THEY DECK IT WITH SILVER AND WITH GOLD; THEY FASTEN IT WITH NAILS AND WITH HAMMERS, THAT IT MOVE NOT.

THEY ARE UPRIGHT AS A PALM TREE, BUT SPEAK NOT; THEY MUST NEEDS BE BORNE (means to carry or lift up), BECAUSE THEY CANNOT GO. BE NOT AFRAID OF THEM; FOR THEY CANNOT DO EVIL, NEITHER ALSO IS IT IN THEM TO DO GOOD.

FOR AS MUCH AS THERE IS NONE LIKE UNTO THEE, O LORD; THOU ART GREAT, AND THY NAME IS GREAT IN MIGHT.

JEREMIAH 10:1-6

AND LEST THOU LIFT UP  
THINE EYES UNTO HEAVEN,  
AND WHEN THOU SEEST THE SUN,  
AND THE MOON, AND THE STARS  
AND ALL THE HOST OF HEAVEN,  
SHOULDEST BE DRIVEN TO WORSHIP  
THEM AND SERVE THEM,  
WHICH THE LORD THY GOD HAS  
DIVIDED UNTO ALL NATIONS  
UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN.  
DEUTERONOMY 4:19



B.R.B.

HERE YE THE WORD WHICH THE LORD  
SPEAKETH UNTO YOU O HOUSE OF ISRAEL:  
THUS SAITH THE LORD, LEARN NOT THE  
WAY OF THE HEATHEN, AND BE NOT  
DISMAYED (TERRIFIED) AT THE SIGNS  
OF HEAVEN; FOR THE HEATHEN ARE  
DISMAYED AT THEM.  
JERIMIAH 10:1-2