

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

Deuteronomy – 1 – MOSES' FIRST ADDRESS TO THE ISRAELITES

Deuteronomy 2 – REVIEW OF THE WANDERINGS

Say – Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we begin our study of the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 1

Say – The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years which should have taken them 11 days. It was that they had no faith in God. During these 40 years God had taught them His Law and how to worship Him; God was preparing them to live in obedience to Him in the Promised Land of Canaan.

However God will bring deliverance to His people; the Bible tells us ¹²Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. ¹³For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. ¹⁴He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. ¹⁵He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. ¹⁶He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. ¹⁷He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? ¹⁸He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. ¹⁹He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel (His Bride). ²⁰He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.” Psalm 147:12-20.

Also read ¹At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ²Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. ³The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. ⁴Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. ⁵Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria (land of Israel): the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. ⁶For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion (Jerusalem) unto the LORD our God. ⁷For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. ⁹They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble (In their own religion they stumble.): for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep

him, as a shepherd doth his flock. ¹¹For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. ¹²Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion (Jerusalem), and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. ¹³Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. ¹⁴And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD (sacrifices will be restored and the priesthood). ¹⁵Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. ¹⁶Thus saith the LORD; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD, that thy children shall come again to their own border. ¹⁸I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. ¹⁹Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. ²⁰Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD. ²¹Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. ²⁴And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks. ²⁵For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. ²⁶Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me (God is finally happy He is with His bride.) ²⁷Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. ²⁸And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. ³¹Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: ³³But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them (Now they do not know Me – they think they do but they only know bits and pieces but there is no intimacy.), saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:1-34

¹These 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.

²(There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadeshbarnea (This is the place they were given a chance to enter the Promised Land where they sent in spies; but they did not enter.)

³And 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;

⁴After 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:

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

⁶The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount:

Say – This is their land.

⁷Turn 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 sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates.

⁸Behold, 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. (Not to Ishmael or Palestinians or anyone else.)

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

¹⁰The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude (God told Abraham “That in blessing thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore...Genesis 22:17.)

¹¹(The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times (They were in the seven million then) so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you! (They multiplied and will come up in the resurrection.)

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

¹³Take you wise men (not stupid men), and understanding, and known among your tribes (Not outsiders), and I will make them rulers (heads) over you (The people of the tribe will choose their leader not appointed by someone else.).

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

¹⁵So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known (knowledgeable men that you brought to me.), 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 (This is pure democracy; He works with us as we base our decision on God's law.).

¹⁶And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear (listen; don't do your own thing for these are your brothers) the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

¹⁷Ye 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 (In any mans presence – Why? Because judgment is God's.); for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it (He will take it to God and God sees all so it will be for the benefit of all.).

(God told Moses.) ¹⁸And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

¹⁹And 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 Kadeshbarnea (Where spies were sent in.).

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

²¹Behold, 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.

²²And 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.

²³And the saying pleased me well (Moses said good idea.): and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe:

²⁴And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out.

²⁵And 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 (Good so far but then comes the bad news.).

Say – Rebellion against God.

²⁶Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God:

27And ye murmured (complained) in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us (This is how the Israelites thought; but God never hated them.), he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.

28Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there (So what, God is greater than all; this is how people think when the evil spirit of Satan moves in.).

29Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.

30The 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;

31And 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.

32Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God (Would not believe God because they were not obedient to Him.),

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

34And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying,

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

36Save 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 (He obeyed him and had faith).

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

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

39Moreover your little ones (All under 20.), 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.

40But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea (You must go back for it is too late.).

41Then 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.

⁴²And 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.

⁴³So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill (They were not willing to listen to God; it was too late. When God tells us do it then; we must do it on a daily basis.).

⁴⁴And 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 (“Hormah” means destruction. They were supposed to destroy them.).

⁴⁵And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you (No repentant heart; we must all repent of our sins before God every day.).

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

Deuteronomy 2

Say – Review of the wanderings.

¹Then 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.

²And the LORD spake unto me, saying, (God got sick of them going in circles.)

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

⁴And 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: (Be careful as you go through because they know what God had done for you in Egypt.)

⁵Meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

⁶Ye shall buy meat (food) of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. (Esau was not willing to do any of selling food or water to drink.)

⁷For 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. (In spite of their disobedience.)

⁸And 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 Eziongaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

⁹And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites (Children of Lot, a nephew of Abraham's.), neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar (land of giants) unto the children of Lot for a possession.

¹⁰The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims (giants);

¹¹Which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites called them Emims (An early Canaanitish or Maobitish tribe.).

¹²The Horims (A cave-dweller.) also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them (not all destroyed for some married), and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

(Speaking to the 2nd generation because the 1st generation were disobedient.) ¹³Now rise up, said I, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered.

(1st year in Mt. Sinai and then the 2nd year traveled to where they could have entered the Promised Land.) ¹⁴And the space in which we came from Kadeshbarnea, 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 swore unto them.

¹⁵For indeed the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed. (Only the two were obedient to God, Caleb and Joshua.)

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

¹⁷That the LORD spake unto me, saying,

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

¹⁹And 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.

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

²¹A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them (Because of their wickedness.); and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead:

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

²³And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) (From Ham, Philistines or invaders.)

²⁴Rise 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. (God said He would be with them in battle.)

²⁵This 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. (All will hear and fear you because of the God of Israel and the entire earth will want to come and it will happen in the future.)

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

²⁷Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

²⁸Thou 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;

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.

³⁰But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit (Just like Pharaoh, why, and made his heart obstinate (already had a hardened heart), that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.

³¹And 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.

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

³³And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

³⁴And we took all his cities at that time (destroyed everything, were not men of war for were farmers), and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain: (total genocide)

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

³⁶From 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: (Gilead was where Jacob and Laban made an peace agreement, see Genesis 31:44-55, read the entire chapter for the reasoning.)

³⁷Only 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 forbad us.

MEMORY VERSE

After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law (Torah) in their inward parts, (by the holy spirit) and write it in their hearts; and will be their God (husband), and they shall be my people (bride).

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

GOD WILL NOT FORGET THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL FOR GOD
PROMISES TO REBUILD THE NATION

¹At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

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⁶For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion (Jerusalem) unto the LORD our God.

⁷For thus saith the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

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²⁶Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me (God is happy His bride is back with Him.).

³¹Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

³²Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

³³But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law (Torah) in their inward parts, (by the holy spirit) and write it in their hearts; and will be their God (husband), and they shall be my people (bride). (The marriage of the Lamb after 1000 years.)

³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Now they do not know Me - they think they do for they only know bits and pieces but no intimacy.)

How does God put it in their minds? By teaching and living it and where hunger and thirsting is they will become like God.

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JEREMIAH 31:33