

GRACE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAWNSIDE
Wednesday Night Bible Study (Class Notes)

DEUTERONOMY 27

In Chapter 27, Moses and the elders of Israel command the people to build an altar of stones once they cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. They are not to use any iron tool on the stones but write the words of the law on them. There is also the establishment of a ceremony between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, where blessings are pronounced on those who obey the law and curses on those who do not.

STONES OF WITNESS

A. A special altar.

1. The command to set up a special altar. (1-8)
 - a. Keep all the commandments which I command you today:
 - b. There you shall build an altar:
 - c. An altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them:
 - d. You shall whitewash them with lime:

2. This day you have become the people of the LORD your God. (9-10)
 - a. Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel:
 - b. This day you have become the people of the LORD your God:
 - c. You shall obey the voice of the LORD your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes:

B. The command to announce the curses from Mount Ebal.

1. The division of the tribes between the two mountains. (11-13)
 - a. These shall stand on Mount Gerizim... and these shall stand on Mount Ebal:
 - b. To bless the people... to curse:
 - c. These shall stand on Mount Gerizim... and these shall stand on Mount Ebal:

2. The declaration of the curses. (14-26)
 - a. The Levites shall speak with a loud voice:
 - b. Cursed is the one who:
 - c. Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law:

Chapter 27 Questions:

1. What did Moses and the elders of Israel command the people? (1-4)
2. What were the Israelites told to build? (5-8)
3. What did Moses and the Levites say to all of Israel in these verses? (9-14)
4. What curse did the Levites pronounce against idol worshipers? (15)
5. What curse was given to people who lead the blind astray? (18)
6. For what reason would a person be cursed for not carrying out the law? (26)

DEUTERONOMY 28

In Chapter 28, Moses elaborates on the blessings that will come upon the Israelites if they obey the Lord's commands. These include being set high above all nations, abundant prosperity, and victory over enemies. However, if they do not obey the Lord's commands, they will face numerous curses. These range from confusion and rebuke in everything they do, diseases, drought, and defeat before their enemies, to being scattered among all the nations.

BLESSING AND CURSING

A. Blessings on obedience.

1. Overtaken by blessing. (1-2)
 - a. If you diligently obey the voice of the LORD:
 - b. That the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth:

2. God will richly bless Israel's obedience to the covenant. (3-14)
 - a. Blessed shall you be: An obedient Israel would be blessed everywhere:
 - b. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways:
 - c. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself:
 - d. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD... the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath:

B. Curses on disobedience.

1. Introduction to the curses. (15)
 - a. If you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God:
 - b. All these curses will come upon you and overtake you:
 - c. All these curses:

2. The curses upon Israel's disobedience. (16-68)
 - a. In the city... in the country... when you come in... when you go out:
 - b. The fruit of your body... the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds... Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl:
 - c. Plague... consumption... fever... the boils of Egypt... the scab... the itch... madness and blindness and confusion of heart:
 - d. Your heavens... shall be bronze... the LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust:
 - e. To be defeated before your enemies:
 - f. You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her... Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it... Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people:
 - g. The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar:
 - h. The LORD will scatter you among all the peoples, from one end of the earth to the other:

Chapter 28 Questions:

1. What blessings would Israel receive for following God's commands? (1-13)
2. What directions were the people of Israel given about where to turn? (14)
3. What curses would follow Israel for not following the commands of the Lord? (15-24)
4. How would the enemies of the Lord defeat the Israelites? (25-26)
5. What bad news did God have for Israel? (36-37)
6. Why would so many curses overcome the Israelites? (45-48)
7. What would happen if Israel did not carefully follow all the words of the law? (58-63)
8. How would Israel become scattered throughout the earth for abandoning the Lord? (64-67)
9. Where would Israel be sent back for their sin against the Lord? (68)

DEUTERONOMY 29

Chapter 29 sees Moses reminding the Israelites of the covenant that God made with them at Horeb. He recounts the wonders and hardships they have seen, and how God has sustained them in the wilderness. He stresses the importance of following the covenant, so they may prosper in the land they are about to enter. He warns them against turning away from God, as this would bring destruction upon the land and the people.

RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT

A. God's mighty works for Israel.

1. The covenant in the land of Moab. (1)
 - a. These are the words of the covenant:
 - b. Besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb:
2. Israel saw wonders, but they did not see them. (2-4)
 - a. You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes:
 - b. Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive:
3. God's great works for Israel in the wilderness. (5-9)
 - a. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness:
 - b. Therefore, keep the words of this covenant:

B. Renewing the covenant.

1. The parties to the covenant. (10-15)
 - a. All of you stand today before the LORD your God:
 - b. That He may establish you today as a people for Himself:
 - c. As well as with him who is not here with us today:
2. The promise of judgment against the covenant-breaker. (16-20)
 - a. You saw their abominations and their idols which were among them:
 - b. He blesses himself in his heart, saying "I have peace":
 - c. The LORD would not spare him:
3. The purpose for judgment against the covenant-breaker. (21-28)
 - a. And the LORD would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity:
 - b. So that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you:
 - c. All nations would say:
4. God's revelation to Israel. (29)
 - a. The secret things belong to the LORD our God:
 - b. Those things which are revealed:
 - c. Those things which are revealed belong to us:
 - d. To us and to our children:
 - e. To us and our children forever:
 - f. That we may do all the words of this law:

Chapter 29 Questions:

1. What did God command Moses to make with the Israelites? (1)
2. What did Moses tell the Israelites about their forty years with the Lord? (2-6)
3. Whose land did the Israelites take? (7-8)
4. What did Moses say about the Israelites' covenant with the Lord? (9-15)
5. How did Moses remind the people not to worship other gods? (16-18)
6. About what attitudes did Moses warn Israel? (19-21)
7. What would the people of Israel encounter because of their ancestors' sin? (22-24)
8. What would the children learn about the broken covenant of their fathers? (25-29)

DEUTERONOMY 30

In Chapter 30, Moses sets before the Israelites the choice between life and prosperity or death and destruction. He urges them to love the Lord, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands, decrees, and laws. He assures them that even if they have been scattered among the nations, if they return to the Lord and obey Him, He will have compassion on them and gather them again. The chapter concludes with a strong admonition to choose life by loving and obeying the Lord.

THE CHOICE

- A. Restoration for a repentant Israel.
 - 1. When all these things come upon you. (1)
 - a. Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you:
 - b. And you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you:
 - 2. God's promise to restore Israel in the Promised Land. (2-5)
 - a. Return to the LORD your God:
 - b. From all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you:
 - c. Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it:
 - d. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers:
 - 3. The spiritual restoration of Israel. (6)
 - a. And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart... to love the LORD your God with all your heart:
 - 4. Blessings upon repentant Israel. (7-10)
 - a. Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies... The LORD your God will make you abound:
- B. Moses concludes his great sermon:
 - 1. Israel's capability to keep the covenant. (11-14)
 - a. For this commandment which I command you today:
 - b. But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it:
 - c. That you may do it:
 - 2. The choice. (15-18)
 - a. See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil:
 - b. The LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess:
 - 3. Choose life. (19-20)
 - a. I call heaven and earth as witness today against you:
 - b. Therefore, choose life:
 - c. That you may love the LORD your God:

Chapter 30 Questions:

1. What did God promise to do when Israel returned to Him? (1-7)
2. What would happen when Israel relearned how to obey God? (8-10)
3. What was not beyond Israel's reach? (11)
4. What made the Word of God accessible to the people of Israel? (12-14)
5. What did God set before His people? (15-16)
6. What was Israel promised if they turned away from God? (17-18)
7. How did God offer His promise of life to the Israelites? (19-20)

DEUTERONOMY 31

Chapter 31 narrates how Moses, now 120 years old, passes his leadership to Joshua. He encourages the Israelites and Joshua to be strong and courageous because the Lord will be with them. He writes down the Law and gives it to the priests. He commands them to read it to the people every seven years during the Festival of Tabernacles, so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord.

SOME FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSES

- A. Moses charges the people, Joshua, and the priests.
 - 1. Moses at one hundred and twenty. (1-2)
 - a. I am one hundred and twenty years old today:
 - b. You shall not cross over this Jordan:
 - 2. The charge to the children of Israel. (3-6)
 - a. The LORD your God Himself crosses over before you:
 - b. Be strong and of good courage:
 - 3. The charge to Joshua. (7-8)
 - a. Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel:
 - b. Be strong and of good courage:
 - 4. The charge to the priests. (9-13)
 - a. Moses wrote this law:
 - b. You shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing:
 - c. And that their children... may hear and learn to fear the LORD:
- B. Moses insures his legacy.
 - 1. The preface to Joshua's inauguration as leader of Israel. (14-15)
 - a. Present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting:
 - b. Now the LORD appeared:
 - 2. A song of Moses to warn Israel in a time of future apostasy. (16-22)
 - a. This people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land:
 - b. Therefore, Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel:
 - 3. The inauguration of Joshua. (23)
 - a. Be strong and of good courage:
 - b. Be strong and of good courage:
 - c. You shall bring the children of Israel into the land:

4. Moses preserves the Law of God as a witness against Israel. (24-27)
 - a. When Moses had completed writing the words of this law:
 - b. Put it beside the ark of the covenant:
 - c. That it may be there as a witness against you:

5. The elders and officers of Israel gather for the song of Moses. (28-30)
 - a. Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:

Chapter 31 Questions:

1. What did Moses say to Israel in these verses? (1-2)
2. Who did Moses say was going to go across the Jordan before Israel? (3-4)
3. What did God command Israel to do in these verses? (5-6)
4. What did Moses say to Joshua about his new leadership role? (7)
5. What did Moses promise Joshua in verse eight? (8)
6. Who carried the Ark of the Covenant? (9)
7. What did Moses command the Israelites to do at the end of every seven years? (10-13)
8. What warning did God give Moses? (14)
9. How did God say the Israelites would forsake Him? (15-18)
10. What did God tell Moses to write down? (19)

11. What was the purpose of the song God gave to Moses in these verses? (20-21)

12. What did Moses teach the Israelites? (22)

13. What did the Lord tell Joshua? (23)

14. What did Moses do after he wrote down the law? (24-25)

15. What did Moses say to the Levites? (26-28)

16. What was going to happen to the Israelites after Moses' death? (29)

DEUTERONOMY 32

In Chapter 32, Moses recites a song to the Israelites, which is a poetic representation of God's relationship with His people. The song portrays God as the Rock, whose works are perfect. It speaks about His faithfulness despite the Israelites' unfaithfulness and foolishness. The song continues to describe God's anger towards the Israelites because of their idol worship and how He would hide His face from them. It concludes with the promise of God's vengeance and retribution against His enemies, and His mercy towards His land and people.

THE SONG OF MOSES

A. The song of Moses.

1. Introduction. (1-4)
 - a. Give ear, O heavens... and hear, O earth:
 - b. I proclaim the name of the LORD:
2. The accusation: The child has forsaken its father. (5-6)
 - a. They have corrupted themselves:
 - b. Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you:
3. Moses recounts God's past faithfulness to Israel. (7-14)
 - a. Remember the days of old:
4. Israel responded to God's kindness with apostasy. (15-18)
 - a. Jeshurun:
 - b. They sacrificed to demons:
5. God's reaction: Withdrawal from and punishment of Israel. (19-27)
 - a. I will hide My face from them:
 - b. I will heap disasters upon them:
6. The LORD states His case and makes a plea unto Israel. (28-43)
 - a. That they would consider their latter end:
 - b. And have compassion on His servants:
 - c. There is no God besides Me:
7. Moses encourages Israel. (44-47)
 - a. It is not a futile thing:
8. God's final command to Moses. (48-52)
 - a. Go up this mountain... and die on the mountain:
 - b. You shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there:

Chapter 32 Questions:

1. What did Moses say about God in these verses? (1-4)
2. How did Moses explain how Israel acted toward God? (5-6)
3. What did Moses tell the Israelites to remember about God? (7-8)
4. Moses described Jacob's inheritance in what way? (9-14)
5. How did Israel walk away from God in these verses? (15-18)
6. What did God say in response to Israel's rejection of Him? (19-27)
7. How did Moses compare Israel and the pagan nations in these verses? (28-35)
8. How did God say He would judge His people? (36-39)
9. How is vengeance taken out against the enemies of God? (40-43)
10. Who came along with Moses to speak the song to Israel? (44)

11. What did Moses say God's words were to Israel? (45-47)

12. Where did God tell Moses to go the same day, he sang his song? (48-49)

13. What did God tell Moses about seeing the Promised Land? (50-52)

DEUTERONOMY 33

In Chapter 33, Moses blesses each of the twelve tribes of Israel individually. His words speak to the character and future of each tribe. For example, Judah is blessed for its leadership, Levi for its religious dedication, and Joseph for its abundance. He concludes his blessings by praising God for His majesty, protection, and the blessings He bestows upon Israel. The Israelites are described as dwelling in safety because of the Lord's favor.

MOSES BLESSES THE TRIBES

- A. Introduction to the blessing of the tribes.
 - 1. Now this is the blessing. (1)
 - a. Moses the man of God:
 - b. This chapter is similar in its effect to the blessing of Israel (Jacob) upon his twelve sons as recorded in Genesis 49:
 - 2. The context is set: The glory of God's revelation to Israel. (2-5)
 - a. The LORD came from Sinai:
- B. The blessing of the individual tribes.
 - 1. Reuben: Nor let his men be few. (6)
 - a. Let Reuben live:
 - b. Live and not die:
 - 2. Judah: May You be a help. (7)
 - a. Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah:
 - b. Let his hands be sufficient:
 - 3. Levi: They shall teach... Israel Your law. (8-11)
 - a. They have observed Your word and kept Your covenant:
 - b. They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, and Israel Your law:
 - 4. Benjamin: The beloved of the LORD. (12)
 - a. The beloved of the LORD:
 - b. Shall dwell in safety by Him:
 - 5. Joseph: Let the blessing come. (13-17)
 - a. Blessed of the LORD is his land:
 - b. Ten thousands of Ephraim... thousands of Manasseh:
 - 6. Zebulun and Issachar: They shall partake of the abundance of the seas. (18-19)
 - a. They shall partake of the abundance of the seas:
 - b. Treasures hidden in the sand:

7. Gad: He dwells as a lion. (20-21)
 - a. He dwells as a lion:

8. Dan: A lion's whelp. (22)
 - a. He shall leap from Bashan:
 - b. From Bashan:

9. Naphtali: Full of the blessing of the LORD. (23)
 - a. O Naphtali, satisfied with favor:

10. Asher: Most blessed of sons. (24-25)
 - a. Asher is most blessed of sons:

11. Conclusion: Happy are you, O Israel! (26-29)
 - a. The eternal God is your refuge:
 - b. Who rides the heavens to help you:

Chapter 33 Questions:

1. What did Moses pronounce to Israel before his death? (1)
2. What did Moses say about God in these verses? (2-3)
3. What did Moses say about Reuben in verse six? (6)
4. What did Moses say about Levi in these verses? (8-11)
5. How was Naphtali described by Moses in this verse? (23)
6. What description is given to characterize God? (27)
7. What way did Moses bless Israel in this verse? (29)

DEUTERONOMY 34

Chapter 34 records the final moments of Moses' life. God shows him the Promised Land from Mount Nebo but tells him that he will not enter it due to his disobedience at Meribah. Moses dies there in Moab, and though his burial place is not known, it is said that he was 120 years old but still full of vigor. The Israelites mourn for him for 30 days. The chapter concludes by stating that Joshua is filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites listen to him. The book ends by affirming that there has not arisen a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

THE DEATH OF MOSES

A. Moses on Mount Nebo.

1. The vision of the Promised Land. (1-3)
 - a. Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo:
 - b. And the LORD showed him all the land:
2. God's last words to Moses: This is the land... (4)
 - a. This is the land of which I swore to give:
 - b. I will give it to your descendants:
 - c. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there:
3. The death and burial of Moses, the servant of the LORD. (5-8)
 - a. So, Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab:
 - b. Moses the servant of the LORD died:
 - c. And He buried him in a valley:
 - d. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died:
 - e. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor abated:
 - f. The children of Israel wept:

B. The legacy of Moses.

1. Joshua's leadership in Israel. (9)
 - a. For Moses had laid his hands on him:
2. The unique legacy of Moses. (10-12)
 - a. Since then, there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses:
 - b. Since then, there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses:
 - c. Since then, there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses:

Chapter 34 Questions:

1. What mountain did Moses climb in verse one? (1)
2. What territories did the Lord show Moses? (1-3)
3. What did the Lord say to Moses in verse four? (4)
4. Where did Moses die at according to these verses? (5-6)
5. How old was Moses when he died in verse seven? (7)
6. How long did the Israelites grieve for Moses? (8)
7. With what was Joshua filled? (9)
8. How close was Moses' relationship with the Lord? (10)
9. Where did Moses perform his miraculous signs and wonders? (11)
10. How powerful were the deeds that Moses did? (12)