

# The Fifth Book Of Moses Called (\*) Deuteronomy

(\*) That is, a second law; so called because the Law which God gave in mount Sinai, is here repeated, as though it were a new Law; and this book is a commentary or exposition of the ten commandments.

## The Argument

The Wonderful love of God toward his Church is lively set forth in this book, For albeit through their ingratitude sundry rebellions against God, for the space of forty years, Deuteronomy 9:7; they had deserved to have been cut off from the number of his people, and forever to have been deprived of the use of his holy word and sacraments; yet he did ever preserve his Church even for his own mercies' sake, and would still have his Name called upon among them. Wherefore he bringeth them into the land of Canaan, destroyeth their enemies, giveth them their country, towns and goods, and exhorteth them by the example of their fathers (whose infidelity, idolatry, adulteries, murmurings and rebellions, he had most sharply punished) to fear and obey the Lord, to embrace, and keep his law without adding thereunto or diminishing there from. For by his word he would be known to be their God, and they his people, by his word he would govern his Church, and by the same they should learn to obey him; by his word he would discern the false Prophet from the true, light from darkness, ignorance from knowledge, and his own people from all the other nations and infidels, teaching them thereby to refuse and detest, destroy and abolish whatsoever is not agreeable to his holy will, seem it otherwise never so good or precious in the eyes of man. And for this cause God promised to raise up Kings and governors, for the setting forth of his word and preservation of his Church; giving unto them a special charge for the executing thereof, whom therefore he willet to exercise themselves diligently in the continual study and meditation of the same, that they might learn to fear the Lord, love their subjects, abhor covetousness and vices, and whatsoever offendeth the majesty of God. And as he had before instructed their fathers in all things appertaining, both to his spiritual service, and also for the maintenance of that society which is between men; so he prescribeth anew, all such laws and ordinances, which either concern

*his Divine service, or else are necessary for a commonwealth, appointing unto every estate and degree their charge and duty; as well, how to rule and live in the fear of God, as to nourish friendship toward their neighbors, and to preserve that order which God hath established among men, threatening withal most horrible plagues to them that transgress his commandments, and promising all blessings and felicity to such as observe and obey them.*

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# Deuteronomy 1

*2 A brief rehearsal of things done before, from Horeb unto Kadesh-barnea. 32 Moses reproveth the people for their incredulity. 44 The Israelites are overcome by the Amorites because they fought against the commandment of the Lord.*

1 These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel, on (a) this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain, (b) over against the Red Sea, between Paran and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab.

(a) In the country of Moab.

(b) So that the wilderness was between the Sea and the plain of Moab.

2 *There are* eleven days journey from (c) Horeb unto Kadesh-barnea, by the way of mount Seir.

(c) In Horeb, or Sinai, forty years before this the Law was given; but because all that were then of age and judgment were now dead, Moses repeateth the same to the youth which either then were not born, or had not judgment.

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

4 After that he had slain (d) (\*) Sihon the King of the Amorites which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og King of Bashan, which dwelt at Ashtaroth in Edrei.

(d) By these examples of God's favor, their minds are prepared to receive the Law.

(\*) Numbers 21:24 .

5 On this side Jordan in the land of Moab (e) began Moses to declare this Law, saying,

(e) The second time.

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

(f) In the second year and second month, Numbers 10:11 .

7 Turn you and depart, and go unto the mountain of the Amorites, and unto all places near thereunto, in the plain, in the mountain, or in the valley, both Southward, and to the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and unto Lebanon, *even* unto the great river, the river (\*) Perath.

(\*) Or, Euphrates.

8 Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and (\*) possess that land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

(\*) Genesis 15:18; Genesis 17:7-8 .

9 ¶ And I spake (g) unto you the same time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone;

(g) By the counsel of Jethro my father in law, Exodus 18:19 .

10 The LORD your God hath (h) multiplied you, and behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven in number;

(h) Not so much by the course of nature, as miraculously.

11 (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you.)

12 How can I alone (i) bear your cumbrance and your charge, and your strife?

(i) Signifying how great a burden it is, to govern the people.

13 Bring you men of wisdom and of understanding, and (k) known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you;

(k) Whose godliness and uprightness is known.

14 Then ye answered me and said, The thing is good that thou hast commanded us to do.

15 So I took the chief of your tribes, (l) wise and known men, and made them rulers over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifty, and captains over ten, and officers among your tribes.

(l) Declaring what sort of men ought to have a public charge, read Exodus 18:21 .

16 And I charged your judges that same time, saying, Hear the *controversies* between your brethren, and (\*) judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him.

(\*) John 7:24 .

17 Ye shall have no respect of person in judgment; (\*) but shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not fear the face of man, for the judgment is (m) God's, and the cause that is too hard for you, bring unto me, and I will hear it;

(\*) Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 16:19; 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 24:23; James 2:2 .  
(m) And you are his Lieutenants.

18 Also I commanded you the same time all the things which ye should do.

19 ¶ Then we departed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness (as ye have seen) by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea.

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

(n) So that the fault was in themselves, that they did not sooner possess the inheritance promised.

21 Behold, the LORD thy God hath laid the land before thee; go up *and* possess it, as the LORD the God of thy fathers hath said unto thee. Fear not, neither be discouraged.

22 ¶ (o) Then ye came unto me everyone, and said, We will send men before us, to search us out the land, and to bring us word again, what way we must go up by, and unto what cities we shall come.

(o) Read Numbers 13:1-3 .

23 So the saying pleased me well, and I took twelve men of you, of every tribe one.

24 (\*) Who departed, and went up into the mountain, and came unto the (♣) river Eshcol, and searched out the *land*.

(\*) Numbers 13:24 .  
(♣) Or, valley of the cluster of grapes.

25 And took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it unto us, and brought us word again, and (p) said, It is a good land, which the LORD our God doeth give us.

(p) To wit, Caleb and Joshua; Moses preferreth the better part to the greater, that is, two to ten.

26 Notwithstanding, ye would not go up, but were disobedient unto the commandment of the LORD your God,

27 And murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD (q) hated us, therefore hath he brought us out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, and to destroy us.

(q) Such was the Jews unthankfulness, that they counted God's special love, hatred.

28 Whither shall we go up? Our (r) brethren have discouraged our hearts, 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.

(r) The other ten, not Caleb and Joshua.

(\*) Numbers 13:29 .

29 But I said unto you, Dread not, nor be afraid of them.

30 The LORD your God, (s) who goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did unto you in Egypt before your eyes,

(s) Declaring that to renounce our own force, and constantly to follow our vocation, and depend on the Lord, is true boldness, and agreeable to God.

31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doeth bear his son, in all the way which ye have gone, until ye came unto this place.

32 Yet for all this ye did not believe the LORD your God,

33 (\*) Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, that ye might see what way to go, and in a cloud by day.

(\*) Exodus 13:21 .

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

35 (\*) Surely there shall not one of these men of this froward generation, see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers,

(\*) Numbers 14:23 .

36 Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, (\*) and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath constantly followed the LORD.

(\*) Joshua 14:6 .

37 (\*) Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, (♣) Thou also shalt not go in thither,

(\*) Numbers 20:12; Numbers 27:14 .

(♣) Deuteronomy 3:26; Deuteronomy 4:21; Deuteronomy 34:4 .

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

(t) Which ministereth unto thee.

39 Moreover, your (u) children, which ye said should be a prey, and your sons, 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.

(u) Which were under twenty years old, as Numbers 14:31 .

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

41 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, (x) we will go up, and fight, according to all that the LORD our God hath commanded us. And ye armed you every man to the war, and were ready to go up into the mountain.

(x) This declareth man's nature, who will do that which God forbiddeth, and will not do that which he commendeth.

42 But the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight, (for I am (y) not among you) lest ye fall before your enemies.

(y) Signifying that man hath no strength, but when God is at hand to help him.

43 And when I told you, ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and were presumptuous, and went up into the mountain.

44 Then the Amorites which dwelt in that mountain came out against you, and chased you (as bees used to do) and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah.

45 And when ye came again, ye wept before the LORD, but the LORD would not (z) hear your voice, nor incline his ears unto you.

(z) Because ye rather shewed your hypocrisy, than true repentance; rather lamenting the loss of your brethren, than repenting for your sins.



46 So ye abode in Kadesh a long time, according to the time that ye had remained *before*.

## Deuteronomy 2

*4 Israel is forbidden to fight with the Edomites. 9 Moabites, 19 and Amorites. 23 Sihon King of Heshbon.*

1 Then (a) 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 a (b) long time.

(a) They obeyed, after that God had chastised them.  
(b) Eight and thirty years, as Deuteronomy 2:14 .

2 And the LORD spake unto me, saying,

3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you Northward.

4 And warn thou the people, saying, Ye shall go through the (c) coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you. Take ye good heed therefore.

(c) This was the second time, for before they had caused the Israelites to return, Numbers 20:21 .

5 Ye shall not provoke them, for I will not give you of their land so much as a foot breadth; (\*) because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession.

(\*) Genesis 36:8 .

6 Ye shall buy meat of them for money to eat, and ye shall also procure water of them for money to drink.

7 For the LORD thy God hath (d) blessed thee in all the works of thy hands; he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness, and the LORD thy God hath been with thee this forty years; *and* thou hast lacked nothing.

(d) And given the means, wherewith thou mayest make recompense; also God will direct thee by his providence, as he hath done.

8 And when we were departed from our brethren the children of Esau which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the (\*) plain, from Elath, and from Ezion-geber, we turned and went by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

(\*) Or, wilderness.

9 Then the LORD said unto me, Thou shalt not (\*) vex Moab, neither provoke them to battle; for I will not give thee of their land for a possession, because I have given Ar unto the children (e) of Lot for a possession.

(\*) Or, besiege.

(e) Which were the Moabites and Amorites.

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

(f) Signifying, that as these giants were driven out for their sins, so the wicked when their sins are ripe, cannot avoid God's plagues.

11 They also were taken for giants as the Anakims; whom the Moabites call Emims.

12 The (\*) Horims also dwelt in Seir before time; whom the children of Esau chased out and destroyed them before them, and dwelt in their stead, as Israel shall do unto the land of his possession, which the LORD hath given them;

(\*) Genesis 36:20 .

13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the river (\*) Zered. And we went over the river Zered.

(\*) Numbers 21:12 .

14 The (g) space also wherein we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the river Zered, *was* eight and thirty years, until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD sware unto them.

(g) He sheweth hereby, that as God is true in his promise, so his threatenings are not in vain.

15 For indeed the (h) hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, till they were consumed.

(h) His plague and punishment to destroy all that were twenty years old and above.

16 ¶ So when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people;

17 Then the LORD spake unto me, saying,

18 Thou shalt go through Ar the coast of Moab this day;

19 And thou shalt come near over against the children of Ammon, *but* shalt not lay siege unto them, nor move war against them, for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; for I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.

20 That also was taken for a land (i) of giants; *for* giants dwelt therein aforetime, whom the Ammonites called Zamzummims;

(i) Who called themselves Rephaims, that is, preservers, or physicians to heal and reform vices; but were indeed Zamzummims, that is, wicked and abominable.

21 A people *that was* great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims, but the LORD destroyed them before them, and they succeeded them in their inheritance, and dwelt in their stead;

22 As he did to the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims before them, and they possessed them, and dwelt in their stead unto this day.

23 And the Avim which dwelt in Hazerim *even* unto (\*) Azzah, the Caphtorims which came out of Caphtor destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.

(\*) Or, Gaza.

24 ¶ Rise up *therefore*, said the LORD; take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon; behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon, the (k) Amorite, King of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and provoke him to battle.

(k) According to his promise made to Abraham, Genesis 15:21 .

25 This day will I (l) begin to send thy fear and thy dread, upon all people under the whole heaven, which shall hear thy fame, and shall tremble and quake before thee.

(l) This declareth that the hearts of men are in God's hands either to be made faint or bold.

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

27 ¶ (\*) Let me pass through thy land; I will go by the highway, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left.

(\*) Numbers 21:21-22 .

28 Thou shalt sell me meat for money, for to eat, and shalt give me water for money for to drink; only I will go through on my foot,

29 (As the (m) children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me) until I be come over Jordan, into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.

(m) Because neither entreat nor examples or others could move him, he could not complain of his just destruction.

30 But Sihon the King of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for the LORD thy God had (n) hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, because he would deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day.

(n) God, in his election and reprobation doeth not only appoint the ends, but the means tending the same.

31 And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee; begin to possess and inherit his land.

32 (\*) Then came out Sihon to meet us, himself with all his people to fight at Jahaz.

(\*) Numbers 21:23 .

33 But the LORD our God delivered him (\*) into our power, and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.

(\*) Hebrew: before us.

34 And we took all his cities the same time, and destroyed every city, men, and (o) women, and children; we let nothing remain.

(o) God had cursed Canaan, and therefore he would not that any of the wicked race should be preserved.

35 Only the cattle we took to ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took,

36 From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that is upon the river, even unto Gilead; there was not one city that escaped us, *for* the LORD our God delivered up all (\*) before us.

(\*) Or, into our hand.

37 Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river (\*) Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbade us.

(\*) Or, ford.

### *Deuteronomy 3*

*3 Og King of Bashan is slain. 11 The bigness of his bed. 18 The Reubenites and Gadites are commanded to go over Jordan armed before their brethren. 21 Joshua is made captain. 27 Moses is permitted to see the land, but not to enter, albeit he desired it.*

1 Then we turned, and went up by the way of Bashan; (\*) and Og King of Bashan (a) came out against us, he, and all his people to fight at Edrei.

(\*) Numbers 21:33; Deuteronomy 29:7 .

(a) Therefore besides the commandment of the Lord, they had just occasion of his part to fight against him.

2 And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not, for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land into thy hand, and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto (\*) Sihon King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

(\*) Numbers 21:33 .

3 So the LORD our God delivered also unto our hand, (\*) Og the King of Bashan, and all his people, and we smote him, until none was left him *alive*;

(\*) Numbers 21:33 .

4 And we took all his cities the same time, neither was there a city which we took not from them, *even* threescore cities, *and* all the country of Argob, *even* the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these cities *were* fenced with high walls, gates and bars, beside (b) unwalled towns a great many.

(b) As villages and small towns.

6 And we overthrew them, as we did unto Sihon King of Heshbon, destroying every city, *with* men, (c) women, and children.

(c) Because this was God's appointment, therefore it may not be judged cruel.

7 But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we took for ourselves.

8 Thus we took at that time out of the hand of two Kings of the Amorites, the land that was on this side Jordan from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon;

9 (Which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, but the Amorites call it Shenir.)

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

11 For only Og King of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Giants, (d) whose bed *was* a bed of iron; is it not at Rabbath among the children of Ammon? The length thereof *is* nine cubits, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

(d) The more terrible that this giant was, the greater occasion had they to glorify God for the victory.

12 And this land *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, which is by the river of Arnon, and half mount Gilead, (\*) and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and Gadites.

(\*) Numbers 32:33 .

13 And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; *even* all the country of Argob with all Bashan, which is called, The land of giants.

14 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob, unto the coasts of Geshuri, and of Maachathi, and called them after his own name, Bashan, (\*) Havoth Jair unto (e) this day.

(\*) Numbers 32:41 .

(e) Meaning, when he wrote this history.

15 And I gave *part* of Gilead unto Machir.

16 And unto the Reubenites and Gadites I gave *the rest* of Gilead, and unto the river of Arnon, half the river and the borders, even unto the river (f) Jabbok, *which is the border of the children of Ammon;*

(f) Which separateth the Ammonites from the Amorites.

17 The plain also and Jordan, and the borders from Chinnereth even unto the Sea of the plain, *to wit*, the salt Sea (\*) under the springs of Pisgah Eastward.

(\*) Or, at Asdoth-Pisgah.

18 ¶ And I commanded (g) you the same time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it; ye shall go over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all men of war.

(g) That is, the Reubenites, Gadites, and half Manasseh, as Numbers 32:21 .

19 Your wives only, and your children, and your cattle (for I know that ye have much cattle) shall abide in your cities, which I have given you,

20 Until the LORD have given rest unto your brethren as unto you, and that they also possess the land, which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan. Then shall ye (\*) return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

(\*) Joshua 22:4 .

21 ¶ (\*) And I charged Joshua the same time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the (h) LORD your God hath done unto these two Kings; (♣) so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou goest.

(\*) Numbers 27:18-19; Numbers 27:23 .

(h) So that the victories came not by your own wisdom, strength or multitude.

(♣) Joshua 1:5; Joshua 10:8-25 .

22 Ye shall not fear them, for the LORD your God, he shall fight for you.

23 And I besought the LORD the same time, saying,

24 O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness and thy mighty hand; for where is there a God in heaven or in earth, that can (i) do like thy works, and like thy (\*) power?

(i) He speaketh according to the common and corrupt speech of them which attribute that power unto idols that only appertaineth unto God.

(\*) Or, wonders.

25 I pray thee let me go over and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly (k) mountain, and Lebanon.

(k) He meaneth Zion, where the Temple should be built, and God honored.

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

27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and (l) lift up thine eyes Westward, and Northward, and Southward, and Eastward, and behold it with thine eyes, for thou shalt not go over this Jordan;

(l) As before he saw by the spirit of prophecy the good mountain, which was Zion; so here his eyes were lifted up above the order of nature to behold all the plentiful land of Canaan.

28 But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and bolden him, for he shall go before this people, and he shall divide for inheritance unto them, the land which thou shalt see.

29 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-Peor.

## Deuteronomy 4

*1 An exhortation to observe the Law without adding thereto or diminishing. 6 Therein standeth our wisdom. 9 We must teach it to our children. 15 No image ought to be made to worship. 26 Threatening against them that forsake the Law of God. 37 God chose the seed because he loved their fathers. 43 The three cities of refuge.*

1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the ordinances and to the laws which I teach you to (a) do, that ye may live and go in, and possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

(a) For this doctrine standeth not in bare knowledge, but in practice of life.

2 (\*) Ye shall (b) put nothing unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye (c) take ought there from, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.



- (\*) Deuteronomy 12:32 .  
(b) Think not to be more wise than I am.  
(c) God will not be served by halves, but will have full obedience.

3 Your (d) eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-Peor, for all the men that followed Baal-Peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed every one from among you.

(d) God's judgments executed upon other idolaters ought to serve for our instruction, read Numbers 25:3-4 .

4 But ye that did (e) cleave unto the LORD your God, are alive every one of you this day.

(e) And were not idolaters.

5 Behold, I have taught you ordinances, and laws, as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do even so within the land whither ye go to possess it.

6 Keep them therefore, and do them; for that is your (f) wisdom, and your understanding in the sight of the people, which shall hear all these ordinances, and shall say, (\*) Only this people *is* wise, and of understanding, *and* a great nation.

(f) Because all men naturally desire wisdom, he sheweth how to attain unto it.  
(\*) Or, surely.

7 For what nation *is so* great, unto whom God comes so near unto them, as the LORD our God *is* (g) *near unto us*, in all that we call unto him for?

(g) Helping us, and delivering us out of all dangers, as 2 Samuel 7:23 .

8 And what nation *is so* great, that hath ordinances and laws so righteous, as all this Law, which I set before you this day?

9 But take heed to thyself, and (h) keep thy soul diligently, that thou forget not the things which thine eyes have seen, and that they depart not out of thine heart, all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

(h) He addeth all these words to shew that we can never be careful enough to keep the law of God and to teach it to our posterity.

10 *Forget not* the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will cause them to hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children;

11 Then came you near and (\*) stood under the mountain, and the mountain (i) burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, *and there was* darkness, clouds and mist.

(\*) Exodus 19:18 .

(i) The Law was given with fearful miracles, to declare both that God was the author thereof, and also that no flesh was able to abide the rigor of the same.

12 And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire, *and* ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude, save a voice.

13 Then he declared unto you his covenant which he commanded you to (k) do, *even* the ten (\*) commandments, and wrote them upon two Tablets of stone.

(k) God joineth this condition to his covenant.

(\*) Or, words.

14 ¶ And the LORD commanded me that same time, that I should teach you ordinances and laws, which ye should observe in the land, whither ye go, to possess it.

15 Take therefore good heed unto (\*) yourselves, for ye saw no (l) image in the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

(\*) Hebrew: souls.

(l) Signifying, that destruction is prepared for all them that make any image to represent God.

16 That ye corrupt not yourselves, and make you a graven image, *or* representation of any figure, *whither it be* the likeness of male or female,

17 The likeness of any beast that is on earth, *or* the likeness of any feathered fowl that flieth in the air,

18 *Or* the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the earth, *or* the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth,

19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars with all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath (m) distributed to all people under the whole heaven.

(m) He hath appointed them for to serve man.

20 But the LORD hath taken you and brought you out of the (n) iron furnace, out of Egypt to be unto him a people *and* inheritance, as *appeareth* this day.

(n) He hath delivered you out of the most miserable slavery and freely chosen you for his children.

21 And the LORD was angry with me for your words, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

22 For I must die in this land, and shall not go over Jordan; but (o) ye shall go over, and possess that good land.

(o) Moses' good affection appeareth in that he, being deprived of such an excellent treasure, doth not envy them that must enjoy it.

23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God which he made with you, and *lest* ye make you any graven image, *or* likeness of any thing, as the LORD thy God hath charged thee.

24 For the LORD thy God is a (p) consuming fire, *and* a jealous God.

(p) To those that come not unto him with love and reverence, but rebel against him, Hebrews 12:29 .

25 ¶ When thou shalt beget children and children's children, and shalt have remained long in the land, if ye (q) corrupt yourselves, and make any graven image, *or* likeness of any thing, and work evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger,

(q) Meaning hereby all superstition and corruption of the true service of God.

26 I (r) call heaven and earth to record against you this day, that ye shall shortly perish from the land, whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days therein, but shall utterly be destroyed;

(r) Though men would absolve you, yet the insensible creatures shall be witnesses of your disobedience.

27 And the LORD shall (s) scatter you among the people, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither the LORD shall bring you;

(s) So that his curse shall make his former blessings of no effect.

28 And there ye shall serve gods, *even* the work of man's hand, wood, and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy (t) heart, and with all thy soul.

(t) Not with outward shew or ceremony, but with a true confession of thy faults.

30 When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, (\*) at the length, if thou return to the LORD thy God, and be obedient unto his voice,

(\*) Hebrew: in the latter days.

31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he (u) sware unto them.

(u) To certify them the more of the assurance of their salvation.

32 For inquire now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and (x) *ask* from the one end of heaven unto the other, if there came to pass such a great thing as this, or whether any such like thing hath been heard.

(x) Man's negligence is partly cause, that he knoweth not God.

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of a fire, as thou hast heard, and lived?

34 Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from among nations, by (y) temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great fear, according unto all that the LORD your God did unto you in Egypt before your eyes?

(y) By so manifest proofs that none could doubt thereof.

35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest (z) know, that the LORD he is God, *and* that there is none but he alone.

(z) He sheweth the cause why God wrought these miracles.

36 Out of heaven he made thee hear his voice to instruct thee, and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire, and thou heardest his voice out of the midst of the fire.

37 And because (a) he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and hath brought thee out of Egypt in his sight, by his mighty power,

(a) Freely, and not of their deserve.

38 To thrust out nations greater and mightier than thou, before thee, to bring thee in, *and* to give thee their land for inheritance, as *appeareth* this day.

39 Understand therefore this day, and consider in thy heart, that the LORD, he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there *is* no other.

40 Thou shalt keep therefore his ordinances, and his commandments which I command thee this day, that it may (b) go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee forever.

(b) God promiseth reward not for our merits, but to encourage us, and to assure us that our labor shall not be lost.

41 ¶ Then Moses separated three cities on this side of Jordan toward the sun rising;

42 That the slayer should flee thither, which had killed his neighbor at unawares, and hated him not in time past, might flee, I say, unto one of those cities, and live;

43 *That is,* (\*) Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead among the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan among them of Manasseh.

(\*) Joshua 20:8 .

44 ¶ So this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.

45 These are the (c) witnesses, and the ordinances, and the laws which Moses declared to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt,

(c) The articles and points of the covenant.

46 On this side Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon King of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel (\*) smote, after they were come out of Egypt;

(\*) Numbers 21:24; Deuteronomy 1:4 .

47 And they possessed his land, and the land of (\*) Og King of Bashan, two Kings of the Amorites, which were on this side Jordan toward the sun rising;

(\*) Numbers 21:33; Deuteronomy 3:3 .

48 From Aroer, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which is Hermon,

49 And all the plain by Jordan Eastward, even unto (d) the Sea of the plain, under the (\*) springs of Pisgah.

(d) That is, the salt sea.  
(\*) Deuteronomy 3:17 .

## Deuteronomy 5

*5 Moses is the means between God and the people. 6 The Law is repeated. 23 The people are afraid at God's voice. 29 The Lord wisheth that the people would fear him. 32 They must neither decline to the right hand nor left.*

1 Then Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the ordinances and the laws which I (\*) propose to you this day, that ye may learn them, and take heed to observe them.

(\*) Hebrew: I speak in your ears.

2 (\*) The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

(\*) Exodus 19:5-6 .

3 The LORD (a) made not this covenant with our fathers *only*, but with us, *even* with us all here alive this day.

(a) Some read, God made not this covenant, that is, in such ample sort and with such signs and wonders.

4 The LORD talked with you (b) face to face in the Mount, out of the midst of the fire.

(b) So plainly that ye need not to doubt thereof.

5 (At that time I stood between the LORD and you, to declare unto you the word of the LORD; for ye were afraid at the sight of the fire, and went not up into the mount) and he said,

6 ¶ (\*) I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of (♣) bondage.

(\*) Exodus 20:2; Leviticus 26:1; Psalm 97:7-9 .  
(♣) Or, servant.

7 Thou shalt have no (c) other gods before my face.

(c) God bindeth us to serve him only without superstition and idolatry.

8 Thou shalt make thee no graven image *or* any likeness *of that* which is in heaven above, *or* which is in the earth beneath, *or* that is in the waters under the earth.

9 Thou shalt neither bow thyself unto them, nor serve them; for (\*) I the LORD thy God am a (d) jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, even unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

(\*) Exodus 34:7; Jeremiah 32:18 .  
(d) That is, of his honor, not permitting it to be given to others.

10 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that (e) love me, and keep my commandments.

(e) The first degree to keep the commandments, is to love God.

11 Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.

12 Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.

13 Six days (f) thou shalt labor, and shalt do all thy work;

(f) Meaning, since God permitteth six days to our labors, that we ought willingly to dedicate the seventh to serve him wholly.

14 But the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; thou shalt not do any work *therein*, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maid, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, neither any of thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maid may rest as well as thou;

15 For, remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that* the LORD thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand, and a stretched out arm; therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to observe the Sabbath day.

16 ¶ (g) Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee, that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee upon the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(g) Not for a shew, but with true obedience and due reverence.

17 (\*) Thou shalt not kill.

(\*) Matthew 5:21 .

18 (\*) Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

(\*) Luke 18:20 .

19 (\*) Neither shalt thou steal.

(\*) Romans 13:9 .

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.

21 (\*) Neither shalt thou (h) covet thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's house, his field, nor his manservant, nor his maid, his ox, nor his ass, nor ought that thy neighbor hath.

(\*) Romans 7:7 .

(h) He speaketh not only of that resolute will, but that there be no motion of affection.

22 ¶ These words the LORD spake unto all your multitude in the mount out of the midst of the fire, the cloud and the darkness, with a great voice; and (i) added no more *thereto*. And wrote them upon two tablets of stone, and delivered them unto me.

(i) Teaching us by his example to be content with his word, and add nothing thereto.

23 And when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire) then ye came to me, all the chief of your tribes, and your Elders;

24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness; and (\*) we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God doeth talk with man, and he (♣) liveth.

(\*) Exodus 19:19 .

(♣) Deuteronomy 4:33 .



25 Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, we shall die.

26 For what (\*) flesh *was* there ever, that heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire as we *have*, and lived?

(\*) Or, man.

27 Go thou near and hear all that the LORD our God saith; and declare thou unto us all that the LORD our God saith unto thee, (\*) and we will hear it, and do it.

(\*) Exodus 20:19 .

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

29 Oh (k) that there were such a heart in them to fear me, and to keep all my commandments alway, that it might go well with them, and with their children forever!

(k) He requireth of us nothing but obedience, shewing also that of ourselves we are unwilling thereunto.

30 Go, say unto them, Return you into your tents.

31 But stand thou here with me, and I will tell thee all the commandments, and the ordinances, and the laws, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it.

32 Take heed therefore, that ye do as the LORD your God hath commanded you; (l) turn not aside to the right hand nor to the left;

(l) Ye shall neither add nor diminish, Deuteronomy 4:2 .

33 *But* walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may (m) live, and that it may go well with you, and that ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

(m) As by obedience, God giveth us all felicity, so of disobeying God proceed all our miseries.

## Deuteronomy 6

*1 An exhortation to fear God, and keep his commandments, 5 Which is, to love him with all thine heart. 7 The same must be taught to the posterity. 16 Not to tempt God. 25 Righteousness is contained in the Law.*

1 These now are the commandments, ordinances, and (\*) laws, which the LORD your God commanded *me* to teach *you*, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it,

(\*) Or, judgments.

2 That thou mightest (a) fear the LORD thy God, and keep all his ordinances, and his commandments which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son all the days of thy life, even that thy days may be prolonged.

(a) A reverent fear and love of God is the first beginning to keep God's commandments.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and take heed to do it, that it may go well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily (b) in the land that floweth with milk and honey, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

(b) Which hath abundance of all things appertaining to man's life.

4 Hear, O Israel, The LORD our God *is* LORD only;

5 And (\*) thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

(\*) Matthew 22:37; Mark 12:29-34; Luke 10:27 .

6 (\*) And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart.

(\*) Deuteronomy 11:18 .

7 And thou shalt (c) rehearse them continually unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou tarriest in thine house, and as thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up;

(c) Some read, thou shalt whet them upon thy children, to wit, that they may print them more deeply in memory.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be (\*) as frontlets between thine eyes.

(\*) Or, signs of remembrance.

9 Also thou shalt write them upon the (d) posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

(d) That when thou enterest in, thou mayest remember them.

10 And when the LORD thy God hath brought thee into the land, which he sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to thee, with great and goodly cities which thou built not,

11 And houses full of all manner of goods which thou filled not, and wells dug which thou dug not, vineyards and olive trees which thou planted not, and *when* thou hast eaten and art full,

12 (e) Beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

(e) Let not wealth and ease cause thee to forget God's mercies, whereby thou wast delivered out of misery.

13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt (f) swear by his Name.

(f) We must fear God, serve him only, and confess his Name, which is done by swearing lawfully.

14 Ye shall not walk after other gods, *after any* of the gods of the people which are round about you,

15 (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the wrath of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from the face of the earth.

16 ¶ Ye shall not (g) tempt the LORD your God, as ye did tempt him in Massah;

(g) By doubting of his power, refusing lawful means, and abusing his graces.

17 *But* ye shall keep diligently the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his ordinances, which he hath commanded thee,

18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the (h) sight of the LORD, that thou mayest prosper, and that thou mayest go in, and possess that good land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers,

(h) Here he condemneth all man's good intentions.

19 To cast out all thine enemies before thee, as the LORD hath said.

20 When (i) thy son shall ask thee in time to come, saying, What mean these testimonies, and ordinances, and Laws, which the LORD our God hath commanded you?

(i) God requireth not only that we serve him all our life, but also that we take pain that our posterity may set forth his glory.

21 Then shalt thou say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;

22 And the LORD shewed signs and wonders great and evil upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes,

23 And (k) brought us out from thence, to bring us in, and to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers.

(k) Nothing ought to move us more to true obedience than the great benefits which we have received of God.

24 Therefore the LORD hath commanded us, to do all these ordinances, *and* to fear the LORD our God, that it may go ever well with us, *and* that he may preserve us alive as at this present.

25 Moreover, this shall be our (l) righteousness before the LORD our God, if we take heed to keep all these commandments, as he hath commanded us.

(l) But because none could fully obey the law, we must have our recourse to Christ to be justified by faith.

## *Deuteronomy 7*

*2 The Israelites may make no covenant with the Gentiles. 5 They must destroy the idols. 8 The election dependeth on the free love of God. 19 The experience of the power of God ought to confirm us. 25 To avoid all occasion of idolatry.*

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, (\*) and shall root out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the

Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou,

(\*) Deuteronomy 31:8 .

2 And the LORD thy God shall give them (a) before thee, then thou shalt smite them, thou shalt utterly destroy them, thou shalt make no (\*) covenant with them, nor have compassion on them,

(a) Into thy power.

(\*) Exodus 23:32; Exodus 34:12 .

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them, neither give thy daughter unto his son, nor take his daughter unto thy son.

4 For (\*) they will cause thy son to turn away from me, and to serve other gods; then will the wrath of the LORD wax hot against you, and destroy thee suddenly.

(\*) Or, any of them.

5 But thus ye shall deal with them, (b) Ye shall overthrow their altars, and break down their pillars, and ye shall cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

(b) God would have his service pure without all idolatrous ceremonies and superstitions, Deuteronomy 12:3 .

6 (\*) For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God, (♣) the LORD thy God hath chosen thee, to be a precious people unto himself, above all people that are upon the earth.

(\*) Deuteronomy 14:2; Deuteronomy 26:18-19 .

(♣) Exodus 19:5; 1 Peter 2:9 .

7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor chose you, because ye were more in number than any people, for ye were the fewest of all people;

8 But because the LORD (c) loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, the LORD hath brought you out by a mighty hand, and delivered you out of the house of bondage from the hand of Pharaoh King of Egypt,

(c) Freely, finding no cause in you more than in others so to do.

9 That thou mayest know, (d) that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy unto them that love him and keep his commandments, *even* to a thousand generations,

(d) And so put difference between him and idols.

10 And rewardeth (e) them to their face that hate him, to bring them to destruction; he will not defer to reward him that hateth him, to his face.

(e) Meaning, manifestly, or in this life.

11 Keep thou therefore the commandments, and the ordinances, and the laws, which I command thee this day to do them.

12 ¶ For if ye hearken unto these laws, and observe and do them, then the LORD thy God shall keep with thee the covenant, and the (f) mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.

(f) This covenant is grounded upon his free grace, therefore in recompensing their obedience, he hath respect to his mercy and not to their merits.

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

14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people; (\*) there shall be neither male nor female barren among you, nor among your cattle.

(\*) Exodus 23:26 .

15 Moreover, the LORD will take away from thee all infirmities, and will put none of the evil diseases of (\*) Egypt (which thou knowest) upon thee, but will send them upon all that hate thee.

(\*) Exodus 9:14; Exodus 15:26 .

16 Thou shalt therefore consume all people which the LORD thy God shall give thee; (g) thine eye shall not spare them, neither shalt thou serve their gods, for that shall be thy (\*) destruction.

(g) We ought not to be merciful, where God commandeth severity.

(\*) Exodus 23:33 .

17 If thou say in thine heart, These nations are more than I, how can I cast them out?

18 Thou shalt not fear them; *but* remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt,

19 The great (\*) temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs and wonders, and the mighty hand and stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out. So shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people, whose face thou fearest.

(\*) Or, plagues, or trials, Deuteronomy 29:3; Exodus 15:25; Exodus 16:4 .

20 (\*) Moreover, the LORD thy God will send (h) hornets among them until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.

(\*) Exodus 23:28; Joshua 24:12 .

(h) There is not so small a creature, which I will not arm to fight on thy side against them.

21 Thou shalt not fear them, for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a God mighty and dreadful.

22 And the LORD thy God will root out these nations before thee by little and little; thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the (i) beasts of the field increase upon thee.

(i) So that it is your commodity that God accomplish not his promise so soon as you would wish.

23 But the LORD thy God shall give them before thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be brought to naught.

24 And he shall deliver their Kings into thy hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou hast destroyed them.

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye (\*) burn with fire; *and* (♣) covet not the silver and gold, *that is* on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou (k) be snared therewith, for it is an abomination *before* the LORD thy God.

(\*) Deuteronomy 12:3; Exodus 23:24 .

(♣) Joshua 7:1-21 .

(k) And be enticed to idolatry.

26 Bring not therefore abomination into thy house, lest, thou be accursed like it, *but* utterly abhor it, and count it most abominable, for it is (\*) accursed.

(\*) Deuteronomy 13:17 .

## Deuteronomy 8

*1 God humbleth the Israelites to try what they have in their heart. 5 God chastiseth them as his children. 14 The heart ought not to be proud of God's benefits. 19 The forgetfulness of God's benefits causeth destruction.*

1 Ye shall keep all the commandments which I command thee this day, for (a) to do them, that ye may live, and be multiplied, and go in, and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers.

(a) Shewing that it is not enough to hear the word, except we express it by example of life.

2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee this forty years in the wilderness, for to humble thee, and to (b) prove thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments or not.

(b) Which is declared in afflictions, either by patience, or by grudging against God's visitation.

3 Therefore he humbled thee, and made thee hungry, and fed thee with MANNA, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know it, that he might teach thee that man liveth not by (c) bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD, doth a man live.

(c) Man liveth not by meat only, but by the power of God, which giveth it strength to nourish us.

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot (d) swell those forty years.

(d) As they that go barefooted.

5 Know therefore in thy heart, that as a man nurtureth his son, so the LORD thy God (e) nurtureth thee.

(e) So that his afflictions are signs of his fatherly love toward us.

6 Therefore shalt thou keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, that thou mayest walk in his ways, and fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land in the which are rivers of water and fountains, and (\*) depths that spring out of valleys and mountains;

(\*) Or, meres.



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

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarcity, neither shalt thou lack anything therein; a land (f) whose stones *are* iron, and out of whose mountains thou shalt dig brass.

(f) Where there are mines of metal.

10 And when thou hast eaten and filled thyself, thou shalt (g) bless the LORD thy God for the good land, which he hath given thee.

(g) For to receive God's benefits, and not to be thankful, is to condemn God in them.

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, not keeping his commandments, and his laws, and his ordinances, which I command thee this day;

12 Lest *when* thou hast eaten and filled thyself, and hast built goodly houses and dwelt *therein*,

13 And thy beasts, and thy sheep are increased, and thy silver and gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is increased,

14 Then thy heart (h) be lifted up and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage,

(h) By attributing God's benefits to thy own wisdom and labor, or to good fortune.

15 Who was thy guide in the great and terrible wilderness (*wherein were* fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where *was* no water, (\*) who brought forth water for thee out of the rock of flint;

(\*) Numbers 20:11 .

16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with (\*) MANNA, which thy fathers knew not) to humble thee, and to prove thee, that he might do thee good at thy latter end.

(\*) Exodus 16:15 .

17 *Beware* lest thou say in thy heart, My power, and the strength of my own hand hath prepared me this abundance.

18 But remember the LORD thy God, for it is he which (i) giveth thee power to get substance to establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *appeareth* this day.

(i) If things concerning this life, proceed only of God's mercy, much more spiritual gifts and life everlasting.

19 And if thou forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I (k) testify unto you this day that ye shall surely perish.

(k) Or take to witness the heaven and the earth, as Deuteronomy 4:26 .

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before you, so ye shall perish, because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

## *Deuteronomy 9*

*1 God doth them not good for their own righteousness, but for his own sake. 7 Moses putteth them in remembrance of their sins. 17 The two Tablets are broken. 26 Moses prayeth for the people.*

1 Hear, O Israel, Thou shalt pass over Jordan (a) this day, to go in *and* to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, *and* cities great and walled up to heaven,

(a) Meaning, shortly.

2 A people great and tall, *even* the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast (b) heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak?

(b) By the report of the spies, Numbers 13:26-29 .

3 Understand therefore that this day the LORD thy God is he which (c) goeth over before thee *as* a consuming fire. He shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face; so thou shalt cast them out and destroy them suddenly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

(c) To guide thee and govern thee.

4 Speak not thou in thy heart (after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out before thee) saying, For my (d) righteousness the LORD hath brought me in, to possess this land; but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD hath cast them out before thee.

(d) Man of himself can deserve nothing but God's anger, and if God spare any it cometh of his great mercy.

5 For thou entrust not to inherit their land for thy righteousness, or for thy upright heart; but for the wickedness of those nations, the LORD thy God doth cast them out before thee, and that he might perform the word which the LORD thy God sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness, for thou art a (e) stiff-necked people.

(e) Like stubborn oxen which will not endure their master's yoke.

7 ¶ Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to anger in the wilderness; (f) since the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have rebelled against the LORD;

(f) He proveth by the length of time, that their rebellion was most great and intolerable.

8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to anger, so that the LORD was wroth with you, *even* to destroy you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount, to receive the Tablets of stone, the Tablets, *I say*, of the Covenant, which the LORD made with you, and (\*) I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; *and* I neither ate bread nor yet drank water;

(\*) Exodus 24:18; Exodus 34:28 .

10 (\*) Then the LORD delivered me two tablets of stone, written with the (g) finger of God, and in them *was contained* according to all the words which the LORD had said unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly.

(\*) Exodus 31:18 .

(g) That is, miraculously, and not by the hand of men.

11 And when the forty days and forty nights were ended, the LORD gave me the two Tablets of stone, the Tablets, *I say*, of the covenant.

12 And the LORD said unto me, (\*) Arise, get thee down quickly from hence, for thy people which thou hast brought out of Egypt, have (h) corrupted *their ways*; they are soon turned out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

(\*) Exodus 32:7 .

(h) So soon as man declineth from the obedience of God, his ways are corrupt.

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

14 (i) Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and put out their name from under heaven, and I will make of thee a mighty nation, and greater than they be.

(i) Signifying that the prayers of the faithful are a bar to stay God's anger, that he consume not all.

15 So I returned, and came down from the Mount (and the Mount burned with fire, and the two Tablets of the Covenant *were* in my two hands.)

16 Then I looked, and behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God; *for* ye had made you a molten calf; *and* had turned quickly out of the (k) way which the LORD had commanded you.

(k) That is, from the Law; wherein he declareth what is the cause of our perdition.

17 Therefore I took the two Tablets, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

18 And I fell down before the LORD, forty days, and forty nights, as before; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sins, which ye had committed, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, in that ye provoked him unto wrath.

19 (For I was afraid of the wrath and indignation, wherewith the LORD was moved against you, *even* to destroy you) yet the LORD heard me at that time also.

20 Likewise the LORD was very angry with Aaron, *even* to (l) destroy him; but at that time I prayed also for Aaron.

(l) Whereby he sheweth what danger they are in, that have authority and resist not wickedness.

21 And I took your sin, *I mean* the calf which ye had made, and burnt him with fire, and stamped him and ground him small, even unto very dust; and I cast the dust thereof into the river, that descended out of the (m) mount.

(m) Horeb, or Sinai.

22 Also (\*) in Taberah, and in (♣) Massah, (♣) and in Kibroth-hattaavah ye provoked the LORD to anger.

(\*) Numbers 11:1-3 .

(♣) Exodus 17:7 .

(♣) Numbers 11:34 .

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up, and possess the land which I have given you, then ye (n) rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and believed him not, nor hearkened unto his voice.

(n) At the return of the spies.

24 Ye have been rebellious unto the LORD, since the day that I knew you.

25 Then I fell down before the LORD (o) forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *before*, because the LORD had said, that he would destroy you.

(o) Whereby is signified that God requireth earnest continuance in prayer.

26 And I prayed unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, whom thou hast brought out of Egypt by a mighty hand.

27 (p) Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin,

(p) The godly in their prayers ground on God's promise, and confess their sins.

28 Lest the country whence thou broughtest them, say, (\*) Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, or because he hated them, he carried them out, to slay them in the wilderness.

(\*) Numbers 14:16 .

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

## Deuteronomy 10

*5 The second Tablets put in the Ark. 8 The tribe of Levi is dedicated to the service of the Tabernacle. 12 What the Lord requireth of his. 16 The circumcision of the heart. 17 God regardeth not the person. 21 The Lord is the praise of Israel.*

1 In the same time the LORD said unto me, (\*) Hew thee two Tablets of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the Mount, and make thee an Ark of wood,

(\*) Exodus 34:1 .

2 And I will write upon the Tablets the words that were upon the first Tablets, which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the Ark.

3 And I made an Ark of (a) Shittim wood, and hewed two Tablets of stone like unto the first, and went up into the Mountain, and the two Tablets in my hand.

(a) Which wood is of long continuance.

4 Then he wrote upon the Tablets according to the first writing, (the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the Mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the (b) assembly) and the LORD gave them unto me.

(b) When you were assembled to receive the Law.

5 And I departed and came down from the Mount, and put the Tablets in the Ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

6 ¶ And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to (c) Mosera, where Aaron died, and was buried, and Eleazar his son became Priest in his stead.

(c) This mountain was also called Hor, Numbers 20:28 .

7 ¶ From thence they departed unto Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of running waters.

8 ¶ The same time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD, and to stand before the LORD, to (d) minister unto him, and to bless in his Name unto this day.

(d) That is, to offer sacrifices, and to declare the Law to the people.

9 Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; *for* the LORD is his (e) inheritance, as the LORD thy God hath promised him.

(e) So God turned the curse of Jacob, Genesis 49:7, unto a blessing.

10 And I tarried in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD heard me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.

11 But the LORD said unto me, Arise, go forth in the journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

12 ¶ And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God (f) require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul?

(f) For all our sins and transgressions God requireth nothing but to turn to him and obey him.

13 That thou keep the commandments of the LORD, and his ordinances, which I command thee this day, for thy wealth?

14 Behold, heaven, and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD's thy God, and the (\*) earth, with all that therein is.

(\*) Psalm 24:1 .

15 (g) Notwithstanding, the LORD set his delight in thy fathers to love them, and did choose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *appeareth* this day.

(g) Although he was Lord of heaven and earth, yet would he choose none but you.

16 (h) Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and harden your necks no more.

(h) Cut off all your evil affections, Jeremiah 4:4 .

17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and LORD of lords, a great God, mighty and terrible, which accepteth no (\*) persons, nor taketh reward;

(\*) 2 Chronicles 19:7; Job 34:19; Romans 2:11 .

18 Who doeth right unto the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, giving him food and raiment.

19 Love ye therefore the stranger, for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

20 (\*) Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; thou shalt serve him, and thou shalt cleave unto him, and (i) shalt swear by his Name.

(\*) Deuteronomy 6:13; Matthew 4:10 .  
(i) Read Deuteronomy 6:13 .

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

22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt (\*) with seventy persons, and now the LORD thy God hath made thee, as the (♣) stars of the heaven in multitude.

(\*) Genesis 46:27; Exodus 1:5 .  
(♣) Genesis 15:5 .

## *Deuteronomy 11*

*1 An exhortation to love God, and keep his Law. 10 The praises of Canaan. 18 To meditate continually the word of God. 19 To teach it unto the children. 26 Blessing and cursing.*

1 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and shalt keep that, which he commandeth to be kept, that is, his ordinances, and his Laws, and his commandments alway;

2 And (a) consider this day (*for I speak not to your children, which have neither known nor seen*) the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,

(a) Ye, which have seen God's graces with your eyes, ought rather to be moved, than your children, which have only heard of them.

3 And his signs, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the King of Egypt and unto all his land;

4 And what he did unto the host of the Egyptians, unto their horses, and to their chariots, when he caused the waters of the Red Sea to overflow them, as they pursued after you, and the LORD destroyed them unto this day;



5 And (b) what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came unto this place;

(b) As well concerning his benefits, as his corrections.

6 And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab the son of Reuben, when the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them with their households, and their tents, and all their substance that (\*) they had in the midst of all Israel.

(\*) Hebrew: was at their feet.

7 For your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep (c) 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;

(c) Because ye have felt both his chastisements and his benefits.

9 Also that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD swore unto your fathers, to give unto them and to their seed, *even* a land that floweth with milk and honey.

10 ¶ For the land whither thou goest to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy (\*) (d) feet as a garden of herbs;

(\*) Or, labor.

(d) As by making gutters for the waters to come out of the river Nilus to water the land.

11 But the land whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of mountains and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven.

12 This land doth the LORD thy God care 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.

13 ¶ If ye shall hearken therefore unto my commandments, which I command you this day, that ye love the LORD your God and serve him with all your heart, and with all your soul,

14 I also will give rain unto your land in due time, (e) the first rain and the latter, that thou mayest gather in thy wheat, and thy wine, and thine oil.

(e) In the seed time, and toward harvest.

15 Also I will send grass in thy fields, for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat, and have enough.

16 *But* beware lest your heart (f) deceive you, and lest ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them,

(f) By devising to yourselves foolish devotions according to your own fantasies.

17 And *so* the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that your land yield not her fruit, and ye perish quickly from the good land, which the LORD giveth you.

18 ¶ Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and (\*) bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as a frontlet between your eyes,

(\*) Deuteronomy 6:6-8 .

19 And ye shall (\*) teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

(\*) Deuteronomy 4:10; Deuteronomy 6:6-7 .

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

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as long as (g) the heavens are above the earth.

(g) As long as the heavens endure, 2 Peter 3:10-12 .

22 ¶ For if ye keep diligently all these Commandments, which I command you to do; *that is*, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him,

23 Then will the LORD cast out all these nations before you, and ye shall possess great nations and mightier than you.

24 (\*) All the places whereon the soles of (h) your feet shall tread, shall be yours; your coast shall be from the wilderness and from Lebanon, and from the River, *even* the river Perath, unto the uttermost (i) Sea;

(\*) Joshua 1:3 .

(h) This was accomplished in David's and Solomon's time.

(i) Called Mediterranean.

25 No man shall stand against you; *for* the LORD your God shall cast the fear and dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

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

27 (\*) The blessing, if ye obey the Commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day;

(\*) Deuteronomy 28:2; Deuteronomy 30:1 .

28 And the (\*) curse, if ye will not obey the Commandments of the LORD your God, but turn out of the way, which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not (k) known.

(\*) Deuteronomy 28:15 .

(k) He reproveth the malice of men which leave that which is certain to follow that which is uncertain.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God therefore hath brought thee into the land, whither thou goest to possess it, then thou shalt put the (\*) blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.

(\*) Deuteronomy 27:12-13; Joshua 8:33 .

30 Are they not beyond Jordan on that part, (l) where the sun goeth down in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the plain over against Gilgal, beside (\*) the grove of Moreh?

(l) Meaning, in Samaria.

(\*) Or, plain.

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

32 Take heed therefore that ye (\*) do all the commandments and the laws, which I set before you this day.

(\*) Deuteronomy 5:32 .

## Deuteronomy 12

*3 To destroy the idolatrous places. 5-8 To serve God where he commandeth, and as he commandeth, and not as men fantasize. 19 The Levites must be nourished. 31 Idolaters burnt their children to their gods, to add nothing to God's word.*

1 These are the ordinances and the laws, which ye shall observe and do in the land, (which the LORD God (a) of thy fathers giveth thee to possess it) as long as ye live upon the earth.

(a) Whereby they are admonished to seek no other God.

2 (\*) Ye shall utterly destroy all the places wherein the nations which ye shall possess, served their gods upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree.

(\*) Deuteronomy 7:5 .

3 (\*) Also ye shall overthrow their altars, and break down their pillars, and burn their (b) groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and abolish their names out of that place.

(\*) Judges 2:2 .

(b) Wherein they sacrificed to their idols.

4 Ye shall (c) not do so unto the LORD your God,

(c) Ye shall not serve the Lord with superstitions.

5 But ye shall seek the place which the LORD your God shall (\*) choose out of all your tribes, to put his Name there, *and* there to dwell, and thither thou shalt come,

(\*) 1 Kings 8:29; 2 Chronicles 6:5, 2 Chronicles 7:12-16 .

6 And ye shall bring thither your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the (d) offering of your hands, and your vows, and your free offerings, and the firstborn of your kine and of your sheep.

(d) Meaning, the firstfruits.

7 And there ye shall eat (e) before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, *both* ye, and your households, because the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

(e) Where his Ark shall be.

8 Ye shall not do after all these things that we do (f) here this day, *that is*, every man whatsoever seemeth him good in his own eyes.

(f) Not that they sacrificed after their fantasies, but that God would be served more purely in the land of Canaan.

9 For ye are not yet come to rest, and to the inheritance which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

10 But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land, which the LORD your God hath given you to inherit, and *when* he hath given you (g) rest from all your enemies round about, and ye dwell in safety,

(g) It had not been enough to conquer, except God had maintained them in rest under his protection.

11 When 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 offering of your hands, and all your (\*) special vows which ye vow unto the LORD;

(\*) Or, that which ye choose out for your vows.

12 And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons and your daughters, and your servants, and your maidens, and the Levite that is within your gates, (\*) for he hath no part nor inheritance with you.

(\*) Deuteronomy 10:9 .

13 Take heed that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest;

14 But in the place which the LORD shall (h) choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

(h) As was declared ever by the placing of the Ark, as in Shiloh 243 years, or as some write, more than 300 years, and in other places until the temple was built.

15 Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy heart desireth, according to the (i) blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee; *both* the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, (k) as of the roebuck, and of the hart.

(i) As God hath given thee power and ability.

(k) Every one might eat at home as well the beast appointed for sacrifice, as the other.

16 Only ye shall not eat the blood, *but* pour it upon the earth as water.

17 ¶ Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the (l) tithe of thy corn, nor of thy wine, nor of thine oil, nor the firstborn of thy kine, nor of thy sheep, neither any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy free offerings, nor the offering of thy hands;

(l) Meaning, whatsoever was offered to the Lord, might not be eaten, but where he had appointed.

18 But thou shalt eat it before the LORD thy God, in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy servant, and thy maid, and the Levite that is within thy gates; and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, in all that thou puttest thy hand to.

19 Beware, that thou forsake not the Levite, as long as thou livest upon the earth.

20 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as (\*) he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, (because thy heart longeth to eat flesh) thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy heart desireth.

(\*) Genesis 28:14; Deuteronomy 19:8 .

21 If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to put his Name there, be far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy bullocks, and of thy sheep which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates, whatsoever thy heart desireth.

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

23 Only be (\*) sure that thou eat not the blood, for the blood (m) is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

(\*) Hebrew: be strong or constant.

(m) Because the life of beasts is in their blood.

24 *Therefore* thou shalt not eat it, *but* pour it upon the earth as water.

25 Thou shalt not eat it, that it may go well with thee; and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD;

26 But thy (n) holy things which thou hast, and thy vows thou shalt take up, and come unto the place which the LORD shall choose.

(n) That which thou wilt offer in sacrifice.

27 And thou shalt make thy burnt offerings of the flesh, and of the blood upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and the blood of thy offerings shall be poured upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh.

28 Take heed, and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go (o) well with thee, and with thy children after thee forever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of the LORD thy God.

(o) God by promise bindeth himself to do good to them that obey his word.

29 ¶ When the LORD thy God shall destroy the nations before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou shalt possess them and dwell in their land,

30 Beware, lest thou be taken in a (p) snare after them, after that they be destroyed before thee, and lest thou ask after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods, that I may do so likewise?

(p) By following their superstitions and idolatries, and thinking to serve me thereby.

31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God; for all abomination, which the LORD hateth, have they done unto their gods, for they have (q) burned both their sons and their daughters with fire to their gods.

(q) They thought nothing too dear to offer to their idols.

32 *Therefore* whatsoever I command you, take heed you do it; (\*) thou shalt put nothing thereto, nor take ought there from.

(\*) Deuteronomy 4:2; Joshua 1:7; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18 .

## Deuteronomy 13

5 *The enticers to idolatry must be slain, seem they never so holy.* 6 *So near of kindred or friendship.* 12 *Or great in multitude or power.*

1 If there arise among you a prophet or a dreamer of (a) dreams, (and give thee a sign or wonder,

(a) Which saith that he hath things revealed unto him in dreams.

2 And the sign and the wonder, which he hath told thee, come to pass) saying, (b) Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them,

(b) He sheweth whereunto the false prophets tend.

3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of the prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God (c) proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul.

(c) God ordaineth all these things that his may be known.

4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him, and shall keep his commandments, and hearken unto his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

5 But that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, he shall (d) be slain, because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God (which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and delivered you out of the house of bondage) to thrust thee out of the way, wherein the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk. So shalt thou take the evil away forth of the midst of thee.

(d) Being convicted by testimonies, and condemned by the judge.

6 ¶ If (e) thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy own son, or thy daughter, or the wife, *that lieth* in thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own (f) soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, (which thou hast not known, thou, *I say*, nor thy fathers.)

(e) All natural affections must give place to God's honor.

(f) Whom thou lovest as thy life.

7 *Any* of the gods of the people which are round about you, near unto thee or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth unto the other;



8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hear him, neither shall thine eye pity him, nor shew mercy, nor keep him secret;

9 But thou shalt even kill him; (g) thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and then the hands of all the people.

(g) As the witness is charged, Deuteronomy 17:7 .

10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die (because he hath gone about to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.)

11 That (\*) all Israel may hear and fear, and do no more any such wickedness as this among you.

(\*) Deuteronomy 17:13 .

12 ¶ If thou shalt hear say (concerning any of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell in.)

13 (\*) Wicked men are gone out from among you, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known,

(\*) Hebrew: children of Belial.

14 Then (h) thou shalt seek, and make search and enquire diligently: and if *it be* true, *and* the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you,

(h) Which art appointed to see faults punished.

15 Thou shalt even slay the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword; destroy it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof with the edge of the sword;

16 And (i) thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and burn with fire the city and all the spoil thereof every whit, unto the LORD thy God. And it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again.

(i) Signifying that no idolatry is so execrable, nor more grievously to be punished, than of them which once professed God.

17 And there shall cleave nothing of the (k) damned thing to thy hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his wrath, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion on thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

(k) Of the spoil of that idolatrous and cursed city, read Deuteronomy 7:26 and Joshua 7:11 .

18 When thou shalt obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, that thou do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

## Deuteronomy 14

*1 The manners of the Gentiles in marking themselves for the dead, may not be followed. 4 What meats are clean to be eaten, and what not. 29 The tithes for the Levites, stranger, fatherless, and widow.*

1 Ye are the children of the LORD your God. (\*) Ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make you *any* baldness between your eyes for the dead.

(\*) Leviticus 19:28 .

2 (\*) For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a (a) precious people unto himself, above all the people that are upon the earth.

(\*) Deuteronomy 7:6; Deuteronomy 26:18-19 .

(a) Therefore thou oughtest not to follow the superstitions of the Gentiles.

3 ¶ Thou shalt eat no manner of abomination.

4 (b) These are the beasts, which ye shall eat, the beef, the sheep, and the goat,

(b) This ceremonial Law instructed the Jews to seek a spiritual pureness, even in their meat and drink.

5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the bugle, and the wild goat, and the unicorn, and the wild ox, and the chamois.

6 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws, and *is* of the beasts that cheweth the cud, that shall ye eat.

7 But these ye shall not eat, of them that chew the cud, and of them that divide and cleave the hoof *only*: the camel, nor the hare, nor the coney, for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; *therefore* they shall be unclean unto you;

8 Also the swine, because he divideth the hoof, and cheweth not the cud, shall be unclean unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcasses.

9 ¶ (\*) These ye shall eat, of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat.

(\*) [Leviticus 11:9](#) .

10 And whatsoever hath no fins nor scales, ye shall not eat; it shall be unclean unto you.

11 ¶ Of all clean birds ye shall eat;

12 But these are they whereof ye shall not eat: the eagle, nor the goshawk, nor the osprey,

13 Nor the glede, nor the kite, nor the vulture, after their kind,

14 Nor all kind of ravens,

15 Nor the ostrich, nor the nightcrow, nor the (\*) seamew, nor the hawk after her kind,

(\*) [Or, cuckoo](#).

16 Neither the little owl, nor the great owl, nor the redshank,

17 Nor the pelican, nor the swan, nor the cormorant;

18 The stork also, and the heron in his kind, nor the lapwing, nor (\*) the bat.

(\*) [Leviticus 11:19](#) .

19 And every creeping thing that flieth, shall be unclean unto you; it shall not be eaten.

20 *But* of all clean fowls ye may eat.

21 Ye shall eat of nothing that (c) dieth alone, but thou shalt give it unto the (d) stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it, or thou mayest sell it unto a stranger; for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not (\*) seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

(c) Because their blood was not shed, but remaineth in them.  
(d) Which is not of thy religion.  
(\*) Exodus 23:19; Exodus 34:26 .

22 Thou shalt (e) give the tithes of all the increase of thy seed, that cometh forth of the field year by year.

(e) The tithes were ordained for the maintenance of the Levites, which had no inheritance.

23 And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God (in the place which he shall choose to cause his Name to dwell there) the tithes of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstborn of thy kine and of thy sheep, that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, because the place is far from thee, where the LORD thy God shall choose to set his Name, (f) when the LORD thy God shall bless thee,

(f) When he shall give thee ability.

25 Then shalt thou make it in money, and (\*) take the money in thy hand, and go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose.

(\*) Or, bind up.

26 And thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy heart desireth: whether it be ox, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatsoever thy heart desireth; (g) and shalt eat it there before the LORD thy God, and rejoice, *both* thou, and thy household.

(g) After the Priest hath received the Lord's part.

27 And the Levite that is within thy gates, shalt thou not forsake, for he hath neither part nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of three years thou shalt (h) bring forth all the tithes of thine increase of the same year, and lay it up within thy gates.

(h) Besides the yearly tithes that were given to the Levites, these were laid up in store for the poor.

29 Then the Levite shall come, because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, and shall eat, and be filled, that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest.

## *Deuteronomy 15*

*1 The year of releasing of debts. 5 God blesseth them that keep his commandments. 7 To help the poor. 12 The freedom of servants. 19 The firstborn of the cattle must be offered to the Lord.*

1 At the term of seven years thou shalt make a freedom.

2 And this is the manner of the freedom: every (a) creditor shall quit the loan of his hand which he hath lent to his neighbor; he shall not ask it again of his neighbor, nor of his brother, for *the year* of the LORD's freedom is proclaimed.

(a) He shall only release his debtors, which are not able to pay for that year.

3 Of a stranger thou mayest require it; but that which thou hast with thy brother, thine hand shall remit;

4 (b) Save when there shall be no poor with thee, for the LORD shall bless thee in the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for an inheritance to possess it;

(b) For if thy debtor be rich, he may be constrained to pay.

5 So that thou hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and do all these commandments, which I command thee this day.

6 For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee, as he hath promised thee; and (\*) thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou thyself shalt not borrow, and thou shalt reign over many nations, and they shall not reign over thee.

(\*) Deuteronomy 28:12 .

7 ¶ If one of thy brethren with thee be poor (\*) within any of thy gates in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy poor brother;

(\*) Or, any of thy cities.

8 (\*) But thou shalt open thy hand unto him, and shalt lend him sufficient for his need which he hath.

(\*) Matthew 5:42; Luke 6:34 .

9 Beware that there be not a wicked thought in thy heart, to say, The seventh year, the year of freedom is at hand; therefore (\*) it grieveth thee to look on thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought, and he cry unto the LORD against thee, so that sin be in thee;

(\*) Hebrew: thine eye is evil.

10 Thou shalt give him, and (\*) let it not grieve thy heart to give unto him, for because of this the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thy hand to;

(\*) Hebrew: let not thy heart be evil.

11 (c) Because there shall be ever *some* poor in the land, therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt (d) open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor in thy land.

(c) To try your charity, Matthew 26:11 .  
(d) Thou shalt be liberal.

12 ¶ (\*) If thy brother a Hebrew sell himself to thee, or a Hebrewess, and serve thee six years, even in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee;

(\*) Exodus 21:2; Jeremiah 34:14 .

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

14 *But* shalt (e) give him a liberal reward of thy sheep, and of thy corn, and of thy wine; thou shalt give him of that wherewith the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

(e) In token that thou doest acknowledge the benefit which God hath given thee by his labors.

15 And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God delivered thee; therefore I command thee this thing today.

16 And if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee, because he loveth thee and thy house, and because he is well with thee,

17 (\*) Then shalt thou take an awl, and pierce his ear through against the door, and he shall be thy servant (f) forever. And unto thy maidservant thou shall do likewise.

(\*) Exodus 21:6 .

(f) To the year of Jubilee, Leviticus 25:40 .

18 Let it not grieve thee, when thou lettest him go out free from thee; for he hath served thee six years, *which is* the double worth of (g) a hired servant, and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

(g) For the hired servant served but three years, and he six.

19 ¶ (\*) All the firstborn males that come of thy cattle, and of thy sheep, thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God. (h) Thou shalt do no work with thy firstborn bullock, nor shear thy firstborn sheep.

(\*) Exodus 34:19 .

(h) For they are the Lord's.

20 Thou shalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year, in the place which the LORD shall choose, *both* thou, and thy household.

21 (\*) But if there be any blemish therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, or have any evil fault, thou shalt not offer it unto the LORD thy God,

(\*) Leviticus 22:20-22; Deuteronomy 17:1 .

22 *But* shalt eat it within thy gates; the unclean, and the clean *shall eat it alike*, (i) as the roebuck, and as the hart.

(i) Thou shalt as well eat them, as the roebuck, and other wild beasts.

23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof, *but* pour it upon the ground as water.

## Deuteronomy 16

1 Of Passover. 10 Whitsuntide. 13 And the feast of Tabernacles. 18 What officers ought to be ordained. 21 Idolatry forbidden.

1 Thou shalt keep the month of (a) Abib, and thou shalt celebrate the Passover unto the LORD thy God, for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee out of Egypt by night.

(a) Read Exodus 13:4 .

2 Thou shalt therefore (b) offer the Passover unto the LORD thy God, of sheep and bullocks (\*) in the place where the LORD shall choose to cause his Name to dwell.

(b) Thou shalt eat the Passover Lamb.

(\*) Deuteronomy 12:5 .

3 Thou (\*) shalt eat no leavened bread with it; *but* seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of (c) tribulation, for thou camest out of the land of Egypt in haste, that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest out of the land of Egypt, all the days of thy life.

(\*) Exodus 12:14-15 .

(c) Which signified that affliction, which thou hadst in Egypt.

4 And there shall be no leaven seen with thee in all thy coasts seven days long, neither shall there remain the night any of the flesh until the morning which thou offeredst the first day at even.

5 Thou mayest (d) not offer the Passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee;

(d) This was chiefly accomplished, when the Temple was built.

6 But in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his Name, there thou shalt offer the (e) Passover at even, about the going down of the sun, in the season that thou camest out of Egypt.

(e) Which was instituted to put them in remembrance of their deliverance our of Egypt, and to continue them in the hope of Jesus Christ, of whom this lamb was a figure.

7 And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, and shalt return on the morrow, and go unto thy tents.



8 Six days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, and the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God. Thou shalt do no work *therein*.

9 ¶ Seven weeks shalt thou (f) number unto thee, and shalt begin to number the seven weeks, when thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn;

(f) Beginning at the next morning after the Passover, Leviticus 23:15; Exodus 13:4 .

10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God, (\*) *even* a free gift of thy hand, which thou shalt give unto the LORD thy God, as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.

(\*) Or, as thou art able, willingly.

11 And thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy servant, and thy maid, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his Name there,

12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in Egypt, therefore thou shalt observe and do these ordinances.

13 ¶ Thou shalt (g) observe the feast of the Tabernacles seven days, when thou hast gathered in thy corn, and thy wine.

(g) That is, the fifteenth day of the seventh month, Leviticus 23:34 .

14 And thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy servant, and thy maid, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates.

15 Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose, when the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thy hands, thou shalt in any case be glad.

16 ¶ (\*) Three times in the year shall all the males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose: in the feast of the unleavened bread, and in the feast of the weeks, and in the feast of the Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before the LORD empty.

(\*) Exodus 23:15; Exodus 34:23 .

17 Every man *shall give* according to the gift of his (h) hand, and according to the blessing of the LORD thy God, which he hath given thee.

(h) According to the ability that God hath given him.

18 ¶ (i) Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy cities, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.

(i) He gave authority to that people for a time to choose themselves magistrates.

19 Wrest not thou the Law, nor respect any person, neither take reward, for the reward blindeth the eyes of the wise, and perverteth the words of the just.

20 That which (k) is just and right shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and possess the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(k) The magistrate must constantly follow the tenor of the Law, and in noting decline from justice.

21 ¶ Thou shalt plant thee no grove of any trees near unto the Altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee.

22 Thou shalt set thee up no (\*) pillar, which thing the LORD thy God hateth.

(\*) Or, image.

## *Deuteronomy 17*

*2 The punishment of the idolater. 9 Hard controversies are brought to the Priest and the Judge. 12 The condemner must die. 15 The election of the King. 16-17 What things he ought to avoid. 18 And what things he ought to embrace.*

1 Thou shalt offer unto the LORD thy God no bullock nor sheep wherein is (\*) (a) blemish *or* any evil favored thing; for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

(\*) Deuteronomy 15:21 .

(a) Thou shalt not serve God for fashion's sake, as hypocrites do.

2 ¶ If there be found among you in any of thy cities, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or (b) woman that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

(b) Shewing that the crime cannot be excused by the person.

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, as the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not (c) commanded,

(c) Whereby he condemneth all religion and serving of God which hath not commanded.

4 And it be told unto thee, and thou hast heard it, then shalt thou inquire diligently; and if *it be true, and* the thing certain; that such abomination is wrought in Israel,

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man, or that woman (which have committed that wicked thing) unto thy gates, *whether it be* man or woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

6 (\*) At the mouth (♣) of two or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death, die; *but* at the mouth of one witness, he shall not die.

(\*) Numbers 35:30; Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1-2 .

(♣) Hebrew: of two witnesses or three witnesses.

7 The hands of the (d) witnesses shall be first upon him, to kill him, and afterward the hands of all the (e) people. So thou shalt take the wicked away from among you.

(d) Whereby they declared that they testifieth the truth.

(e) To signify a common consent to maintain God's honor and true religion.

8 ¶ If there rise a matter too hard for thee in judgment between blood and blood, between plea and plea, between plague and plague, in the matters of controversy within thy gates, then shalt thou arise, and go up unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose,

9 And thou shalt come unto the Priests of the Levites, and unto the (f) Judge that shall be in those days, and ask, and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment,

(f) Who shall give sentence as the Priest's counsel him by the Law of God.

10 And thou shalt do according to that thing which they of that place (which the LORD hath chosen) shew thee, and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee.

11 According to the Law, which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, shalt (g) thou do; thou shalt not decline from the thing which they shall shew thee, *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left.

(g) Thou shalt obey their sentence that the controversy may have an end.

12 And that man that will do presumptuously, not hearkening unto the Priest (that standeth before the LORD thy God to (h) minister there) or unto the Judge, that man shall die, and thou shalt take away evil from Israel.

(h) So long as he is the true minister of God, and pronounceth according to his word.

13 So all the people shall hear and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 ¶ When thou shalt come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and dwell therein, if thou say, I will set a King over me, like as all the nations that are about me,

15 *Then* thou shalt make him King over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose, from among thy brethren shalt thou make a King over thee; thou (\*) shalt not set a (i) stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

(\*) Or, mayest not.

(i) Who is not of thy nation, lest he change true religion into idolatry, and bring thee to slavery.

16 In any wise he shall not prepare him many horses, nor bring the people again to (k) Egypt, for to increase the number of horses, seeing the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth go no more again that way.

(k) To revenge their injuries, and to take them of their best horses.

17 Neither shall he take him many wives, lest his heart (l) turn away, neither shall he gather him much silver and gold.

(l) From the Law of God.

18 And when he shall sit upon the throne of his Kingdom, then shall he write him this (m) Law repeated in a book, by the (n) Priests of the Levites.

(m) Meaning, the Deuteronomy.

(n) He shall cause it to be written by them, or he shall write it by their example.

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, *and* to keep all the words of this Law, and these ordinances for to do them;

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his (o) brethren, and that he turn not from the commandment, to the right hand or to the left, *but* that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his sons in the midst of Israel.

(o) Whereby is meant, that King's ought so to love their subjects as nature bindeth one brother to love another.

## *Deuteronomy 18*

*3 The portion of the Levites. 6 Of the Levites coming from another place. 9 To avoid the abominations of the Gentiles. 15 God will not leave them without a true Prophet. 20 The false prophet shall be slain. 22 How he may be known.*

1 The Priests of the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi (\*) shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel, (♣) *but* shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his (a) inheritance.

(\*) Numbers 18:20 .

(♣) Deuteronomy 10:9; 1 Corinthians 9:13 .

(a) That is, the Lord's part of his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren; *for* the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

3 ¶ And this shall be the Priest's duty of the people, that they, which offer sacrifice, whether *it be* bullock or sheep, shall give unto the Priest the (b) shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

(b) The right shoulder, Numbers 18:18 .

4 The firstfruits *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand and minister in the Name of the LORD, him, and his sons forever.

6 ¶ Also when a Levite shall come out of any of thy cities of all Israel, where he remained, and come with (c) all the desire of his heart unto the place, which the LORD shall choose,

(c) Meaning, to serve God unfeignedly, and not to seek ease.

7 He shall then minister in the Name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites, which remain there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat (d) besides that which cometh of his sale of his patrimony.

(d) Not constrained to live of himself.

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

10 Let none be found among you that maketh his son or his daughter to (e) (\*) go through the fire, *or* that useth witchcraft, *or* a regarder of times, or a marker of the flying of fowls, or a sorcerer,

(e) Signifying they were purged by this ceremony of passing between two fires.

(\*) Leviticus 18:21 .

11 Or (\*) a charmer, or that counseleth with spirits, or a soothsayer, or that (♣) asketh counsel at the dead.

(\*) Leviticus 20:27 .

(♣) 1 Samuel 28:7 .

12 For all that do such things *are* abomination unto the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth cast them out before thee.

13 Thou shalt be (f) upright therefore with the LORD thy God.

(f) Without hypocrisy or mixture of false religion.

14 For these nations which thou shalt possess, hearken unto those that regard the times, and unto sorcerers; (\*) as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not (♣) suffered thee so.

(\*) Hebrew: but thou not so.

(♣) Hebrew: given or appointed.

15 ¶ (\*) The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a (g) Prophet like unto me, from among you, *even* of thy brethren; unto him ye shall hearken,

(\*) Acts 7:37 .

(g) Meaning, a continual succession of Prophets, until Christ, the end of all Prophets come.

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb, in the day of the assembly, when thou saidst, (\*) Let me hear the voice of my LORD God no more, nor see this great fire anymore, that I die not.

(\*) Exodus 20:19 .

17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken.

18 (\*) I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren like unto thee, and will put my words in his (h) mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

(\*) Joshua 1:45; Acts 3:21 .

(h) Which promise is not only made to Christ, but to all that teach in his Name, Isaiah 59:21 .

19 And whosoever will not hearken unto my words, which he shall speak in my Name, I will (i) require it of him.

(i) By executing punishment upon him.

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

21 And if thou think in thy heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

22 When a prophet speaketh in the Name of the LORD, if the thing (k) follow not nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not *therefore* be afraid of him.

(k) Under this sure note he compriseth all the other tokens.

## Deuteronomy 19

*1 The franchised towns. 14 Not to remove thy neighbor's bounds 16 The punishment of him that beareth false witness.*

1 When the LORD thy God (\*) shall root out the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou shalt possess them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses,

(\*) Deuteronomy 12:29 .

2 (\*) Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

(\*) Exodus 21:13; Numbers 35:9-11; Joshua 20:2 .

3 Thou shalt (a) prepare thee the way, and divide the coasts of the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every (b) manslayer may flee thither.

(a) Make an open and ready way.

(b) Which killeth against his will, and bare no hatred in his heart.

4 ¶ This also is the cause wherefore the manslayer shall flee thither, and live: Who so killeth his neighbor ignorantly, and hated him not in time passed;

5 As he that goeth unto the woods with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand striketh with the axe to cut down the tree, if the head slip from the helve, and hit his neighbor that he dieth, the same (c) shall flee unto one of the cities, and live,

(c) That murder be not committed upon murder.

6 Lest the (\*) avenger of the blood follow after the manslayer, while his heart is chafed, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him, although he be not (♣) worthy of death, because he hated him not in time passed.

(\*) Numbers 35:12 .

(♣) Or, cannot be judged to death.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt appoint out three cities for thee.



8 And when the LORD thy God (d) enlargeth thy coasts (as he hath sworn unto thy fathers) and giveth thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers,

(d) When thou goest over Jordan to possess the whole land of Canaan.

9 (If thou keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, *to wit*, that thou love the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways forever) (\*) then shalt thou add three cities more for thee besides those three,

(\*) Joshua 20:7 .

10 That innocent blood be not shed within thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, (e) lest blood be upon thee.

(e) Lest thou be punished for innocent blood.

11 ¶ But if a man hate his neighbor, and lay wait for him, and rise against him, and smite any man that he die, and flee unto any of these cities,

12 Then the (f) Elders of his city shall send and set him thence, and deliver him into the hands of the avenger of the blood, that he may die.

(f) The Magistrates.

13 Thine (g) eye shall not spare him, but thou shalt put away *the cry* of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

(g) Then whosoever pardoneth murder, offendeth against the word of God.

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

15 ¶ (\*) One witness shall not rise against a man for any trespass, or for any sin, or for any fault that he offendeth in, (♣) *but* at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

(\*) Deuteronomy 17:6; Matthew 18:16; John 8:17 .

(♣) 2 Corinthians 13:1; Hebrews 10:28 .

16 ¶ If a false witness rise up against a man to accuse him of trespass,

17 Then both the men which strive together, shall stand before the (h) LORD, *even* before the Priests and the Judges, which shall be in those days,

(h) God's presence is where his true ministers are assembled.

18 And the Judges shall make diligent inquisition; and if the witness be found false, *and* hath given false witness against his brother,

19 (\*) Then shall ye do unto him as he had thought to do unto his brother; so thou shalt take evil away forth of the midst of thee.

(\*) Proverbs 19:5 .

20 And the rest shall hear *this*, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such wickedness among you.

21 Therefore thine eye shall have no compassion, *but* (\*) life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

(\*) Exodus 21:23; Leviticus 24:20; Matthew 5:38 .

## *Deuteronomy 20*

*3 The exhortation of the Priest when the Israelites go to battle. 5 The exhortation of the officers shewing who should go to battle. 10 Peace must be first proclaimed. 19 The trees that bear fruit must not be destroyed.*

1 When (a) thou shalt go forth to war against thine enemies, and shalt see horses and chariots, *and* people more than thou, be not afraid of them, for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt.

(a) Meaning, upon just occasion, for God permitteth not his people to fight when it seemeth good to them.

2 And when ye are come near unto the battle, then the Priest shall come forth to speak unto the people,

3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye are come this day unto battle against your enemies. (\*) Let not your hearts faint, neither fear, nor be amazed, nor a dread of them.

(\*) Deuteronomy 28:7 .

4 For the LORD your God (b) goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, *and* to save you.

(b) Is present to defend you with his grace and power.

5 ¶ And let the officers speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not (c) dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

(c) For when they entered first to dwell in a house, they gave thanks to God, acknowledging that they had that benefit by his grace.

6 ¶ And what man *is there* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not (d) eaten of the fruit? Let him go and return again unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another eat the fruit.

(d) The Hebrew word signifieth to make common or profane, Leviticus 19:25 .

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

8 And let the officers speak further unto the people, and say, (\*) Whosoever is afraid and faint hearted, let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint like his heart.

(\*) Judges 7:3 .

9 And after that the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, they shall make captains of the army to govern the people.

10 ¶ When thou comest near unto a city to fight against it, (\*) thou shalt offer it peace.

(\*) Numbers 21:22; Deuteronomy 2:26 .

11 And if it answer thee again (e) peaceably, and open unto thee, then let all the people that is found therein, be tributaries unto thee, and serve thee.

(e) If it accept peace.

12 But if it will make no peace with thee, but make war against thee, then shalt thou besiege it.

13 And the LORD thy God shall deliver it into thy hands, and thou shalt smite all the males thereof with the edge of the sword.

14 Only the women, and the children, (\*) and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof shalt thou take unto thyself, and shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

(\*) Joshua 8:2 .

15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities, which are a great way off from thee, which are not of the cities of these (f) nations here.

(f) For God had appointed that the Canaanites should be destroyed, and made the Israelites executers of his will, Deuteronomy 7:1 .

16 But of the cities of this people, which the LORD thy God shall give thee to inherit, thou shalt save no person alive,

17 But shalt utterly destroy them, *to wit*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee,

18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods, and *so* ye should sin against the LORD your God.

19 ¶ When thou hast besieged a city a long time, and made war against it to take it, destroy not the trees thereof, by smiting an axe into them; for thou mayest eat of them; therefore thou shalt not cut them down to further thee in the siege, (for the (g) tree of the field is man's *life*.)

(g) Some read: For man shall be in stead of the tree of the field, to come out in the siege against thee.

20 Only those trees which thou knowest are not for meat, those shalt thou destroy and cut down, and make forts against the city that maketh war with thee, until thou subdue it.

## Deuteronomy 21

*2 Inquisition for murder. 11 Of the woman taken in war. 15 The birthright cannot be changed for affection. 18 The disobedient child. 23 The body may not hang all night.*

1 If one be found (a) slain in the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it is not known who hath slain him,

(a) This law declareth how horrible a thing murder is, seeing that for one man, a whole country shall be punished, except a remedy is found.

2 Then thine Elders and thy Judges shall come forth, and measure unto the cities that are round about him that is slain.

3 And let the Elders of that city, which is next unto the slain man, take out of the drove a heifer that hath not been put to labor, nor hath drawn in the yoke.

4 And let the Elders of that city bring the heifer unto a (\*) stony (b) valley, which is neither eared nor sown, and strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley.

(\*) Or, rough.

(b) That the blood shed of the innocent beasts in a solitary place, might make them abhor the fact.

5 Also the Priests, the sons of Levi (whom the LORD thy God hath chosen to minister, and to bless in the Name of the LORD) shall come forth, and by their word shall all strife and plague be tried.

6 And all the Elders of that city that came near to the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley;

7 And shall testify, and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.

8 (c) O LORD, be merciful unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay no innocent blood to the charge of thy people Israel, and the blood shall be forgiven them.

(c) This was the prayer, which the Priests made in the audience of the people.

9 So shalt thou take away *the cry* of innocent blood from thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the LORD.

10 ¶ When thou shalt go to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God shall deliver them into thy hands, and thou shalt take them captive,

11 And shalt see among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take her to thy wife,

12 Then thou shalt bring her home to thy house, (d) and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails,

(d) Signifying that her former life must be changed before she could be joined to the people of God.

13 And she shall put off the garment that she was taken in, and she shall remain in thy house, (e) and bewail her father and her mother a month long; and after that shalt thou go in unto her, and marry her, and she shall be thy (f) wife.

(e) As having renounced parents and country.

(f) This only was permitted in the wars, otherwise the Israelites could not marry strangers.

14 And if thou have no favor unto her, then thou mayest let her go whither she will, but thou shalt not sell her for money, nor make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

15 ¶ If a man have two wives, one loved and another (g) hated, and they have born him children, both the loved and also the hated, if the firstborn be the son of the hated;

(g) This declareth that the plurality of wives came of a corrupt affection.

16 Then when the time cometh, that he appointeth his sons to be heirs of that which he hath, he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn (\*) before the son of the hated, which is the firstborn;

(\*) Or, while the son of the hated liveth.

17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, and give him (h) double portion of all that he hath, for he is the first of his strength; and to (i) him belongeth the right of the firstborn.

(h) As much as to two of the others.

(i) Except he be unworthy, as was Reuben Jacob's son.

18 ¶ If any man have a son that is stubborn and disobedient, which will not hearken unto the voice of his father, nor the voice of his (k) mother, and they have chastened him, and he would not obey them,

(k) For it is the mother's duty also to instruct her children.

19 Then shall his father and his mother take him, and bring him out unto the Elders of his city, and unto the gate of the place where he dwelleth,

20 And shall say unto the Elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and disobedient; *and* he will not obey our admonition; he is a rioter, and a drunkard.

21 Then all the men of his city shall (l) stone him with stones unto death; so thou shalt take away evil from among you, that all Israel may hear it, and fear.

(l) Which death was also appointed for blasphemers and idolaters, so that to disobey the parents is most horrible.

22 ¶ If a man also have committed a trespass worthy of death, and is put to death, and thou hangest him on a tree,

23 His body shall not remain (m) all night upon the tree, but thou shalt bury him the same day; for the (\*) curse of God *is* on him that is hanged. Defile not therefore thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit.

(m) For God's Law by his death is satisfied, and nature abhorreth cruelty.  
(\*) Galatians 3:13 .

## *Deuteronomy 22*

*2 He commandeth to have care of our neighbor's goods. 5 The woman may not wear man's apparel, nor man the woman's. 6 Of the dams and her young birds. 8 Why they should have battlements. 9 Not to mix divers kinds together. 13 Of the wife not being found a virgin, 23 The punishment of adultery.*

1 Thou (\*) shalt not see thy brother's ox nor his sheep go astray, and (a) withdraw thyself from them, *but* shalt bring them again unto thy brother.

(\*) Exodus 23:4 .  
(a) As though thou sawest it not.

2 And if thy brother be not (b) near unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it into thy house, and it shall remain with thee, until thy brother seek after it; then shalt thou deliver it to him again;

(b) Shewing that brotherly affection must be shewed, not only to them that dwell near unto us, but also to them which are far off.

3 In like manner shalt thou do with his (c) ass, and so shalt thou do with his raiment, and shalt so do with all lost things of thy brother, which he hath lost, if thou hast found them; thou shalt not withdraw thyself *from them*.

(c) Much more art thou bound to do for thy neighbor's person.

4 ¶ Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass nor his ox fall down by the way, and withdraw thyself from them, *but* shalt lift them up with him.

5 ¶ The (d) woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto the man, neither shall a man put on woman's raiment, for all that do so, *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

(d) For that were to altar the order of nature, and to despise God.

6 ¶ If thou find a bird's nest in the way, in any tree, or on the ground, *whether they be* young or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, (e) thou shalt not take the dam with the young,

(e) If God detest cruelty done to little birds, how much more to man, made according to his image.

7 *But* shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee, that thou mayest prosper and prolong thy days.

8 ¶ When thou buildest a new house, thou shalt make a battlement on thy roof, that thou lay not blood upon thy house, if any man fall thence.

9 ¶ Thou shalt not (f) sow thy vineyard with divers kinds of seeds, lest thou defile the increase of the seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of the vineyard.

(f) The tenor of this Law, is to walk in simplicity, and not to be curious of new inventions.

10 ¶ Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

11 ¶ Thou shalt not wear *a garment* of divers sorts, as of wool and linen together.

12 ¶ (\*) Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

(\*) Numbers 15:38 .

13 ¶ If a man take a wife, and when he hath laid with her, hate her,



14 And lay (g) slanderous things unto her charge, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this wife, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid,

(g) That is, be an occasion that she is slandered.

15 Then shall the father of the maid and her mother take and bring the signs of the maid's virginity unto the Elders of the city to the gate.

16 And the maid's father shall say unto the Elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

17 And lo, he layeth slanderous things unto her charge, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid, lo, these *are the tokens* of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the (h) vesture before the Elders of the city.

(h) Meaning, the sheet, wherein the signs of her virginity were.

18 Then the Elders of the city shall take that man and chastise him,

19 And shall condemn him in a hundred *shekels* of silver, and give them unto the father (i) of the maid, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a maid of Israel. And she shall be his wife; and he may not put her away all his life.

(i) For the fault of the child redoundeth to the shame of the parents; therefore he was recompensed when she was faultless.

20 ¶ But if this thing be true, that the maid be not found a virgin,

21 Then shall they bring forth the maid to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones to death, for she hath wrought folly in Israel, by playing the whore in her father's house; so thou shalt put evil away from among you.

22 ¶ (\*) If a man be found lying with a woman married to a man, then they shall die even both twain, *to wit*, the man that lay with the wife, and the wife; so thou shalt put away evil from Israel.

(\*) Leviticus 20:10 .

23 ¶ If a maid be betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the town and lie with her,

24 Then shall ye bring them both out unto the gates of the same city, and shall stone them with stones to death, the maid because she cried not, *being* in the city,

and the man, because he hath (\*) humbled his neighbor's wife; so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

(\*) Or, defiled.

25 ¶ But if a man find a betrothed maid in the field, and force her, and lie with her, then the man that lay with her, shall die alone;

26 And unto the maid thou shalt do nothing, because there is in the maid no (\*) cause of death; for as when a man riseth against his neighbor and woundeth him to death, so (k) is this matter.

(\*) Or, no sin worthy of death.

(k) Meaning, that the innocent cannot be punished.

27 For he found her in the fields, the betrothed maid cried, and there was no man to succor her.

28 ¶ (\*) If a man find a maid that is not betrothed, and take her, and lie with her, and they be found,

(\*) Exodus 22:16 .

29 Then the man that lay with her, shall give unto the maid's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he cannot put her away all his life.

30 ¶ No man shall (l) take his father's wife, nor shall uncover his father's skirt.

(l) He shall not lie with his stepmother, meaning hereby all other degrees forbidden, Leviticus 18 .

## *Deuteronomy 23*

*1 What men ought not to be admitted to office. 9 What they ought to avoid when they go to war. 15 Of the fugitive servant. 17 To flee all kinds of whoredom. 19 Of usury. 21 Of vows. 24 Of the neighbor's vine and corn.*

1 None that is hurt by bursting, or that hath his privy member cut off, (a) shall enter into the Congregation of the LORD.

(a) Either to bear office, or to marry a wife.

2 (b) A bastard shall not enter into the Congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the Congregation of the LORD.

(b) This was to cause them to live chastely, that their posterity might not be rejected.

3 (\*) The Ammonites and the Moabites shall not enter into the Congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the Congregation of the LORD forever,

(\*) Nehemiah 13:1 .

4 Because they (c) met you not with bread and water in the way, when ye came out of Egypt, and (\*) because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor, of Pethor in Aram-naharaim, to curse thee.

(c) Hereby he condemneth all that further not the children of God in their vocation.

(\*) Numbers 22:5-6 .

5 Nevertheless, the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam, but the LORD thy God turned the curse to a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee.

6 Thou (d) shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days forever.

(d) Thou shalt have nothing to do with them.

7 ¶ Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite, for he is thy brother; neither shalt thou abhor an Egyptian, because thou wast a stranger in his land.

8 The children that are begotten (e) of them in their third generation, shall enter into the Congregation of the LORD.

(e) If the fathers have renounced their idolatry, and received circumcision.

9 ¶ When thou goest out with the host against thine enemies, keep thee then from all wickedness.

10 ¶ If there be among you any that is unclean by that which cometh to him by night, he shall go out of the host, and shall not enter into the host,

11 But at even he shall wash *himself* with water, and when the sun is down, he shall enter into the host.

12 ¶ Thou shalt have a place also without the host, whither thou shalt (f) resort,

(f) For the necessities of nature.

13 And thou shalt have a paddle among thy weapons, and when thou wouldest sit down without, thou shalt dig therewith, and returning thou shalt (g) cover thy excrements.

(g) Meaning hereby that his people should be pure both in body and soul.

14 For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp to deliver thee, and to give *thee* thine enemies before thee; therefore thy host shall be holy, that he see no filthy thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 ¶ Thou shalt not (h) deliver the servant unto his master, which is escaped from his master unto thee.

(h) This is meant of the heathen, who fled for their master's cruelty, and embraced the true religion.

16 He shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in what place he shall choose, in one of thy (\*) cities where it liketh him best; thou shalt not vex him.

(\*) Hebrew: gates.

17 ¶ There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a whore keeper of the sons of Israel.

18 ¶ Thou shalt neither bring the (i) hire of a whore, nor the price of a dog into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow; for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

(i) Forbidding hereby that any gain gotten of evil things should be applied to the service of God, Micah 1:7 .

19 ¶ (\*) Thou shalt not give to usury to thy brother; *as* usury of money, usury of meat, usury of anything that is put to usury.

(\*) Exodus 22:25; Leviticus 25:36 .

20 Unto a (k) stranger thou mayest lend upon usury, but thou shalt not lend upon usury unto thy brother, that the LORD thy God may (l) bless thee in all that thou settest thy hand to, in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

(k) This was permitted for a time for the hardness of their heart.

(l) If thou shew thy charity to thy brother, God will declare his love toward thee.

21 ¶ When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it; for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee, and so it should be sin unto thee.

22 But when thou abstainest from vowing, it shall be no sin unto thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips, thou shalt (m) keep and perform, as thou hast vowed it willingly unto the LORD thy God; *for* thou hast spoken it with thy mouth.

(m) If the vow be lawful and godly.

24 ¶ When thou comest unto (n) thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes at thy pleasure, as much as thou wilt; but thou shalt put none in thy (o) vessel.

(n) Being hired for to do labor.  
(o) To bring home to thy house.

25 When thou comest into thy neighbor's corn, (\*) thou mayest pluck the ears with thy hand, but thou shalt not move a sickle to thy neighbor's corn.

(\*) Matthew 12:1 .

## Deuteronomy 24

*1 Divorcement is permitted. 5 He that is newly married is exempted from war. 6 Of the pledge. 14 Wages must not be retained. 16 The good must not be punished for the bad. 17 The care of the stranger, fatherless, and widow.*

1 When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, if so be she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath espied some filthiness in her, (a) then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

(a) Hereby God approveth not that light divorcement, but permitteth it to avoid further inconvenience, Matthew 19:7 .

2 And when she is departed out of his house, and gone her way, and marry with another man,

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a letter of divorcement, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or if the latter man die which took her to wife;

4 *Then* her first husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is (b) defiled; for that *is* abomination in the sight of the LORD, and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God doth give thee to inherit.

(b) Seeing that by demitting her, he judged her to be unclean and defiled.

5 ¶ When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go a warfare, (c) neither shall be charged with any business, but shall be free at home one year, and rejoice with his wife which he hath taken.

(c) That they might learn to know one another's conditions, and so afterward live in godly peace.

6 ¶ No man shall take the nether nor the upper (d) millstone to pledge, for this gage is *his* living.

(d) Not anything whereby a man getteth his living.

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

8 ¶ Take heed of the (\*) plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the Priest's of the Levites shall teach you; take heed ye do as I commanded them.

(\*) Leviticus 13:2 .

9 Remember what the LORD thy God did unto (\*) Miriam by the way after that ye were come out of Egypt.

(\*) Numbers 12:10 .

10 ¶ When thou shalt ask again of thy neighbor anything lent, thou shalt not go (e) into his house to fetch his pledge.

(e) As thou wouldest appoint what to have, but shalt receive what he may spare.

11 But thou shalt stand without, and the man that borrowed it of thee, shall bring the pledge out of the doors unto thee.

12 Furthermore if it be a poor body, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge,

13 *But* shalt restore him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his raiment, and bless thee; and it shall be righteousness unto thee (f) before the LORD thy God.

(f) Though he would be unthankful, yet God will not forget it.

14 ¶ Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is needy and poor, *neither* of thy brethren, nor of the stranger that is in thy land within thy gates.

15 (\*) Thou shalt give him his hire for his day, neither shall the sun go down upon it, for he is poor, and therewith sustaineth his life; lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

(\*) Leviticus 19:13 .

16 ¶ (\*) The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children put to death for the fathers, but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

(\*) 2 Kings 14:6; 2 Chronicles 25:4; Jeremiah 31:29-30; Ezekiel 18:20 .

17 ¶ Thou shalt not pervert the right of the (g) stranger, *nor* of the fatherless, nor take a widow's raiment to pledge.

(g) Because the world did least esteem these sorts of people, therefore God hath most care over them.

18 But remember that thou wast a servant in Egypt, and how the LORD thy God delivered thee thence. Therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 ¶ (\*) When thou cuttest down thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgotten a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it, *but* it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the works of thy hands.

(\*) Leviticus 19:9; Leviticus 23:22 .

20 When thou (\*) beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; *but* it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

(\*) Or, gatherest thine olives.

21 When thou gatherest thy (\*) vineyard, thou shalt not gather the grapes clean after thee, *but* they shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

(\*) Or, the grapes of thy vineyard.

22 And remember that thou wast (h) a servant in the land of Egypt; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

(h) God judged them not mindful of his benefit, except they were beneficial unto others.

## *Deuteronomy 25*

*3 The beating of the offenders. 5 To raise up seed to the kinsmen. 11 In what case a woman's hand must be cut off. 13 Of just weights and measures. 19 To destroy the Amalekites.*

1 When there shall be strife between men, and they shall come unto judgment, (a) and sentence shall be given upon them, and the righteous shall be justified, and the wicked condemned,

(a) Whether there be a plaintiff or not, the magistrates ought to try our faults, and punish according to the crime.

2 Then if so be the wicked be worthy to be beaten, the judge shall cause him to lie down, (b) and to be beaten before his face, according to his trespass, unto a certain number.

(b) When the crime deserveth not death.

3 (c) Forty *stripes* shall he cause him to have and not past, lest if he should exceed and beat him above that with many stripes, thy brother should appear despised in thy sight.

(c) The Jews of superstition afterward took one away, 2 Corinthians 11:24 .

4 ¶ (\*) Thou shalt not mussel the ox that treadeth out the corn.

(\*) 1 Corinthians 9:9; 1 Timothy 5:18 .

5 ¶ (\*) If brethren dwell together, and one of them die and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not marry without, *that is*, unto a stranger, but his (d) kinsman shall go in unto her, and take her to wife, and do the kinsman's office to her.

(\*) Ruth 4:3; Matthew 22:24; Mark 12:19; Luke 20:28 .

(d) Because the Hebrew word signifieth not the natural brother, and the word that signifieth a brother, is taken also for a kinsman; it seemeth that it is not meant that the natural brother should marry his brother's wife, but some other of the kindred that was in that degree which might marry.



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

7 And if the man will not take his kinswoman, then let his kinswoman go up to the gate unto the Elders, and say, My kinsman refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not do the office of a kinsman unto me.

8 Then the Elders of his city shall call him, and commune with him. If he stand and say, I will not take her,

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

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him whose shoe is put off.

11 ¶ (e) When men strive together, one with another, if the wife of the one come near, for to rid her husband out of the hands of him that smiteth him, and put forth her hand, and take him by his privities,

(e) This law imputeth that godly shamefastness be preserved, for it is a horrible thing to see a woman past shame.

12 Then thou shalt cut off her hand; thine eye shall not spare her.

13 ¶ Thou shalt not have in thy bag two manner of (\*) weights, a great and a small;

(\*) Hebrew: stone and stone.

14 Neither shalt thou have in thy house divers (\*) measures, a great and a small;

(\*) Hebrew: Ephah and Ephah, read Exodus 16:36 .

15 *But* thou shalt have a right and just weight; a perfect and a just measure shalt thou have, that thy days may be lengthened in the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

16 For all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 ¶ (\*) Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come out of Egypt;

(\*) Exodus 17:8 .

18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of you, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast fainted and weary, and he feared not God.

19 Therefore, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about in the land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, *then* thou shalt put out the (f) remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; forget not.

(f) This was partly accomplished by Saul, about 450 years afterward.

## *Deuteronomy 26*

*3 The offering of the firstfruits. 5 What they must protest when they offer them. 12 The tithe of the first year. 13 Their protestation in offering it. 19 To what honor God preferreth them which acknowledge him to be their Lord.*

1 Also when thou shalt come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for inheritance, and shalt possess it, and dwell therein,

2 (a) Then shalt thou take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, and bring it out of the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and put it in a basket, and go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to (b) place his Name there.

(a) By this ceremony they acknowledged that they received the land of Canaan as a free gift of God.

(b) To be called upon, served and worshipped spiritually, Deuteronomy 12:5 .

3 And thou shalt come unto the Priest, that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I acknowledge this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

4 Then the Priest shall take the basket out of thy hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt answer and say before the LORD thy God, A (c) Syrian *was* my father, who being ready to perish *for hunger*, went down into Egypt, and

sojourned there with a small company, and grew there unto a nation great, mighty (d) and full of people.

(c) Meaning, Jacob, who served 20 years in Syria.

(d) Only by God's mercy, and not by their father's deservings.

6 And the Egyptians vexed us, and troubled us, and laded us with cruel bondage.

7 But when we (e) cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our adversity, and on our labor, and on our oppression;

(e) Alleging the promises made unto our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

8 And the LORD brought us out of Egypt in a mighty hand, and a stretched out arm, with great terribleness, both in signs and wonders.

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

10 And now, lo, I have (f) brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me, and thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God;

(f) In token of a thankful heart, and mindful of this benefit.

11 And thou shalt rejoice in all the good things which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and to thy (g) household, thou and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

(g) Signifying that God giveth us not goods for ourselves only, but for their uses also which are committed to our charge.

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

13 Then thou shalt (h) say before the LORD thy God, I have brought the hallowed thing out of my house, and also have given it unto the Levites and to the strangers, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy (\*) commandments which thou hast commanded me; I have (i) transgressed none of thy commandments, nor forgotten *them*.

(h) Without hypocrisy.

(\*) Deuteronomy 14:27 .

(i) Of malice and contempt.

14 I have not eaten thereof in my (k) mourning, nor suffered ought to perish (l) through uncleanness, nor given ought thereof for the dead, *but* have hearkened unto the voice of the LORD my God; I have done (m) after all that thou hast commanded me.

(k) Or, for any necessity.

(l) By putting them to any profane use.

(m) As far as my sinful nature would suffer, for else, as David and Paul say, there is not one just, Psalm 14:3; Romans 3:10 .

15 Look down from thy holy habitation, *even* from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us (as thou swarest unto our fathers) the land that floweth with milk and honey.

16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God doeth command thee to do these ordinances and laws; keep them therefore, and do them with (n) all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

(n) With a good and simple conscience.

17 Thou hast set up the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his ordinances, and his commandments, and his laws, and to hearken unto his voice.

18 (o) And the LORD hath set thee up this day, to be a (\*) precious people unto him (as he hath promised thee) and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments,

(o) Signifying that there is a mutual bond between God and his people.

(\*) Deuteronomy 7:6; Deuteronomy 14:2 .

19 And to make thee (\*) high above all nations (which he hath made) in praise, and in name, and in glory, (♣) and that thou shouldest be a holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath said.

(\*) Deuteronomy 4:7; Deuteronomy 28:1 .

(♣) Deuteronomy 7:6; Deuteronomy 14:2 .

## Deuteronomy 27

2 They are commanded to write the Law upon stones for a remembrance. 5 Also to build an altar. 13 The cursing are given on mount Ebal.

1 Then Moses with the Elders of Israel (a) commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments, which I command you this day.

(a) As God's minister and charged with the same.

2 And when ye shall pass (\*) over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster,

(\*) Joshua 4:1 .

3 (b) And shalt write upon them all the words of this Law, when thou shalt come over, that thou mayest go into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

(b) God would that his Law should be set up in the borders of the land of Canaan, that all that looked thereon might know that the land was dedicated to his service.

4 Therefore when ye shall pass over Jordan, ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster.

5 (\*) And there shalt thou build unto the LORD thy God an altar, *even* an altar of stones; thou shalt lift no (c) iron *instrument* upon them.

(\*) Exodus 20:25; Joshua 8:31 .

(c) The altar should not be curiously wrought, because it should continue but for a time, for God would have but one altar in Judah.

6 Thou shalt make the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones, and offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God.

7 And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there and rejoice before the LORD thy God;

8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this Law, (d) well and plainly.

(d) That every one may well read it, and understand it.

9 ¶ And Moses and the Priests of the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed and hear, O Israel! This day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

10 Thou (e) shalt hearken therefore unto the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his ordinances, which I command thee this day.

(e) This condition hath bound thee unto, that if thou wilt be his people, thou must keep his Laws.

11 ¶ And Moses charged the people the same day, saying,

12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim, to bless the people when ye shall pass over Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and (f) Joseph, and Benjamin.

(f) Meaning, Ephraim and Manasseh.

13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal to (g) curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

(g) Signifying, that if they would not obey God for love, they should be made to obey for fear.

14 And the Levites shall answer and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 ¶ Cursed be the man that shall make any carved or molten (h) image, *which is* an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place. And all the people shall answer and say, So be it.

(h) Under this he containeth all the corruptions of God's service, and the transgression of the first Table.

16 Cursed be he that (i) curseth his father and his mother. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(i) Or condemneth, and this appertaineth to the second Table.

17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's (k) mark. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(k) He condemneth all injuries and extortions.

18 Cursed be he that maketh the (l) blind go out of the way. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(l) Meaning, that helpeth not and counseleth not his neighbor.

19 Cursed be he that hindereth the right of the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. And all the people shall say, So be it.

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife, for he hath uncovered his father's (m) skirt. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(m) In committing villainy against him, Leviticus 20:11 and Deuteronomy 22:30; Ezekiel 22:10 .

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any beast. And all the people shall say, So be it.

22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, So be it.

23 Cursed be he that lieth with his (n) mother in law. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(n) Meaning, his wife's mother.

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor (o) secretly. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(o) For God, that seeth in secret, will revenge it.

25 (\*) Cursed be he that taketh a reward to put to death innocent blood. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(\*) Ezekiel 22:12 .

26 (\*) Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this Law, to do them. And all the people shall say, So be it.

(\*) Galatians 3:10 .

## Deuteronomy 28

*1 The promises to them that obey the Commandments. 15 The threatenings to the contrary.*

1 If (\*) thou shalt obey diligently the voice of the LORD thy God, and observe and do all his commandments, which I command thee this day, then the LORD thy God will (a) set thee on high above all the nations of the earth.

(\*) Leviticus 26:3 .

(a) He will make thee the most excellent of all people.

2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and (b) overtake thee, if thou shalt obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

(b) When thou thinkest thyself forsaken.

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the (c) city, and blessed also in the field.

(c) Thou shalt live wealthily.

4 Blessed shall be the fruit (d) of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

(d) Thy children and succession.

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy dough.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou (e) comest in, and blessed also when thou goest out.

(e) All thy enterprises shall have good success.

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise against thee, to fall before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way, and shall flee before thee (f) seven ways.

(f) Meaning, many ways.

8 The LORD shall command the blessing *to be* with thee in thy store houses, and in all that thou settest thy (g) hand to, and will bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(g) God will bless us, if we do our duty, and not be idle.



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

10 Then all people of the earth shall see that the Name of the LORD is (h) called upon over thee, and they shall be afraid of thee.

(h) In that he is thy God, and thou art his people.

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

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, *even* the (i) heaven to give rain unto thy land in due season, and to bless all the work of thy hands, and (\*) thou shalt lend unto many nations, but shalt not borrow thyself.

(i) For nothing in the earth is profitable but when God sendeth his blessings from heaven.

(\*) Deuteronomy 15:6 .

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the (\*) tail, and thou shalt be above only, and shalt not be beneath, if thou obey the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to keep and to do *them*.

(\*) Or, the lowest.

14 But thou shalt not decline from any of the words, which I command you this day, *either* to the (\*) right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

(\*) Joshua 23:6 .

15 ¶ (\*) But if thou wilt not obey the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep and to do all his commandments and his ordinances, which I command thee this day, then all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee.

(\*) Leviticus 26:14; Lamentations 2:17; Malachi 2:2 .

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the town, and cursed also in the field.

17 Cursed shall thy basket be, and thy (\*) dough.

(\*) Or, store.

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

19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed also when thou goest out.

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, trouble, and (\*) shame, in all that which thou settest thy hand to do, until thou be destroyed, and perish quickly, because of the wickedness of thy works, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

(\*) Or, rebuke.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he hath consumed thee from the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 (\*) The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with the fever, and with a burning ague, and with fervent heat, and with the sword, and with (♣) blasting, and with the mildew, and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

(\*) Leviticus 26:16 .

(♣) Or, drought.

23 And thy heaven that is over thy head, shall be (k) brass, and the earth that is under thee, iron.

(k) It shall give thee no more moisture than if it were of brass.

24 The LORD shall give thee for the rain of thy land, dust and ashes; *even* from (\*) heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

(\*) Or, out of the air as dust raised with wind.

25 *And* the LORD shall cause thee to fall before thine enemies; thou shalt come out one way against them, and shalt flee seven ways before them, and shalt be (l) scattered through all the kingdoms of the earth.

(l) Some read, thou shalt be a terror and fear, when they shall hear how God hath plagued thee.

26 And thy (m) carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and none shall fray them away.

(m) Thou shalt be cursed both in thy life and in thy death; for the burial is a testimony of the resurrection which sign for thy wickedness thou shalt lack.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with the itch, that thou canst not be healed.

28 And the LORD shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart.

29 Thou shalt also grope at noonday, as the (n) blind gropeth in darkness, and shalt not prosper in thy ways; thou shalt never but be oppressed with wrong and be plundered evermore, and no man shall succor *thee*.

(n) In things most evident and clear thou shalt lack discretion and judgment.

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her; thou shalt build a house, and shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not (\*) eat the fruit.

(\*) Hebrew: make it common.

31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine ass shall be violently taken away before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and no man shall rescue *them* for thee.

32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes (o) shall still look for them, even till they fall out, and there shall be no power in thy hand.

(o) When they shall return from their captivity.

33 The fruit of thy land and all thy labors shall a people, which thou knowest not, eat, and thou shalt never but suffer wrong, and violence alway;

34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight which thine eyes shall see.

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the thighs, with a sore botch, that thou canst not be healed, even from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.

36 The LORD shall bring thee and thy (p) King (which thou shalt set over thee) unto a nation, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, and there thou shalt serve other gods, *even* wood and stone,

(p) As he did Manasseh, Joiakim, Zedekias and others.

37 And thou shalt (\*) be a wonder, a proverb and a common talk among all people, whither the LORD shall carry thee.

(\*) Jeremiah 24:9; Jeremiah 25:9; 1 Kings 9:7 .

38 (\*) Thou shalt carry out much seed into the field, and shalt gather but little in, for the grasshoppers shall destroy it.

(\*) Micah 6:15; Haggai 1:6 .

39 Thou shalt plant a vineyard, and dress it, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worms shall eat it.

40 Thou shalt have Olive trees in all thy coasts, but shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olives shall (\*) fall.

(\*) Or, be shaken before they be ripe.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but shalt not have them; for they shall go into captivity.

42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land (q) shall the grasshopper consume.

(q) Under one kind he containeth all vermin, which destroy the fruits of the land; and this is an evident token of God's curse.

43 The stranger that is among you, shall clime above thee up on high, and thou shalt come down beneath alow.

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

45 Moreover, all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed, because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments, and his ordinances, which he commanded thee;

46 And they shall be upon (r) thee for signs and wonders, and upon thy seed forever,

(r) God's plagues shall be evident signs that he is offended with thee.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with a good heart, for the abundance of all things.

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

49 The LORD shall bring a nation upon thee from far, *even* from the end of the world, flying *swift* as an eagle, a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of a (\*) fierce countenance, which will not regard the person of the old, nor have compassion of the young.

(\*) Or, barbarous, cruel or impudent.

51 The same shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed, and he shall leave thee neither wheat, wine, nor oil, *neither* the (\*) increase of thy kine, nor the flocks of thy sheep, until he have brought thee to nought.

(\*) Or, firstborn of thy bullock.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy cities, until thy high and strong walls fall down, wherein thou trustedst in all the land; and he shall besiege thee in all thy (\*) cities throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

(\*) Or, gates.

53 (\*) And thou shalt eat the fruit of thy body, *even* the flesh of thy sons and thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, during the siege and straitness wherein thine enemies shall enclose thee;

(\*) Leviticus 26:29; 2 Kings 6:29; Lamentations 4:10 .

54 *So that* the man (that is tender and exceeding dainty among you) (\*) shall be grieved at his brother, and at his wife, *that lieth* in his bosom, and at the remnant of his children, which he hath yet left,

(\*) Deuteronomy 15:9 .

55 For fear of giving unto any of them of the flesh of his children, whom he shall eat, because he hath nothing left him in that siege, and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall besiege thee in all thy cities.

56 The tender and dainty (s) woman among you, which never would venture to set the sole of her foot upon the ground (for her softness and tenderness) shall be grieved at her husband *that lieth* in her bosom, and at her son, and at her daughter,

(s) As came to pass in the days of Joram King of Israel, 2 Kings 6:29; and when the Romans besieged Jerusalem.

57 And at (t) her afterbirth (that shall come out from between her feet) and at her children, which she shall bear; for when all things lack, she shall eat them secretly, during the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall besiege thee in thy cities.

(t) Hunger shall so bite her, that she shall be ready to eat her child before it be delivered.

58 ¶ If thou wilt not keep and do (u) all the words of the Law (that are written in this book) and fear this glorious and fearful Name, THE LORD THY GOD,

(u) For he that offendeth in one, is guilty of all, James 2:10 .

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore diseases, and of long durance.

60 Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, whereof thou wast afraid, and they shall cleave unto thee.

61 And every sickness, and every plague, which is not (x) written in the book of this Law, will the LORD heap upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

(x) Declaring, that God hath infinite means to plague the wicked, besides them that are ordinary or written.

62 And ye shall be left few in number, where ye were as the (\*) stars of heaven in multitude, because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

(\*) Deuteronomy 10:22 .

63 And as the LORD hath rejoiced over you, to do you good, and to multiply you, so he will rejoice over you, to destroy you, and bring you to nought, and ye shall be rooted out of the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

64 And the LORD shall (y) scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the world unto the other, and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou hast not known nor thy fathers, *even* wood and stone.

(y) Signifying that it is a singular gift of God to be in a place whereas we may worship God purely, and declare our faith and religion.

65 Also among these nations thou shalt find no rest, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; for the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and *looking to return* till thine eyes fall out, and a sorrowful mind.

66 And thy life shall (\*) hang before thee, and thou shalt fear both night and day, and shalt have no assurance of thy life.

(\*) Or, thou shalt be in doubt of thy life.

67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were evening, and at the evening thou shalt say, Would God it were morning, for the fear of thy heart, which thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes, which thou shalt see.

68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with (z) ships by the way, whereof I said unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again. And there ye shall sell yourselves unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and there *shall be* no buyer.

(z) Because they were unmindful of that miracle, when the Sea gave place for them to pass through.

## Deuteronomy 29

*2 The people are exhorted to observe the commandments. 10 The whole people from the highest to the lowest are comprehended under God's covenant. 19 The punishment of him that flattereth himself in his wickedness. 24 The cause of God's wrath against his people.*

1 These are the (a) words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he had made with them in (b) Horeb.

(a) That is, the articles, or conditions.

(b) At the first giving of the Law, which was forty years before.

2 ¶ And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh and unto all his servants, and unto all his land,

3 The (c) great temptations which thine eyes have seen, those great miracles and wonders;

(c) The proofs of my power.

4 Yet the LORD hath not (d) given you a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

(d) He sheweth that it is not in man's power to understand the mysteries of God, if it be not given him from above.

5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes are not waxed old upon you, neither is thy shoe waxed old upon thy foot.

6 Ye have eaten no (e) bread, neither drunk wine, nor strong drink, that ye might know how that I am the LORD your God.

(e) Made by man's art, but Manna, which is called the bread of Angels.

7 After, ye came unto this place, and Sihon King of Heshbon, and Og King of Bashan came out against us unto battle, and we slew them,

8 And took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

9 (\*) Keep therefore the words of this covenant and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye shall do.

(\*) Deuteronomy 4:6; 1 Kings 2:3 .

10 Ye stand this day every one of you before the LORD your (f) God: your heads of your tribes, your Elders and your officers, *even* all the men of Israel;

(f) Who knoweth your hearts, and therefore ye may not think to dissemble with him.

11 Your children, your wives, and thy stranger that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood, unto the drawer of thy water,

12 That thou shouldest (g) pass into the covenant of the LORD thy God, and into his oath which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day,

(g) Alluding to them, that when they made a sure covenant, divided a beast in twain, and past between the parts divided, Genesis 15:10 .

13 For to establish thee this day a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

14 Neither make I this covenant, and this oath with you only,

15 But *as well* with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, as with him (h) that is not here with us this day.

(h) Meaning, their posterity.



16 For ye know, how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we passed through the midst of the nations, which ye passed by.

17 And ye have seen their abominations and their idols (wood, stone, silver and gold) which were among them,

18 That there should not be among you man nor woman, nor family, nor tribe, which should turn his heart away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, *and* that there should not be among you (i) *any* root that bringeth forth (\*) gall and wormwood,

(i) Such sin, as the bitter fruit thereof might choke and destroy you.  
(\*) Acts 8:23 .

19 So that when he heareth the words of this curse, he (\*) bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, although I walk according to the stubbornness of my own heart, thus adding (k) drunkenness to thirst.

(\*) Or, flatter.  
(k) For as he that is thirsty desireth to drink much, so he that followeth his appetites, seeketh by all means, and cannot be satisfied.

20 The LORD will not be merciful unto him, but then the wrath of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and every curse that is written in this book, shall light upon him, and the LORD shall put out his name from under heaven,

21 And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according unto all the curses of the covenant, that is written in the book of this Law.

22 So that the (l) generation to come, *even* your children, that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they shall see the plagues of this land, and the diseases thereof, wherewith the LORD shall smite it;

(l) God's plagues upon them that rebel against him, shall be so strange, that all ages shall be astonished.

23 (For all that land *shall* burn with brimstone and salt; it shall not be sown, nor bring forth, nor any grass shall grow therein, like as in the overthrowing of (\*) Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his wrath and in his anger.)

(\*) Genesis 19:24-25 .

24 Then shall all nations say, (\*) Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? How fierce is this great wrath?

(\*) 1 Kings 9:8; Jeremiah 22:8 .

25 And they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he had made with them, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt,

26 And went and served other gods, and worshipped them, *even* gods which they knew not, and (\*) which had given them nothing,

(\*) Or, which had not given them a land to possess.

27 Therefore the wrath of the LORD waxed hot against this land, to bring upon it every curse that is written in this book.

28 And the LORD hath rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and hath cast them into another land, as *appeareth* this day.

29 The (m) secret things *belong* to the LORD our God, but the things revealed *belong* unto us, and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this Law.

(m) Moses hereby reproveth their curiosity, which seek those things that are only known to God; and their negligence that regard not that, which God hath revealed unto them, as the Law.

## *Deuteronomy 30*

*1 Mercy shewed when they repent. 6 The Lord doth circumcise the heart. 11 All excuse of ignorance is taken away. 15-19 Life and death is set before them. 20 The Lord is their life which obey him.*

1 Now when all these things shall come upon thee, *either* the blessing or the curse which I have set before thee, and thou shalt (a) turn into thy heart, among all the nations whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

(a) By calling to remembrance, both his mercies and his plagues.

2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and obey his voice in all that I command thee this day, thou, and thy children with all thy (b) heart and with all thy soul,

(b) In true repentance is no hypocrisy.

3 Then the LORD thy God will cause thy captives to return, and have compassion upon thee, and will return, to gather thee out of all the people, where the LORD thy God had scattered thee.

4 Though thou werest cast unto the utmost part of (c) heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he (d) take thee,

(c) Even to the world's end.

(d) And bring thee into thy country.

5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it, and he will shew thee favor, and will multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will (e) circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, that thou mayest love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

(e) God will purge all thy wicked affections, which thing is not in thy own power to do.

7 And the LORD thy God will lay all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, and that persecute thee.

8 (f) Return thou therefore, and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments, which I command thee this day.

(f) If we will have God to work in us with his holy Spirit, we must turn again to him by repentance.

9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of the land for thy wealth; for the LORD will turn again, and (g) rejoice over thee to do thee good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers,

(g) He meaneth not that God is subject to these passions, to rejoice, or to be sad; but he useth this manner of speech to declare the love that he beareth unto us.

10 Because thou shalt obey the voice of the LORD thy God, in keeping his commandments and his ordinances which are written in the book of this Law,

when thou shalt return unto the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, is (h) not hid from thee, neither is it far off.

(h) The Law is so evident that none can pretend ignorance.

12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, (\*) Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it?

(\*) Romans 10:6 .

13 Neither is it beyond the (i) sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it us, and cause us to hear it, that we may do it?

(i) By heaven and the sea he meaneth places most far distant.

14 But the (k) word is very near unto thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart, for to (l) do it.

(k) Even the law and the Gospel.  
(l) By faith in Christ.

15 Behold, I have set before thee this day life and good, death and evil,

16 In that I command thee this day, (m) to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his ordinances, and his laws, that thou mayest (n) live, and be multiplied, and that the LORD thy God may bless thee in the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

(m) So that to love and obey God, is only life and felicity.  
(n) He addeth these promises to signify that it is for our profit that we love him, and not for his.

17 But if thy heart turn away, so that thou wilt not obey, but shalt be seduced and worship other gods, and serve them,

18 I pronounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, ye shall not prolong your days in the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to possess it.

19 (\*) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore (o) choose life, that *both* thou and thy seed may live,

(\*) Deuteronomy 4:26 .

(o) That is, love and obey God; which thing is not in man's power, but God's Spirit only worketh it in his elect.

20 By loving the LORD thy God, by obeying his voice, and by cleaving unto him, for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.

## *Deuteronomy 31*

*2-7 Moses preparing himself to die, appointeth Joshua to rule the people. 9 He giveth the Law to the Levites, that they should read it to the people. 19 God giveth them a song as a witness between him and them. 23 God confirmeth Joshua. 29 Moses sheweth them that they will rebel after his death.*

1 Then Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel,

2 And said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I (a) can no more go out and in, also the LORD hath said unto me, (\*) Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

(a) I can no longer execute my office.  
(\*) Numbers 20:12; Deuteronomy 3:26 .

3 The LORD thy God he will go over before thee; he will destroy these nations before thee, and thou shalt possess them. (\*) Joshua, he shall go before thee, as the LORD hath said.

(\*) Numbers 27:18 .

4 And the LORD shall do unto them, as he did to (\*) Sihon and to Og Kings of the Amorites, and unto their land, whom he destroyed.

(\*) Numbers 21:24 .

5 And the LORD shall give them (b) before you that ye may do unto them according unto every (\*) commandment which I have commanded you.

(b) Into your hands.  
(\*) Deuteronomy 7:2 .

6 Pluck (\*) up your hearts therefore, and be strong, dread not, nor be afraid of them, for the LORD thy God himself doeth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

(\*) Or, be of good courage.

7 ¶ And Moses called Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be (c) of a good courage and strong, for thou shalt go with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers, to give them, and thou shalt give it them to inherit.

(c) For he that must govern the people, hath need to be valiant to repress vice, and constant to maintain virtue.

8 And the LORD himself doeth (d) go before thee, he will be with thee; he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not *therefore*, nor be discomfited.

(d) Signifying that man can never be of good courage, except he be persuaded of God's favor and assistance.

9 ¶ And Moses wrote this Law, and delivered it unto the Priests the sons of Levi (which bare the Ark of the covenant of the LORD) and unto all the Elders of Israel,

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, (\*) Every seventh year (♣) when the year of freedom *shall be* in the feast of the Tabernacles;

(\*) Nehemiah 8:2 .

(♣) Deuteronomy 15:1 .

11 When all Israel shall come to appear (e) before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this Law before all Israel that they may hear it.

(e) Before the Ark of the Covenant, which was the sign of God's presence, and the figure of Christ.

12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and keep and observe all the words of this Law,

13 And that their children which (f) have not known it, may hear it, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

(f) Which were not born when the Law was given.

14 ¶ Then the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days are come, that thou must die. Call Joshua, and stand ye in the Tabernacle of the Congregation that I may give him (\*) a charge. So Moses and Joshua went, and stood in the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

(\*) Or, commandment.

15 And the LORD appeared in the Tabernacle, in the pillar of a (g) cloud; and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the Tabernacle.

(g) In a cloud that was fashioned like a pillar.

16 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of a strange land (whither they go to *dwell* therein) and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.

17 Wherefore my wrath will wax hot against them at that day, and I will forsake them, and will (h) hide my face from them; then they shall be consumed, and many adversities and tribulations shall come upon them; so then they will say, Are not these troubles come upon me, because God is not with me?

(h) That is, I will take my favor from them, as to turn his face toward us, is to shew us his favor.

18 But I will surely hide my face in that day, because of all the evil which they shall commit, in that they are turned unto other gods.

19 Now therefore write ye this (i) song for you, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be my witness against the children of Israel.

(i) To preserve you and your children from idolatry, by remembering God's benefits.

20 For I will bring them into the land (which I swear unto their fathers) that floweth with milk and honey, and they shall eat and fill themselves, and wax fat; (k) then shall they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and contemn me, and break my covenant.

(k) For this is the nature of flesh, no longer to obey God, than it is under the rod.

21 And then when many adversities and tribulations shall come upon them, this song shall (l) answer them to their face as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their posterity, for I know their imagination, which they go about even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

(l) That these evils are come upon them, because they forsook me.

22 ¶ Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

23 And *God* gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, (\*) Be strong and of a good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land, which I swear unto them, and I will be with thee.

(\*) Joshua 1:6 .

24 ¶ And when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this Law in a book until he had finished them,

25 Then Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the Ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

26 Take the book of this Law, and put ye it in the side of the Ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a (m) witness against thee.

(m) Of thy infidelity, when thou shalt turn away from the doctrine contained therein.

27 For I know thy rebellion and thy stiff neck; behold, I being yet alive with you this day, ye are rebellious against the LORD; how much more, then, after my death?

28 Gather unto me all the Elders of your tribes, and your (n) officers, that I may speak these words in their audience, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

(n) As governors, judges, and magistrates.

29 For I am sure that after my death ye will utterly be corrupt and turn from the way which I have commanded you; therefore evil will come upon you at the length, because ye will commit evil in the sight of the LORD, by provoking him to anger through the (o) work of your hands.

(o) By idolatry, and worshipping images, which are the work of your hands.

30 Thus Moses spake in the audience of all the Congregation of Israel the words of this song, until he had ended them.



## Deuteronomy 32

*1 The song of Moses containing, 7 God's benefits toward the people, 15 and their ingratitude toward him. 20 God menaceth them, 21 and speaketh of the vocation of the Gentiles. 46 Moses commandeth to teach the Law to the children. 49 God forewarneth Moses of his death.*

1 Hearken, ye (a) heavens, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

(a) As witnesses of this people's ingratitude.

2 My (b) doctrine shall drop as the rain, *and* my speech shall flow as doeth the dew, as the shower upon the herbs, and as the great rain upon the grass.

(b) He desireth that he may speak to God's glory, and that the people, as the green grass, may receive the dew of his doctrine.

3 For I will publish the Name of the LORD; Give ye glory unto our God.

4 Perfect is the work of the (c) mighty God; For all his ways *are* judgment. God is true, and without wickedness; Just, and righteous is he.

(c) The Hebrew word is rock, noting that God only is mighty, faithful and constant in his promise.

5 They have corrupted themselves toward him by their vice, not being his children, *but* a froward and crooked generation.

6 Do ye so reward the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy father, that hath bought thee? He hath (d) made thee, and proportioned thee.

(d) Not according to the common creation, but he hath made thee a new creature by his Spirit.

7 ¶ Remember the days of old, consider the years of so many generations. Ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thine Elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the most high *God* divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he appointed the borders of the (e) people, according to the number of the children of Israel.

(e) When God by his providence divided the world, he lent for a time that portion to the Canaanites, which should after be an inheritance for all his people Israel.

9 For the LORD's portion *is* his people; Jacob *is* the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in the land of the wilderness, in a waste and roaring wilderness; He led him about, he taught him, *and* kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, (f) fluttereth over her birds, stretcheth out her wings, taketh them, *and* beareth them on her wings,

(f) To teach them to fly.

12 So the LORD alone led him, and there was no (\*) strange god with him.

(\*) Or, god of strange nations.

13 He carried him up to the high places of the (g) earth, that he might eat the fruits of the fields, and he caused him to suck (h) honey out of the stone, and oil out of the hard rock;

(g) Meaning, of the land of Canaan, which was high in respect of Egypt.

(h) That is, abundance of all things even in the very rocks.

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep with fat of the lambs, and rams fed in Bashan, and goats, with the fat of the grains of wheat; and the red (\*) liquor of the grape hast thou drunk.

(\*) Hebrew: blood.

15 ¶ But *he that should have been* (i) upright, when he waxed fat, spurned with his heel; Thou art fat, thou art gross, thou art laden with fatness; therefore he forsook God *that* made him, and regarded not the strong God of his salvation.

(i) He sheweth what is the principal end of our vocation.

16 They provoked him with (k) strange *gods*; they provoked him to anger with abominations.

(k) By changing his service for their superstitions.

17 They offered unto devils, not to God, *but* to gods whom they knew not, (l) new *gods* that came newly up, whom their fathers feared not.

(l) Scripture calleth new, whatsoever man inventeth, be the error never so old.

18 Thou hast forgotten the mighty God *that* begat thee, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

19 The LORD then saw it, and was angry, for the provocation of his (m) sons and of his daughters.

(m) He calleth them God's children, not to honor them, but to shew them from what dignity they are fallen.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with *that which is* not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities. (\*) And I will move them to jealousy with *those which are* no (n) people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

(\*) Romans 10:19 .

(n) Which I have not favored, nor given my law unto them.

22 For fire is kindled in my wrath, and shall burn unto the bottom of hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will send plagues upon them; I will bestow mine arrows upon them.

24 *They shall be* burnt with hunger, and consumed with heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the venom of serpents *creeping* in the dust.

25 The sword shall (o) kill them without, and in the chambers fear; Both the young man and the young woman, the suckling with the man of gray hair.

(o) They shall be slain both in the field and at home.

26 I have said, I would scatter them abroad; I would make their remembrance to cease from among men,

27 Save that I feared the fury of the enemy, lest their adversaries should (p) wax proud, *and* lest they should say, Our high hand and not the LORD hath done all this;

(p) Rejoicing to see the godly afflicted, and as attributing that to themselves, which is wrought by God's hand.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there *any* understanding in them.

29 Oh that they were wise, *then* they would understand this; they would (q) consider their latter end.

(q) They would consider the felicity, that was prepared for them, if they had obeyed God.

30 How should (\*) one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their strong God had sold them, and the LORD had (♣) shut them up?

(\*) Joshua 23:10 .

(♣) Or, delivered them to their enemies.

31 For their god *is* not as our God, even our enemies being judges.

32 For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and of the vines of Gomorrah; Their grapes *are* grapes of gall, their clusters *be* bitter.

33 Their (r) wine *is* the poison of dragons, and the cruel gall of asps.

(r) The fruits of the wicked are as poison, detestable to God, and dangerous for man.

34 Is not this laid in store with me, *and* sealed up among my treasures?

35 (\*) Vengeance and recompense are mine, their foot shall slide in due time; for the day of their destruction is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them, make haste.

(\*) Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30 .

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and (\*) repent toward his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and none (s) shut up *in hold* nor left *abroad*.

(\*) Or, change his mind.

(s) When neither strong nor weak in a manner remain.

37 When men shall say, Where are their gods, their mighty God, in whom they trusted,

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, *and* did drink the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up, and help you, Let him be your refuge.

39 Behold now, for I, I am he, and there is no gods with me; (\*) I kill, and give life; I wound, and I make whole; Neither is there *any* that can deliver out of my hand.

(\*) 1 Samuel 2:6 .

40 For I (t) lifted up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever.

(t) That is, I swear, read Genesis 14:12 .

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and my hand take hold on judgment, I will execute vengeance on mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, (and my sword shall eat flesh) for the blood of the slain, and of the captives, when I begin to take vengeance of the enemy.

43 (\*) Ye nations, praise his people; for he will avenge the (u) blood of his servants, and will execute vengeance upon his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, *and* to his people.

(\*) Romans 15:10 .

(u) Whether the blood of God's people be shed for their sins, or trial of their faith, he promiseth to revenge it.

44 ¶ Then Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the audience of the people, he and (\*) Hoshea the son of Nun.

(\*) Or, Joshua.

45 When Moses had made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel,

46 Then he said unto them, (\*) Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify against you this day, that ye may command them unto your children, that they may observe and do all the words of this Law.

(\*) Deuteronomy 6:6; Deuteronomy 11:18 .

47 For it is no (x) vain word concerning you, but it is your life, and by this word ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

(x) For I will perform my promise unto you, Isaiah 55:10 .

48 (\*) And the LORD spake unto Moses the selfsame day, saying,

(\*) Numbers 27:12 .

49 Go up into the mountain of Abarim, unto the mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession;

50 And die in the mount which thou goest up unto, and thou shalt be (\*) gathered unto thy people, (♣) as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people,

(\*) Genesis 25:8 .

(♣) Numbers 20:25-28; Deuteronomy 3:38 .

51 Because ye (\*) trespassed against me among the children of Israel, at the waters (♣) of Meribah, at Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, for ye (y) sanctified me not among the children of Israel.

(\*) Numbers 20:12-13; Numbers 27:14 .

(♣) Or, of strife.

(y) Ye were not earnest and constant to maintain my honor.

52 Thou shalt therefore see the land before thee, but shalt not go thither, *I mean*, into the land which I give the children of Israel.

## *Deuteronomy 33*

*1 Moses before his death blesseth all the tribes of Israel. 26 There is no god like to the God of Israel; 29 Nor any people like unto his.*

1 Now this is the (a) blessing wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death, and said,

(a) This blessing containeth not only a simple prayer, but an assurance of the effect thereof.

2 The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them, *and* appeared clearly from mount Paran, and he came with ten (b) thousands of Saints, *and* at his right hand a fiery Law for them.

(b) Meaning, infinite Angels.

3 Though he love the people; *yet* (c) all thy Saints are in thy hands; and they are humbled at (d) thy feet, to receive thy words.

(c) Hebrew: his Saints, that is, the children of Israel.

(d) As thy disciples.

4 Moses commanded us a Law for an (e) inheritance of the Congregation of Jacob.

(e) To us and our successors.

5 Then (\*) he was among the (♣) righteous *people*, as King, when the heads of the people, and the tribes of Israel were assembled.

(\*) Or, Moses.

(♣) Or, Israel.

6 ¶ Let (f) Reuben live, and not die, though his men be a small number.

(f) Reuben shall be one of the tribes of God's people, though for his sin his honor be diminished, and his family but small.

7 ¶ And thus *he blessed* Judah, and said, Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people; his hands shall be (g) sufficient for him, if thou help him against his enemies.

(g) Signifying, that he should hardly obtain Jacob's promises, Genesis 49:8 .

8 ¶ And of Levi he said, Let thy (\*) Thummim and thy Urim be with thy Holy one, whom thou didst prove in Massah, *and* didst cause him to strive at the waters of Meribah.

(\*) Exodus 28:30 .

9 Who said unto his father and to his mother, (h) I have not seen him, neither knew he his brethren, nor knew his own children; for they observed thy word, and kept thy Covenant.

(h) He preferred God's glory to all natural affection, Exodus 32:29 .

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy Law. They shall put incense before thy face, and the burnt offering upon thine Altar.

11 Bless, O LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands; (i) Smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

(i) He declareth that the ministers of God have many enemies, and therefore have need to be prayed for.

12 ¶ Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall (k) dwell in safety by him; *the LORD* shall cover him all the day long, and dwell between his shoulders.

(k) Because the Temple should be built in Sion, which was in the tribe of Benjamin, he sheweth that God should dwell with him there.

13 ¶ And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD is *his* land for the sweetness of heaven, for the dew, and for the (\*) depth lying beneath,

(\*) Or, fountains.

14 And for the sweet increase of the sun, and for the sweet increase of the moon,

15 And for *the sweetness* of the top of the ancient mountains, and for the sweetness of the old hills,

16 And for the sweetness of the earth, and abundance thereof, and the good will of him that dwelt in the (l) bush, shall come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was (\*) separated *from* his brethren.

(l) Which was God appearing unto Moses, Exodus 3:2 .

(\*) Genesis 49:26 .

17 His beauty *shall be* like his firstborn bullock, and his (\*) horns *as* the horns of a unicorn; with them he shall smite the people together, *even* the ends of the world; these are also the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these are the thousands of Manasseh.

(\*) Or, strength.

18 ¶ And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy (m) going out, and *thou* Issachar in thy tents.

(m) In thy prosperous voyages upon the sea, Genesis 49:13 .

19 They shall call the people unto the (\*) mountain; There they shall offer the sacrifices of righteousness; For (n) they shall suck of the abundance of the sea, and of the treasures hid in the sand.

(\*) Or, mount Sion.

(n) The tribe of Zebulun.

20 ¶ Also of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad; He dwelleth as a lion, that catcheth for his prey the arm with the head.

21 And he looked to himself at the beginning, because there was a portion of the (o) Law-giver hid; Yet he shall come with the heads of the people; To execute the justice of the LORD, and his judgments with Israel.

(o) So the portion of the Gadites, and others on this side Jordan was God's, though it was not so known.



22 ¶ And of Dan he said, Dan *is* a lion's whelp; he shall leap from Bashan.

23 ¶ Also of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and filled with the blessing of the LORD, possess (p) the West and the South.

(p) Meaning, near the sea.

24 ¶ And of Asher he said, Asher *shall be* blessed with children; He shall be acceptable unto his brethren, and shall dip his foot in oil.

25 Thy shoes *shall be* (q) iron and brass, and thy strength *shall continue* as long as thou livest.

(q) Thou shalt be strong, or thy country full of metal. It seemeth that Simeon is left out, because he was under Judah, and his portion of his inheritance, Joshua 19:9 .

26 ¶ There is none like God, O righteous *people*, which rideth upon the heavens for thy help, and on the clouds in his glory.

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and under *his* arms thou art forever; He shall cast out the enemy before thee, and will say, Destroy *them*.

28 Then Israel (r) the fountain of Jacob shall dwell alone in safety in a land of wheat and wine; Also his heavens shall drop the dew.

(r) Who was plentiful in issue as a fountain.

29 Blessed art thou, O Israel; Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thine help, and which is the sword of thy glory? Therefore (s) thine enemies shall be in subjection to thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places.

(s) Thine enemies for fear shall lie and feign to be in subjection.

## Deuteronomy 34

*1 Moses seeth all the Land of Canaan. 5 He dieth. 8 Israel weepeth. 9 Joshua succeedeth in Moses' room. 10 The praise of Moses.*

1 Then Moses went from the plain of Moab up into mount (a) Nebo unto the top of Pisgah that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him (\*) all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

(a) Which was a part of mount Abarim, Numbers 27:12 .

(\*) Deuteronomy 3:27 .

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost (b) sea;

(b) Called, Mediterranean.

3 And the South, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, (\*) This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

(\*) Genesis 12:7; Genesis 13:15 .

5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.

6 And (c) he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor, but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto (d) this day.

(c) To wit, the Angel of the Lord, Jude 1:9 .

(d) That the Jews might not have occasion thereby to commit Idolatry.

7 Moses was now a hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated;

8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plain of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

9 And (e) Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had put his hands upon him. And the children of Israel were obedient unto him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

(e) Hereby appeareth the favor of God, that leaveth not his Church destitute of a governor.

10 But there arose not a Prophet since in Israel like unto Moses (whom the LORD knew (f) face to face.)

(f) Unto whom the Lord did reveal himself so plainly, as Exodus 33:11 .

11 In all the miracles and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt before Pharaoh and before all his servants, and before all his land,

12 And in all that mighty (g) hand and all that great fear, which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.

(g) Meaning, the power of God working by Moses in the wilderness.