

# Deuteronomy

## Chapter 7

1

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Gir'gashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Per'izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb'usites, seven nations greater and mightier than yourselves,

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and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them; then you must utterly destroy them; you shall make no covenant with them, and show no mercy to them.

3

You shall not make marriages with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons.

4

For they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.

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But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and hew down their Ashe'rim, and burn their graven images with fire.

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"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth.

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It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples;

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but it is because the LORD loves you, and is keeping the oath which he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

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and requites to their face those who hate him, by destroying them; he will not be slack with him who hates him, he will

requite him to his face.

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You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command you this day.

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"And because you hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love which he swore to your fathers to keep;

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he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will also bless the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you.

14

You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

15

And the LORD will take away from you all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict upon you, but he will lay them upon all who hate you.

16

And you shall destroy all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you, your eye shall not pity them; neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

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"If you say in your heart, 'These nations are greater than I; how can I dispossess them?'

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you shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,

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the great trials which your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out; so will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

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Moreover the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed.

21

You shall not be in dread of them; for the LORD your God is in the midst of you, a great and terrible God.

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The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little; you may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.

23

But the LORD your God will give them over to you, and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed.

24

And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven; not a man shall be able to stand against you, until you have destroyed them.

25

The graven images of their gods you shall burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

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And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house, and become accursed like it; you shall utterly detest and abhor it; for it is an accursed thing.

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## Chapter 20

1

"When you go forth to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

2

And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people,

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and shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you draw near this day to battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint; do not fear, or tremble, or be in dread of them;

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for the LORD your God is he that goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.'

5

Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying, 'What man is there that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it.

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And what man is there that has planted a vineyard and has not enjoyed its fruit? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man enjoy its fruit.

7

And what man is there that has betrothed a wife and has not taken her? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.'

8

And the officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go back to his house, lest the heart of his fellows melt as his heart.'

9

And when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, then commanders shall be appointed at the head of the people.

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"When you draw near to a city to fight against it, offer terms of peace to it.

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And if its answer to you is peace and it opens to you, then all the people who are found in it shall do forced labor for you and shall serve you.

12

But if it makes no peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it;

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and when the LORD your God gives it into your hand you shall put all its males to the sword,

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but the women and the little ones, the cattle, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourselves; and you shall enjoy the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you.

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Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not cities of the nations here.

16

But in the cities of these peoples that the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes,

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but you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittites and the Amorites, the Canaanites and the Per'izzites, the Hivites and the Jeb'usites, as the LORD your God has commanded;

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that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominable practices which they have done in the service of their gods, and so to sin against the LORD your God.

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"When you besiege a city for a long time, making war against it in order to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an axe against them; for you may eat of them, but you shall not cut them down. Are the trees in the field men that they should be besieged by you?

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Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down that you may build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it falls.

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## Numbers

### Chapter 25

1

While Israel dwelt in Shittim the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab.

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These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate, and bowed down to their gods.

3

So Israel yoked himself to Ba'al of Pe'or. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel;

4

and the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel."

5

And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Every one of you slay his men who have yoked themselves to Ba'al of Pe'or."

6

And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Mid'ianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping at the door of the tent of meeting.

7

When Phin'ehas the son of Elea'zar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation, and took a spear in his hand

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and went after the man of Israel into the inner room, and

pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman, through her body. Thus the plague was stayed from the people of Israel.

9

Nevertheless those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

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And the LORD said to Moses,

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"Phin'ehas the son of Elea'zar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy.

12

Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace;

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and it shall be to him, and to his descendants after him, the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the people of Israel.'"

14

The name of the slain man of Israel, who was slain with the Mid'ianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, head of a fathers' house belonging to the Simeonites.

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And the name of the Mid'ianite woman who was slain was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, who was the head of the people of a fathers' house in Mid'ian.

16

And the LORD said to Moses,

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"Harass the Mid'ianites, and smite them;

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for they have harassed you with their wives, with which they beguiled you in the matter of Pe'or, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Mid'ian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague on account of Pe'or."

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## Chapter 31

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The LORD said to Moses,

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"Avenge the people of Israel on the Mid'ianites; afterward you shall be gathered to your people."

3

And Moses said to the people, "Arm men from among you for the war, that they may go against Mid'ian, to execute the LORD's vengeance on Mid'ian.

4 You shall send a thousand from each of the tribes of Israel to the war."

5 So there were provided, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.

6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand from each tribe, together with Phin'ehas the son of Elea'zar the priest, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

7 They warred against Mid'ian, as the LORD commanded Moses, and slew every male.

8 They slew the kings of Mid'ian with the rest of their slain, Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Mid'ian; and they also slew Balaam the son of Be'or with the sword.

9 And the people of Israel took captive the women of Mid'ian and their little ones; and they took as booty all their cattle, their flocks, and all their goods.

10 All their cities in the places where they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burned with fire,

11 and took all the spoil and all the booty, both of man and of beast.

12 Then they brought the captives and the booty and the spoil to Moses, and to Elea'zar the priest, and to the congregation of the people of Israel, at the camp on the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

13 Moses, and Elea'zar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the camp.

14 And Moses was angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

15 Moses said to them, "Have you let all the women live?

16

Behold, these caused the people of Israel, by the counsel of Balaam, to act treacherously against the LORD in the matter of Pe'or, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

17

Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man by lying with him.

18

But all the young girls who have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19

Encamp outside the camp seven days; whoever of you has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day.

20

You shall purify every garment, every article of skin, all work of goats' hair, and every article of wood."

21

And Elea'zar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle: "This is the statute of the law which the LORD has commanded Moses:

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only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

23

everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless it shall also be purified with the water of impurity; and whatever cannot stand the fire, you shall pass through the water.

24

You must wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean; and afterward you shall come into the camp."

25

The LORD said to Moses,

26

"Take the count of the booty that was taken, both of man and of beast, you and Elea'zar the priest and the heads of the fathers' houses of the congregation;

27

and divide the booty into two parts, between the warriors who went out to battle and all the congregation.

28

And levy for the LORD a tribute from the men of war who went out to battle, one out of five hundred, of the persons and of the oxen and of the asses and of the flocks;

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take it from their half, and give it to Elea'zar the priest as an offering to the LORD.

30

And from the people of Israel's half you shall take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all the cattle, and give them to the Levites who have charge of the tabernacle of the LORD."

31

And Moses and Elea'zar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

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Now the booty remaining of the spoil that the men of war took was: six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep,

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seventy-two thousand cattle,

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sixty-one thousand asses,

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and thirty-two thousand persons in all, women who had not known man by lying with him.

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And the half, the portion of those who had gone out to war, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

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and the LORD's tribute of sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

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The cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tribute was seventy-two.

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The asses were thirty thousand five hundred, of which the LORD's tribute was sixty-one.

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The persons were sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tribute was thirty-two persons.

41

And Moses gave the tribute, which was the offering for the LORD, to Elea'zar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

42

From the people of Israel's half, which Moses separated from that of the men who had gone to war--

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now the congregation's half was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

44 thirty-six thousand cattle,  
45 and thirty thousand five hundred asses,  
46 and sixteen thousand persons--  
47 from the people of Israel's half Moses took one of every fifty,  
both of persons and of beasts, and gave them to the Levites who  
had charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded  
Moses.  
48 Then the officers who were over the thousands of the army, the  
captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, came near  
to Moses,  
49 and said to Moses, "Your servants have counted the men of war  
who are under our command, and there is not a man missing from  
us.  
50 And we have brought the LORD's offering, what each man found,  
articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings,  
earrings, and beads, to make atonement for ourselves before the  
LORD."  
51 And Moses and Elea'zar the priest received from them the gold,  
all wrought articles.  
52 And all the gold of the offering that they offered to the LORD,  
from the commanders of thousands and the commanders of  
hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.  
53 (The men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.)  
54 And Moses and Elea'zar the priest received the gold from the  
commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into  
the tent of meeting, as a memorial for the people of Israel  
before the LORD.

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## 1 Samuel

## Chapter 15

1

And Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore hearken to the words of the LORD.

2

Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish what Am'alek did to Israel in opposing them on the way, when they came up out of Egypt.

3

Now go and smite Am'alek, and utterly destroy all that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass."

4

So Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Tela'im, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah.

5

And Saul came to the city of Am'alek, and lay in wait in the valley.

6

And Saul said to the Ken'ites, "Go, depart, go down from among the Amal'ekites, lest I destroy you with them; for you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Ken'ites departed from among the Amal'ekites.

7

And Saul defeated the Amal'ekites, from Hav'ilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt.

8

And he took Agag the king of the Amal'ekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9

But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; all that was despised and worthless they utterly destroyed.

10

The word of the LORD came to Samuel:

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"I repent that I have made Saul king; for he has turned back from following me, and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry; and he cried to the LORD all night.

12

And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned, and passed on, and went down

to Gilgal."

13

And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the LORD; I have performed the commandment of the LORD."

14

And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

15

Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amal'ekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

16

Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night." And he said to him, "Say on."

17

And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

18

And the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, utterly destroy the sinners, the Amal'ekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'

19

Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop on the spoil, and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"

20

And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, I have brought Agag the king of Am'alek, and I have utterly destroyed the Amal'ekites.

21

But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

22

And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

23

For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

24

And Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

25

Now therefore, I pray, pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26

And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

27

As Samuel turned to go away, Saul laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it tore.

28

And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.

29

And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent."

30

Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God."

31

So Samuel turned back after Saul; and Saul worshiped the LORD.

32

Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amal'ekites." And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

33

And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gib'e-ah of Saul.

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And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

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# Deuteronomy

## Chapter 25

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"Remember what Am'alek did to you on the way as you came out of Egypt,

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how he attacked you on the way, when you were faint and weary, and cut off at your rear all who lagged behind you; and he did not fear God.

19

Therefore when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about, in the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the remembrance of Am'alek from under heaven; you shall not forget.