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Deut 29:1-30:20 - This section explains the need for Jesus...God leaves no question as to what has to be done for the Israelites to remain righteous, and they couldn't do it

Ps 78:1-31 - "we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done"

Pro 12:19-20 - "those who promote peace have joy"

Luke 11:37-12:7 - Luke 12:4-7 is money!

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### **Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20**

**29 1** These are the terms of the covenant the LORD commanded Moses to make with the Israelites while they were in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant he had made with them at Mount Sinai.

**2** Moses summoned all the Israelites and said to them, "You have seen with your own eyes everything the LORD did in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to his whole country—

**3** all the great tests of strength, the miraculous signs, and the amazing wonders.

**4** But to this day the LORD has not given you minds that understand, nor eyes that see, nor ears that hear!

**5** For forty years I led you through the wilderness, yet your clothes and sandals did not wear out.

**6** You ate no bread and drank no wine or other alcoholic drink, but he provided for you so you would know that he is the LORD your God.

**7** "When we came here, King Sihon of Heshbon and King Og of Bashan came out to fight against us, but we defeated them.

**8** We took their land and gave it to the tribes of Reuben and Gad and to the half-tribe of Manasseh as their grant of land.

**9** "Therefore, obey the terms of this covenant so that you will prosper in everything you do.

**10** All of you—tribal leaders, elders, officers, all the men of Israel—are standing today in the presence of the LORD your God.

**11** Your little ones and your wives are with you, as well as the foreigners living among you who chop your wood and carry your water.

**12** You are standing here today to enter into the covenant of the LORD your God. The LORD is making this covenant, including the curses.

**13** By entering into the covenant today, he will establish you as his people and confirm that he is your God, just as he promised you and as he swore to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**14** “But you are not the only ones with whom I am making this covenant with its curses.

**15** I am making this covenant both with you who stand here today in the presence of the LORD our God, and also with the future generations who are not standing here today.

**16** “You remember how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we traveled through the lands of enemy nations as we left.

**17** You have seen their detestable practices and their idols made of wood, stone, silver, and gold.

**18** I am making this covenant with you so that no one among you—no man, woman, clan, or tribe—will turn away from the LORD our God to worship these gods of other nations, and so that no root among you bears bitter and poisonous fruit.

**19** “Those who hear the warnings of this curse should not congratulate themselves, thinking, ‘I am safe, even though I am following the desires of my own stubborn heart.’ This would lead to utter ruin!

**20** The LORD will never pardon such people. Instead his anger and jealousy will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will come down on them, and the LORD will erase their names from under heaven.

**21** The LORD will separate them from all the tribes of Israel, to pour out on them all the curses of the covenant recorded in this Book of Instruction.

**22** “Then the generations to come, both your own descendants and the foreigners who come from distant lands, will see the devastation of the land and the diseases the LORD inflicts on it.

**23** They will exclaim, ‘The whole land is devastated by sulfur and salt. It is a wasteland with nothing planted and nothing growing, not even a blade of grass. It is like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD destroyed in his intense anger.’

**24** “And all the surrounding nations will ask, ‘Why has the LORD done this to this land? Why was he so angry?’

**25** “And the answer will be, ‘This happened because the people of the land abandoned the covenant that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

**26** Instead, they turned away to serve and worship gods they had not known before, gods that were not from the LORD .

**27** That is why the LORD ’s anger has burned against this land, bringing down on it every curse recorded in this book.

**28** In great anger and fury the LORD uprooted his people from their land and banished them to another land, where they still live today!’

**29** “The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

**30 1** “In the future, when you experience all these blessings and curses I have listed for you, and when you are living among the nations to which the LORD your God has exiled you, take to heart all these instructions.

**2** If at that time you and your children return to the LORD your God, and if you obey with all your heart and all your soul all the commands I have given you today,

**3** then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you.

**4** Even though you are banished to the ends of the earth, the LORD your God will gather you from there and bring you back again.

**5** The LORD your God will return you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will possess that land again. Then he will make you even more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors!

**6** “The LORD your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live!

**7** The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate and persecute you.

**8** Then you will again obey the LORD and keep all his commands that I am giving you today.

**9** “The LORD your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests, for the LORD will again delight in being good to you as he was to your ancestors.

**10** The LORD your God will delight in you if you obey his voice and keep the commands and decrees written in this Book of Instruction, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

**11** “This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach.

**12** It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, ‘Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?’

**13** It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, ‘Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?’

**14** No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

**15** “Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster.

**16** For I command you this day to love the LORD your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

**17** “But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods,

**18** then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy.

**19** “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!

**20** You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

### **Psalm 78:1-31**

**78 1** My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

**2** I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old—

**3** things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.

**4** We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

**5** He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

**6** so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

**7** Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**8** They would not be like their ancestors— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

**9** The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle;

**10** they did not keep God’s covenant and refused to live by his law.

**11** They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

**12** He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

**13** He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

**14** He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

**15** He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

**16** he brought streams out of a rocky crag and made water flow down like rivers.

**17** But they continued to sin against him, rebelling in the wilderness against the Most High.

**18** They willfully put God to the test by demanding the food they craved.

**19** They spoke against God; they said, “Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?”

**20** True, he struck the rock, and water gushed out, streams flowed abundantly, but can he also give us bread? Can he supply meat for his people?”

**21** When the LORD heard them, he was furious; his fire broke out against Jacob, and his wrath rose against Israel,

**22** for they did not believe in God or trust in his deliverance.

**23** Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens;

**24** he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.

**25** Human beings ate the bread of angels; he sent them all the food they could eat.

**26** He let loose the east wind from the heavens and by his power made the south wind blow.

**27** He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like sand on the seashore.

**28** He made them come down inside their camp, all around their tents.

**29** They ate till they were gorged— he had given them what they craved.

**30** But before they turned from what they craved, even while the food was still in their mouths,

**31** God’s anger rose against them; he put to death the sturdiest among them, cutting down the young men of Israel.

### **Proverbs 12:19-20**

**12 19** Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.

**20** Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil, but those who promote peace have joy.

### **Luke 11:37-12:7**

**11 37** As Jesus was speaking, one of the Pharisees invited him home for a meal. So he went in and took his place at the table.

**38** His host was amazed to see that he sat down to eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony required by Jewish custom.

**39** Then the Lord said to him, “You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness!

**40** Fools! Didn’t God make the inside as well as the outside?

**41** So clean the inside by giving gifts to the poor, and you will be clean all over.

**42** “What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

**43** “What sorrow awaits you Pharisees! For you love to sit in the seats of honor in the synagogues and receive respectful greetings as you walk in the marketplaces.

**44** Yes, what sorrow awaits you! For you are like hidden graves in a field. People walk over them without knowing the corruption they are stepping on.”

**45** “Teacher,” said an expert in religious law, “you have insulted us, too, in what you just said.”

**46** “Yes,” said Jesus, “what sorrow also awaits you experts in religious law! For you crush people with unbearable religious demands, and you never lift a finger to ease the burden.

**47** What sorrow awaits you! For you build monuments for the prophets your own ancestors killed long ago.

**48** But in fact, you stand as witnesses who agree with what your ancestors did. They killed the prophets, and you join in their crime by building the monuments!

**49** This is what God in his wisdom said about you: ‘I will send prophets and apostles to them, but they will kill some and persecute the others.’

**50** “As a result, this generation will be held responsible for the murder of all God’s prophets from the creation of the world—

**51** from the murder of Abel to the murder of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, it will certainly be charged against this generation.

**52** “What sorrow awaits you experts in religious law! For you remove the key to knowledge from the people. You don’t enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering.”

**53** As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees became hostile and tried to provoke him with many questions.

**54** They wanted to trap him into saying something they could use against him.

**12 1** Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, “Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy.

**2** The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

**3** Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear!

**4** “Dear friends, don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that.

**5** But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he’s the one to fear.

**6** “What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins ? Yet God does not forget a single one of them.

**7** And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.