

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 4

¹ 'And now, O Israel, hear the statutes and judgments, *hear* all that I teach you this day to do, that you may live, and be multiplied, and that you may go in and inherit the land, which the Lord God of your fathers gives to you. ² You shall not add to the word which I command you, and you shall not take from it: keep the commandments of the Lord our God, all that I command you this day. ³ Your eyes have seen all that the Lord our God did in Baal Peor; for every man that went after Baal of Peor, the Lord your God has utterly destroyed him from among you. ⁴ But you that kept close to the Lord your God are all alive this day. ⁵ Behold, I have shown you the statutes and judgments as the Lord has commanded me, that you should do so in the land into which you go, to inherit it. ⁶ And you shall keep and do them: for this is your wisdom and understanding before all nations, as many as shall hear all these ordinances; and they shall say, 'Behold, this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. ⁷ For what manner of nation *is* so great, which has God so near to them as the Lord our God *is* in all things in whatsoever we may call upon Him? ⁸ And what manner of nation *is* so great, which has righteous statutes and judgments according to all this law, which I set before you this day?'

⁹ 'Take heed to yourself, and guard your heart diligently: forget not any of the things, which your eyes have seen, and let them not depart from your heart all the days of your life; and you shall teach your sons and your sons' sons, ¹⁰ *even the things that happened in* the day in which you stood before the Lord our God in Horeb in the day of the assembly; for the Lord said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days which they live upon the earth, and they shall teach their sons.'¹¹ And you drew near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire up to heaven: *there was* darkness, blackness, *and a* tempest. ¹² And the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire a voice of words, which you heard: and you saw no likeness, *only you heard* a voice. ¹³ And He declared to you His covenant, which He commanded you to keep, even the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. ¹⁴ And the Lord commanded me at that time, to teach you statutes and judgments, that you should do them on the land, into which you go to inherit it.

¹⁵ 'And take careful heed to your hearts, for you saw no form in the day in which the Lord spoke to you in Horeb in the mountain, out of the midst of the fire; ¹⁶ lest you transgress, and make to yourselves a carved image, any kind of figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ the likeness of any beast of those that are on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird which flies under heaven, ¹⁸ the likeness of any reptile which creeps on the earth, the likeness of any fish of those which are in the waters under the earth; ¹⁹ and lest having looked up to the sky, and having seen the sun and the moon and the stars, and all the heavenly bodies, you should go astray and worship them, and serve them, which the Lord your God has distributed to all the nations under heaven. ²⁰ But God took you, and led you forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to Him a people of inheritance, as it is this day. ²¹ And the Lord God was angry with me for the things which you said, and swore that I would not go over

this Jordan, and that I would not enter into the land, which the Lord your God has given to you for an inheritance. ²² For I am to die in this land, and shall not pass over this Jordan; but you are to pass over, and shall inherit this good land. ²³ Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord our God, which He made with you, and you transgress, and make to yourselves a graven image of any of the things concerning which the Lord your God has commanded you. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. ²⁵ And when you have begotten sons and grandsons, and you have dwelt a long time on the land, and have transgressed, and made a graven image of any kind, and have done wickedly before the Lord your God to provoke Him; ²⁶ I call heaven and earth this day to witness against you, that you shall surely perish from off the land, into which you go across the Jordan to inherit it; you shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall be utterly cut off. ²⁷ And the Lord shall scatter you among all nations, and you shall be left few in number among all the nations, among which the Lord shall bring you. ²⁸ And there you shall serve other gods, the works of the hands of men, of wood and stone, which cannot see, nor can they hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹ And there you shall seek the Lord your God, and you shall find Him whenever you shall seek Him with all your heart, and with all your soul in your affliction. ³⁰ And all these things shall come upon you in the last days, and you shall turn to the Lord your God, and shall hearken to His voice. ³¹ Because the Lord your God *is* a merciful God; He will not forsake you, nor destroy you; He will not forget the covenant of your fathers, which the Lord has sworn to them.

³² 'Ask of the former days which were before you, from the day when God created man upon the earth; from one end of heaven to the other, if such a great event as this has ever transpired; if such a thing has ever been heard; ³³ if a nation has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and have lived! ³⁴ Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation out of the midst of *another* nation by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great sights, according to all the things which the Lord our God did in Egypt in your sight? ³⁵ So that you should know that the Lord your God, He is God, and there is none beside Him. ³⁶ His voice was made audible from heaven to instruct you, and He showed you His great fire upon the earth, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ Because He loved your fathers, He also has chosen you, their seed after them, and He Himself brought you out of Egypt by His great strength, ³⁸ to destroy nations greater and stronger than you before your face, to bring you in, to give you their land to inherit, as you have this day. ³⁹ And you shall know this day, and shall consider in your heart, that the Lord your God, He *is* God in heaven above, and on earth below, and there is no one else besides Him. ⁴⁰ Therefore you shall keep His commandments and His statutes, all that I command you this day; that it may be well with you, and with your sons after you, that you may live long upon the earth, which the Lord your God is giving you forever.'

⁴¹ Then Moses separated three cities beyond the Jordan on the east, ⁴² that the manslayer might flee there, *one* who has killed his neighbor unintentionally, and should not have hated him in times past, and he shall flee to one of these cities and live: ⁴³ Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country of Reuben, and

Ramoth in Gilead *belonging to Gad*, and Golan in Bashan *belonging to Manasseh*.

⁴⁴ This *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. ⁴⁵ These *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt, ⁴⁶ on the other side of the Jordan, in the valley near Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel killed when they came out of the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷ And they inherited his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan towards the east, ⁴⁸ from Ar, which is on the border of the brook Arnon, even to Mount Zion, which is Hermon. ⁴⁹ All the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward under Asedoth hewn in the rock.