

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 7

¹ “And when the Lord your God shall bring you into the land into which you go, to possess it, and shall remove great nations from before you, the Hittite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations *more* numerous and stronger than you, ² and the Lord your God shall deliver them into your hands, then you shall strike them; you shall utterly destroy them: you shall not make a covenant with them, neither shall you pity them; ³ neither shall you contract marriages with them; you shall not give your daughter to his son, and you shall not take his daughter to your son. ⁴ For he will draw away your son from Me, and he will serve other gods; and the Lord will be very angry with you, and will soon utterly destroy you. ⁵ But thus shall you do to them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their pillars, and cut down their groves, and you shall burn with fire the graven images of their gods.

⁶ “For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; and the Lord your God chose you to be to Him a peculiar people beyond all nations that *are* upon the face of the earth. ⁷ It is not because you are more numerous than all *other* nations that the Lord has preferred you, and the Lord has chosen you: for you are fewer in number than all *other* nations. ⁸ But because the Lord has loved you, and He is keeping the oath which He swore to your fathers; the Lord has brought you out with a strong hand, and the Lord has redeemed you from the house of bondage, out of the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ You shall know therefore, that the Lord your God, He *is* God, a faithful God, who keeps *His* covenant and mercy for them that love Him, and for those that keep His commandments to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and who repays those that hate Him to their face, to utterly destroy them; and will not be slack with them that hate Him; He will repay them to their face. ¹¹ Therefore you shall keep the commands and the statutes and these judgments, which I command you this day to do.

¹² “And it shall come to pass when you shall have heard these statutes, and have kept and done them, that the Lord your God shall keep for you the covenant and the mercy, which He swore to your fathers. ¹³ And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; and He will bless the offspring of your body, and the fruit of your land, your grain, your wine, your oil, your herds of oxen, and the flocks of your sheep, on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to give to you. ¹⁴ You shall be blessed beyond all *other* nations; there shall not be among you an impotent or barren one, or among your livestock. ¹⁵ And the Lord your God shall remove all sickness from you; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you have seen, and all that you have known, will He lay upon you; but He will lay them upon all those that hate you. ¹⁶ And you shall eat all the spoils of the nations which the Lord your God gives to you; your eye shall not spare them, and you shall not serve their gods; for this is an offense to you.

¹⁷ “But if you should say in your heart, ‘This nation *is* greater than I, how shall I be able to destroy them utterly?’ ¹⁸ You shall not fear them; you shall surely remember all that the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all the Egyptians; ¹⁹ the great trials which your eyes have seen, those signs and great wonders, the strong hand and the outstretched arm; how the Lord your God brought you forth: so the Lord your God will do to all the nations, whom you fear in their presence. ²⁰ And the Lord your God shall send against

them the hornets, until those that are left and those that are hidden from you are utterly destroyed. ²¹ You shall not be wounded before them, because the Lord your God in the midst of you *is* a great and powerful God. ²² And the Lord your God shall consume these nations before you by little and little: you shall not be able to consume them speedily, lest the land become desert, and the wild beasts of the field be multiplied against you. ²³ And the Lord your God shall deliver them into your hands, and you shall destroy them with a great destruction, until you have utterly destroyed them. ²⁴ And He shall deliver their kings into your hands, and you shall destroy their name from that place; none shall stand up in opposition before you, until you have utterly destroyed them. ²⁵ You shall burn with fire the graven images of their gods: you shall not covet *their* silver, neither shall you take to yourself gold from them, lest you be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the Lord your God. ²⁶ And you shall not bring an abomination into your house, so should you be an accursed thing like it; you shall utterly detest it, and altogether abominate it, because it is an accursed thing.