

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 28

¹ "And it shall come to pass, *that* if you will indeed hear the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and do all these commandments which I charge you this day, that the Lord your God shall set you on high above all the nations of the earth; ² and all these blessings shall come upon you, and shall find you. If you will indeed hear the voice of the Lord your God, ³ blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. ⁴ Blessed shall be the offspring of your body, and the fruits of your land, and the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep. ⁵ Blessed shall be your barns, and your stores. ⁶ Blessed shall you be in your coming in, and blessed shall you be in your going out.

⁷ "The Lord shall cause your enemies that rise against you to be utterly broken before your face—they shall come out against you one way, and they shall flee seven ways from before you. ⁸ The Lord shall send upon you His blessing in your barns, and on all on which you shall put your hand, in the land which the Lord your God gives you. ⁹ The Lord shall raise you up as a holy people unto Himself, as He swore to your fathers; if you will hear the voice of the Lord your God, and walk in all His ways. ¹⁰ And all the nations of the earth shall see you, that the name of the Lord is called upon you, and they shall stand in awe of you. ¹¹ And the Lord your God shall multiply you for good in the offspring of your body, and in the offspring of your livestock, and in the fruits of your land, on your land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to you. ¹² May the Lord open to you His good treasure *from out of* the heavens, to give rain to your land in season; may He bless all the works of your hands. So shall you lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you. ¹³ The Lord your God shall make you the head, and not the tail; and you shall then be above and you shall not be below, if you will obey the voice of the Lord your God, in all things that I command you this day to observe. ¹⁴ You shall not turn aside from any of the commandments, which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods, to serve them.

¹⁵ "But it shall come to pass, if you will not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe all His commandments, as many as I command you this day, then all these curses shall come on you, and overtake you. ¹⁶ Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. ¹⁷ Cursed shall be your barns and your stores. ¹⁸ Cursed shall be the offspring of your body, and the fruits of your land, the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep. ¹⁹ Cursed shall you be in your coming in, and cursed shall you be in your going out.

²⁰ "The Lord shall send upon you *various* needs, and famine, and consumption of all things on which you shall put your hand, until He has utterly destroyed you, and until He has consumed you quickly because of your evil deeds, because you have forsaken Him. ²¹ The Lord shall cause the pestilence to cleave to you, until He has consumed you off the land into which you go to inherit it. ²² The Lord will strike you with distress, and fever, and cold, and inflammation, and blighting, and paleness, and they shall pursue you until they have destroyed you. ²³ And you shall have over your head a sky of brass, and the earth under you shall be iron. ²⁴ The Lord your God shall make the rain of your land dust; and dust shall come down from heaven, until it has destroyed you,

and until it has quickly consumed you. ²⁵ The Lord shall give you up for slaughter before your enemies; you shall go out against them one way, and flee from their face seven ways; and you shall be a dispersion in all the kingdoms of the earth. ²⁶ And your dead men shall be food to the birds of the sky, and to the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to scare them away. ²⁷ The Lord shall strike you with the botch of Egypt in the seat, and with a malignant scab, and itch, so that you can not be healed. ²⁸ The Lord shall strike you with insanity, and blindness, and astonishment of mind. ²⁹ And you shall grope at midday, as a blind man gropes in the darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways; and then you shall be unjustly treated, and plundered continually, and there shall be no helper. ³⁰ You shall take a wife, and another man shall have her; you shall build a house, and you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, and shall not gather the grapes of it. ³¹ Your calf *shall be* slain before you, and you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from you, and shall not be restored to you: your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no helper. ³² Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another nation, and your eyes, wasting away, shall look for them; your hand shall have no strength. ³³ A nation which you know not shall eat the produce of your land, and all your labors; and you shall be perpetually injured and crushed. ³⁴ And you shall be distracted, because of the sights of your eyes which you shall see. ³⁵ The Lord shall strike you with an evil sore, on the knees and the legs, so that you shall not be able to be healed from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. ³⁶ The Lord shall carry away you and your princes, whom you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers know; and there shall you serve other gods, *of wood and stone*. ³⁷ And there shall you be a wonder and a parable, and a tale, among all the nations, to which the Lord your God shall carry you away. ³⁸ You shall carry forth much seed into the field, and you shall bring in little, because the locust shall devour it. ³⁹ You shall plant a vineyard, and dress it, and shall not drink the wine, neither shall you delight yourself with it, because the worm shall devour it. ⁴⁰ You shall have olive trees in all your borders, and you shall not anoint yourself with oil, because your olive shall utterly cast *its fruit*. ⁴¹ You shall beget sons and daughters, and they shall not be *yours*, for they shall depart into captivity. ⁴² All your trees and the fruits of your land shall the blight consume. ⁴³ The stranger that is within you shall be lifted up, and you shall be brought down very low. ⁴⁴ He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

⁴⁵ "And all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you, and shall overtake you, until He has consumed you, and until He has destroyed you, because you did not listen to the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He has commanded you. ⁴⁶ And *these things* shall be signs for you, and wonders among your seed forever; ⁴⁷ because you did not serve the Lord your God with gladness and a good heart, because of the abundance of all things. ⁴⁸ And you shall serve your enemies, which the Lord will send forth against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the desire of all things; and you shall wear upon your neck a yoke of iron until He has destroyed you. ⁴⁹ The Lord shall bring upon you a nation from the extremity of the earth, like the swift flying of an eagle, a nation whose voice you shall not understand; ⁵⁰ a nation bold in countenance, which shall not respect the person

of the aged and shall not pity the young. ⁵¹ And it shall eat up the young of your livestock, and the fruits of your land, so as not to leave to you grain, wine, oil, the herds of your oxen, and the flocks of your sheep, until it has destroyed you; ⁵² and has utterly crushed you in your cities, until the high and strong walls be destroyed in which you trusted, in all your land; and it shall afflict you in your cities, which He has given to you. ⁵³ And you shall eat the fruit of your body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, all that He has given you, in your desperate straits and your affliction, with which your enemy shall afflict you. ⁵⁴ He that is tender and very delicate within you shall look with an evil eye upon his brother, and the wife in his bosom, and the children that are left, which may have been left to him; ⁵⁵ so as *not* to give to one of them of the flesh of his children, whom he shall eat, because of his having nothing left him in your desperate straits, and in your affliction, with which your enemies shall afflict you in all your cities. ⁵⁶ And she that is tender and delicate among you, whose foot has not ventured to go upon the earth for delicacy and tenderness, shall look with an evil eye on her husband in her bosom, and her son and her daughter, ⁵⁷ and her offspring that comes out between her feet, and the child which she shall bear; for she shall eat them because of the needs of all things, secretly in your desperate straits, and in your affliction, with which your enemy shall afflict you in your cities.

⁵⁸ "If you are not careful to keep all the words of this law, which have been written in this book, to fear this glorious and wonderful name, THE LORD YOUR GOD; ⁵⁹ then shall the Lord magnify your plagues, and the plagues of your seed, great and wonderful plagues, and evil and abiding diseases. ⁶⁰ And He shall bring upon you all the evil pain of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cleave to you. ⁶¹ And the Lord shall bring upon you every sickness, and every plague that is not written, and everyone that is written in the book of this law, until He has destroyed you. ⁶² And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of the sky in multitude; because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God. ⁶³ And it shall come to pass that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you; and you shall be quickly removed from the land, into which you go to inherit it.

⁶⁴ "And the Lord your God shall scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other; and there you shall serve other gods *of* wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. ⁶⁵ Moreover among those nations He will not give you quiet, neither by any means shall the sole of your foot have rest; and the Lord shall give you there another and a misgiving heart, and failing eyes, and a wasting soul. ⁶⁶ And your life shall be in suspense before your eyes, and you shall be afraid by day and by night, and you shall have no assurance of your life. ⁶⁷ In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were evening!' And in the evening you shall say, 'If only it were morning!' For the fear of your heart with which you shall fear, and for the sights of your eyes which you shall see. ⁶⁸ And the Lord shall bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said, 'You shall not see it again'; and you shall be sold there to your enemies as male and female slaves, and no one shall buy you."