

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 Dec Num 1:1-8:26 Stay True to Your Commitments
- 2) 11 Dec Num 9:1-10:10 Stay on Track with God's GPS
- 3) 18 Dec Num 10:11-15:41 Stay Fearless in Your Obedience
- 4) 25 Dec Num 24:15-19; Mat 1:1-2:23 The Messiah has Come
- 5) 01 Jan 2012 Num 16:1-25:18 Stay Grateful for God's Care
- 6) 08 Jan Num 26:1-36:13 Stay Focused on the Goal
- 7) 15 Jan Deut 5;19;24; Mat 5 Be Resolute about Life's value
- 8) 22 Jan Deut 1:1-4:43 Be Exclusive
- 9) 29 Jan Deut 4:44-11:32 **Be Passionate**
- 10) 05 Feb Deut 12:1-16:17 Be Different
- 11) 12 Feb Deut 16:18-26:19 Be Honest and Fair
- 12) 19 Feb Deut 27:1-30:20 Be Repentant
- 13) 26 Feb Deut 31:1-34:12 Be Positive

INTRODUCTION

- How do we handle the tough moments and decisions in life?
 - ♦ With abandoned recklessness? With fear and trepidation? Or with thoughtful and prayerful confidence?

Passage	Comments
Deut 4:44-49	The Land of Og Now Belongs to Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuben, Gad and ½ tribe of Manasseh inherit the land east of Israel after Israel slaughtered Og & Amorites
5:1-33	Keeping 10 Commandments Yields Abundant Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are general blessings we receive from obeying God's laws – peace with others and peace with God • vv12-15. "God has commanded you (Jews) to keep the Sabbath day" because God brought them out of Egypt • vv32-33. There are very specific blessings for Israel due to God's unique covenant with them – "Live, prosper, and have a long life in the Promised Land"
6:1-25	The Greatest Commandment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3. God wanted the Israelites to prosper and multiply greatly in a land flowing with abundance • v4. "Love God with all your heart, soul and strength" - this passage is scattered throughout Deuteronomy (4:29; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 30:6), in Josh 22:5; and in the Gospels (Mat 22:37; Mark 12:30; and Luke 10:27) • v7. "Teach them to your children" – The days of miracles were gone. The old generation had to convey to the younger kids – Remember what God did in the past – God is the same today – we live to obey
7:1-6	How do we Deal with God-ordained Genocide? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God commanded Israel to wipe out the inhabitants of the land completely – men, women, children, & animals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v2. "Show no mercy, and make no treaty" – in other words, no exceptions, no compromise, no prisoners ♦ BUT WHY? "...because they will turn you away from God to worship other gods, then God will have to destroy you" ♦ Ultimately, a society without godly morals spirals downhill over time into adultery, immorality, murder, incest, child sacrifice, homosexuality, bestiality ♦ The only cure for unrepentant behavior is destruction • v6. "God has chosen Israel to be His possession"
7:7-15	Process of Receiving God's Blessings for Us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v12. God initiates something, we respond, God saves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God chose Israel, Israel chooses to obey, God saves - James 4:8 – God sent Christ, we are to draw near to Him (accept/repent), and He will (save) draw near to us • vv13-15a. If they obey Israel will be blessed beyond measure – in prosperity and progeny <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No sickness or poverty in the Land (Millennium)

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7:16-26	But First Things First – Eliminate the Wicked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v16. Again, show no pity, no compromise, no exception • v22. God works at His pace. God will drive out the wicked a little at a time less something worse creeps in • v26. We are to hate sin as God hates sin
8:1-20	Godly Testing Produces Rewards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv2-4. God put Israel in the desert for 40 years and let them be hungry & thirst to test & see what was in their heart (God knew what was in their heart) • Israel needed to learn that man does not live on bread alone..... Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4 • vv11-14. When God blesses, people forget Him... Why? • vv16. The real purpose for testing – to make us better, not bitter • vv20. If Israel fails to obey they will perish horribly
9:1-29	Being Stiff-Necked Brings Grief, Delivers Nothing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. The real reason for annihilating 7 nations was due to their wickedness • v6. God knows the real heart of Israel – 'stiff-necked' • v9. Moses' possible supernatural fast of 80 days • vv19-20. The Power of Intercessory Prayer. Moses prayed for God not to destroy Israel or Aaron, and God honored that prayer. If by chance, God did wipe out Israel and restarted with Moses, God is sovereign enough to still accomplish His will for mankind
10:1-22	God Has Compassion on the Weak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv3-4. Moses cut the 2 stone tabletssee Deut 4:13; 9:10 • God looks after widows, orphans, strangers/foreigners, in other words the weaker members of society – and so should we, assuming they are not wicked – for God shows no pity on wicked widows and orphans.... Is 9:17
11:1-32	Obedience Yields Blessing; Disobedience - Cursing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv13-17. If Israel obeys God, the right amount of rain and sunshine will produce great harvests. If Israel forsakes God, then drought and famine will come

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We are not under the OT law as the Jews were, but there are timeless applications, commands and principles we should live by to receive God's blessings and guidance – beginning with forsaking godless pursuits and putting God first in our lives

NEXT WEEK:

Deuteronomy 12-16. More diverse commands – where to worship; how to handle false prophets; foods to avoid; tithing; canceling debt; lending to the poor; releasing slaves; appointing judges and officials

