

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

03-12-2023 // WEEK 10 NOTES

This past week, you've finished **Deuteronomy 17 - Joshua 4**. Here are a few highlights:

- **Deuteronomy 17-18:** Rightful worship is outlined. More laws about justice. "When" a king is put in place, a reminder that he should not: 1) buy horses from Egypt (their dependence should be on the Lord), 2) not amass many foreign wives (they will bring idolatry), and 3) the king should not get a lot of gold and silver. **Money, sex, and power: always the unholy trinity.** It is what causes a person/king to fall. Solomon is the example of falling prey to all these temptations. The reason for the laws of extermination: the "abominable" practices of the Cannanites. **Verses 15-19:** the promised Prophet (said to be Jesus in the NT).
- **Chapter 19-25:** Different laws for different situations. Observe how God continually wanted laws to be obeyed that would produce a HOLY people.
- **Chapter 26:** More instructions about the tithe/firstfruits. God never wanted them to forget all he had done for them and to place him first in their lives.
- **Chapters 27-28:** Fascinating chapters to read. God instructs Moses to divide the people on two mountains: Ebal and Gerizin. They shout back to one another the curses that will come in disobedience (**Chapters 27 and 28**) and the blessings that will come in obedience (**Chapters 28**). By the way: they did disobey and all these curses did come upon them several centuries later.
- **Chapter 29:** The covenant is renewed. Warnings about serving other gods. The curses will come – especially the one about being uprooted from the land and dispersed among the nations. **Notice too** that this book was written down: **verse 21. VERY IMPORTANT.** The Torah/Pentateuch (the first five books) along with Deuteronomy were written down by Moses.
- **Chapter 30:** But God promised to forgive and restore them to the **LAND** in the future. That happened as well.
- **Chapter 31:** Joshua is to succeed Moses. God's commands him not to be afraid or dread (repeated in **Joshua 1**). God will be with him.

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- **Chapter 32:** The song of Moses. It is intended to be memorized. A constant reminder to the Israelites that God will be faithful to them as he has been in the past. Many of these promises are for us as well. This chapter is a good one to read repeatedly. Its instructions are powerful for all our situations. For example, look at **verses 35/41**: reminders that vengeance is God's – repeated in **Romans 12:19** and **Hebrews 10:35**. Here you see a direct connection between OT and NT teachings.
- **Chapter 33:** Moses pronounces a blessing on each tribe as they ready themselves to enter the Promised Land. This is much like Jacob did with each son in **Genesis 49**.
- **Chapter 34:** Moses's death. God is the one who buries him. No one knows where his grave is because God doesn't want us to worship sites, but God himself. He was 120 years old. We see the years of life creeping downward.

As you begin to read Joshua, this is a full return to Israel's history and, indeed, begins the next division of the Bible: from the **Torah/Pentateuch** (first five books) now to the **Historical Books** (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Kings and Chronicles). This is purely Israel's history in the Promised Land. Read it as such. See how it was established. And also see how the disobedience occurred and the curses promised in Deuteronomy did occur. Also, remember that Moses passed the baton to Joshua to enter the Promised Land.

- **Joshua Chapter 1:** The baton is passed. Joshua is told by God to be strong and courageous (four times in this chapter alone) and never be dismayed or discouraged. **For the Lord God is WITH him – the Bible's consistent antidote to fear.**
- **Chapter 2:** Rahab the harlot works with two spies on the conquering of Jericho. Her faith ultimately allowed her to be absorbed into Israel's community – both her and her family. She is listed in the lineage of Jesus! God can and will accept anyone who walks in faith.
- **Chapter 3:** Israel crosses the Jordan – a supernatural act of God to dry it up. Much like the Red Sea. Another miracle from God to remind the Israelites that he is **with** them – the Bible's antidote to fear.
- **Chapter 4:** 12 memorial stones are gathered from the Jordan and made into a monument. We all need reminders of ways God has come through for us. Make sure you have them as well!