

*The LORD = Yahweh (Jehovah)**God = El / Elohim**Most High God = El Elyon**God Almighty = El Shaddai***"God's Treasured Possession!"**

The Book of Deuteronomy

- Old Israel and New Israel = The Church

**Date: 5-7-17 Study: #26 Text: Chapter 28:35-68****Lesson 26 for us: "Joyfulness and gladness of heart?"**

(35) **The Lord** will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. (36) "**The Lord** will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. (37) And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where **the Lord** will lead you away. (38) You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it. (39) You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. (40) You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off. (41) You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity. (42) The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground. (43) The sojourner who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. (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) "All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey **the voice of the Lord your God**, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. (46) They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. (47) Because you did not serve **the Lord your God** with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,

(48) Therefore you shall serve your enemies whom **the Lord** will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. (49) **The Lord** will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, (50) a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young. (51) It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; it also shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish. (52) "They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which **the Lord your God** has given you.

*Note: Warning! Horrifying, gruesome results that are unmentionable: (vv.53-57)*

(58) "If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear **this glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God**,

(59) then **the Lord** will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. (60) And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. (61) Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, **the Lord** will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

(62) Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not **obey the voice of the Lord your God**.

(63) And as **the Lord** took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so **the Lord** will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. (64) "And **the Lord** will scatter you among all peoples, 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) And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but **the Lord** will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. (66) Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life. (67) In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were evening!' and at evening you shall say, 'If only it were morning!' because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see. (68) And **the Lord** will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

**B. Study Notes:**

1. These curses would come true when the Assyrians took them over (722-721 B.C.) and the Babylonians (586 B.C.) (**1 Kings 17:6; 25:21; 2 Kings 6:24-29; Lam 2:20; 4:10**)
2. **“The glorious and awesome name, the Lord your God”** (v. 58)  
 “I am, who I am!” - **YAHWEH = LORD; ELOHIM = GOD**  
**(Ex 3:13-15; 6:2,3; Josh 7:9; Ps 48:10; 106:8; Jer 14:21;**  
**Jn 8:58; Heb 13:8; Rev 1:8; 4:8)**
3. **“You did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart”** (v. 47)  
**(Lev 23:40; Ps 51:8; Ps 100; Acts 2:25-28; Gal 5:22-26; Heb 1:8-12)**

### **THE LARGE CATECHSIM – CLOSE OF THE COMMANDMENTS:**

<sup>320</sup> *“I the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; but to those who love me and keep my commandments, I show mercy unto a thousand generations.”*

<sup>321</sup> Although primarily attached to the First Commandment, as we heard above, this appendix was intended to apply to all the commandments, and all of them as a whole ought to be referred and directed to it. For this reason I said that we should keep it before the young and insist that they learn and remember it so that we may see why we are constrained and compelled to keep these Ten Commandments. This appendix ought to be regarded as attached to each individual commandment, penetrating and pervading them all.

<sup>322</sup> Now, as we said before, these words contain both a wrathful threat and a friendly promise, not only to terrify and warn us but also to attract and allure us. These words, therefore, ought to be received and esteemed as a serious matter to God because he himself here declares how important the commandments are to him and how strictly he will watch over them, fearfully and terribly punishing all who despise and transgress his commandments; and again, how richly he will reward, bless, and bestow all good things on those who prize them and gladly act and live in accordance with them.

<sup>323</sup> Thus he demands that all our actions proceed from a heart that fears and regards God alone and, because of this fear, avoids all that is contrary to his will, lest he be moved to wrath; and, conversely, trusts him alone and for his sake does all that he asks of us, because he shows himself a kind father and offers us every grace and blessing.”

### **C. LIFE APPLICATION:**

How can we daily fear  
 the glorious and awesome name of the Lord our God  
 and also serve the Lord our God  
 with joyfulness and gladness of heart?

