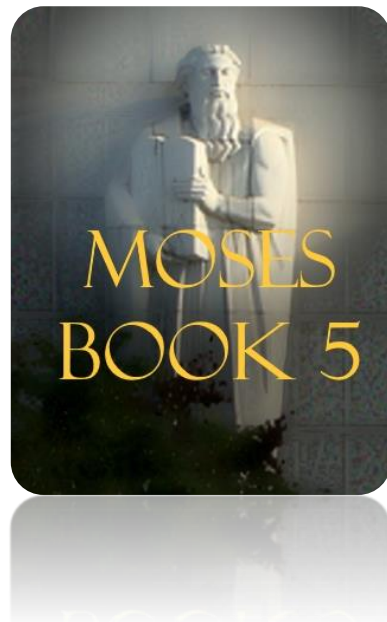


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In previous chapters of Deuteronomy, Moses reminded the people of God... of the 10 commandments that He wrote with His own hand; 10 and no more... which He hoped they would write on their hearts and minds... as well as teach their children; and speak about in their homes and along the way. He was not bringing them to possess a land promised to Abraham years earlier because they were some dominant powerhouse of greats among the nations; they were few in number; they were not more righteous and more upright than their neighbors; they were overly populated with stubborn jackasses at every step they made on their 40-year journey through the wilderness, so much so that the Lord was willing to destroy them and start over with Moses.



³² **Whatever I command you, keep and do / guard to protect,** and **do** (not just think about, but **practice daily**) and looking out for our benefit and wellbeing, we are reminded the Lord gave His people 10 commands, no more, no less; something even children can joyously learn to do... as well as to remind one another what the Lord said:

Love God with all your heart and soul and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself:

The Covenant Renewed in Moab

¹ **These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.**

² **And Moses summoned all Israel, and said to them, You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants, and to all his land;**

³ **the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.**

⁴ **Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive,**
or eyes to see, or ears to hear.

⁵ **I led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.**

⁶ **You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink: that you may know that I am the Lord your God.**

⁷ **And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us to battle, but we defeated them.**

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⁸ We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

⁹ Therefore **keep** the words of this covenant and **do** them, that you prosper in all you **do**.

¹⁰ You stand this day, all of you, before the LORD your God; the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,

¹¹ your little ones, your wives, and the foreigner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water:

¹² so, that you may enter to the sworn covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God makes with you this day:

¹³ that He establish you today as **His people**, and that **He is your God**, as He promised you, as He pledged to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

¹⁴ And **not** with you alone do I make this covenant and this pledge;

¹⁵ but with whoever stands here with us this day before the LORD our God; and also, with whoever is **not** here with us this day / all those who will come from other lands:

¹⁶ (For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which you passed;

¹⁷ And you have seen their detestable things: their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them: / they even knew and probably had seen these disgustingly evil people who burned on their altars their littlest children as offerings to their demonic gods)

¹⁸ Beware lest there is among you a man **or** woman or clan or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of these nations. **Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit;**

¹⁹ one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant,

who blesses himself in his heart / this lover of self rather than lover of God, saying,

I will have peace / who flatters himself in his own eyes with his vain hopes; who congratulates himself, saying all is well with me; who is drunk on himself; and says, I will be safe,

though I walk in the stubbornness / in the vain imagination...of my heart;

beware lest **the drunken destroys the thirsty** / beware because the satiated soul always destroys the thirsty soul; and never the other way around:

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Moses says, beware of this callous hearted, drunken dreamer... entering in the camp...

²⁰ The LORD will **not** forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smolder against that man, and the curses that are written in this book will rest upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.

²¹ And the LORD will separate him from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law:

²² So the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the LORD made it sick --

²³ the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, with nothing sown and nothing grown, and no plant can sprout, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and wrath:

²⁴ all the nations will say, Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?

²⁵ Then people will say, It is because **they abandoned the covenant of the LORD**, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them from the land of Egypt:

²⁶ and they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had **not** known, and whom He had not given to them.

²⁷ So, the anger of the LORD was ignited against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book:

²⁸ and the Lord uprooted them from the land in anger and in fury, and in great wrath, and cast them to another land, as they are this day.

²⁹ **The secret things belong to the LORD our God:**

but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may **do** all the words of this law.

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses

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