

OBSERVATION

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Moses Commands Obedience:

Deu 4:1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you.
Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.
Deu 4:3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.
Deu 4:4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.
Deu 4:5 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess.
Deu 4:6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'
Deu 4:7 "For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him?
Deu 4:8 And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?
Deu 4:9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren.
Deu 4:10 especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'
Deu 4:11 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.
Deu 4:12 And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; you only heard a voice.
Deu 4:13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.

v. 1 End of third chapter, rehearsing their history. In the 4th through 11 chapters, a review of the law to this new generation. This is applicable for us, tremendous instruction for us because we often stand at the edge of things and hesitate to go in! Lord, show me the things that can only be done now and how to move into them!
 So following the recap of their history, Moses say “Now”! O Israel listen (hearken – not just hearting but hearing with understanding and leaning with a heart to obey). He wants their hearts involved!
Statutes - religious principles – sacrifices, etc. lean into these!
Judgments – civil laws relative to our fellowmen.
 That you might go in and inherit the land! It's all a gift of His grace! All the fullness that I want you to live in! In illness; at death's door! To possess those things of His word!
 Not to add or to take away
v.3 – A case in point – Baal Peor – 24,000 died! We can make all kinds of excuses about sexual sin! They entered into idolatry!
v. 4 BUT!! Note the result of holding fast to the Lord!
v. 8 There is nothing like this! The Hammurabi Code doesn't come close! Much of our jurisprudence system today is based on this Judeo-Christian ethic. Our forefathers understood this.
Psa 19:7-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; [8] The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; [9] The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. [10] More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. [11] Moreover by them Your servant is warned. And in keeping them there is great reward.
v. 9 Where there is **great privilege** there is **great responsibility!**
Pro 19:16 He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, But he who is careless of his ways will die. “lest you forget” 3 x - 4:9, 23, 6:12; Exo 20:3; Dt. 5:7 "You shall have no other gods before Me. No other gods, period! What we give most of our time, our passion, our emotion, our life to—is our God! Something I do, instead of Him. But He warns us! Follow My word – you have something nobody else has! Just consider that! Think about that! - more than fine gold!
Don't push God aside, but teach (teaching imparts and reminds us) your children and your grandchildren!
v. 10 God loves us and chastens us!
v. 12 That's hard to communicate this to a generation that hadn't seen that; hadn't been there! A PA system that spoke clearly to 3 million people. He spoke His commandments to them(us) and He wrote them!

Deuteronomy - Jesus' most quoted book in the New Testament – a favorite of His! We looked at many thing in the law in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers, but here as the law is restated, we see a **very interesting part of God and that is His heart.** We see **His great love and passion for His people.** We see Him saying that what He has done, is doing and will do, is because of His great love for His people!
 It's so awesome to see that all things He has given us are because of His great love for us!!
v. 1 Do I come to worship and study God's word, just to hear, **OR to hear and to learn and to do?** To hear and to **be put on fire** to not only hear His word, but to do His word?
v.2 Do I add to or take away from His word? If so, that will result in my not keeping His word! Do you think the Bible is the word of God, or just contains the word of God?
 Not to add or to take away **Acts 8:4 "and when they were scattered, they went everywhere teaching the word"**
1Th 1:5-8 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.
[6] And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. [8] For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place.
2Ti 3:14-17 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, [15] and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2Ti 4:1-2 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: [2] Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
 It will take a heart attitude to keep the word pure!
v. 9 What does **“only take heed (to keep, guard, observe, give heed) to yourself and diligently keep yourself”** mean to you? How practically is that working in your life? Vs. 9,15,19,23
v. 10 Do **you really fear the Lord?** (to fear, revere, be afraid; to stand in awe of, be awed; reverence, honor, respect)

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Deu 4:14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.

Beware of Idolatry:

Deu 4:15 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

Deu 4:16 lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female,

Deu 4:17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air,

Deu 4:18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth.

Deu 4:19 And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.

Deu 4:20 But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.

Deu 4:21 Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.

Deu 4:22 But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land.

Deu 4:23 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you.

Deu 4:24 For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Vs. 15-18 Rom 1:20-26 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, [21] because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Professing to be wise, they became fools, [23] and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. [24] Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, [25] who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. [26] For this reason God gave them up to vile passions.

v. 19 Take heed, against idolatry! Not a prohibition of art. The Tabernacle was filled with images. Don't make any image that you will bow down and worship it!

No problem with astronomy, but no, no to Astrology!

v. 20 “to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.”

Eph 1:18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,**

Mal 3:16-18 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And **the LORD listened and heard them;** So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. [17] **"They shall be Mine,"** says the LORD of hosts, **"On the day that I make them My jewels.** And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." [18] Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Php 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, [14] I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. But in the ages to come, He's going to be teaching us about His mercy and His grace!

v. 21 Moses would later sneak in at the Mount of Transfiguration!

v. 19 Isa 44:14-18. He cuts down cedars for himself. And takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it. [15] Then it shall be for a man to burn, For he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. [16] He burns half of it in the fire; With this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." [17] And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!" [18] **They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, And their hearts, so that they cannot understand.**

v. 20 Did the Lord take you out of an “iron furnace”?

v.24 How would you describe the “consuming (purifying, devouring) fire” of God working in your life? In the past? Now? What about the future?

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INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

Deu 4:25 "When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger,

Deu 4:26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed.

Deu 4:27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

Deu 4:28 And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.

Deu 4:29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 4:30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice

Deu 4:31 (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Deu 4:32 "For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard.

Deu 4:33 Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

Deu 4:34 Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

v. 25 Moses is now taking off the mantle of the lawgiver and he is putting on the mantle of the prophet!

v. 28 At least to Babylon and maybe further! But He raised up Jeremiah in Jerusalem, Ezekiel and Daniel, next to Nebuchadnezzar, in Babylon. He was still a faithful and loving God to them!

Psa 115:4-8 *Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands. [5] They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; [6] They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; [7] They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. [8] Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.*

They can't see! They can't hear!

v. 29 “BUT”. Notice that! **If**, even **from there**! From that place, you seek Him diligently, even in the depths, He will answer you! Manasseh, the worst king in Israel's history

2Ch 33:9-13 *So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. [10] And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen. [11] Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon. [12] Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, [13] and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.*

His grandson, Josiah, had the greatest Passover, Israel had seen!

v. 31 Indeed He is both merciful and is a consuming fire! You can see how every nation that supports Israel is blessed and those that don't are cursed!

v. 33 No! Nothing like this has ever happened before!

v. 29 “But from there”! How encouraging is this promise to you? What has been your experience, when in distress, of seeking the Lord with your whole heart?

v. 31 Verse 24 says He is a consuming fire! Here is says He is a merciful God. Which is correct? Which is He to you?

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Deu 4:35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.
Deu 4:36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.
Deu 4:37 And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power,
Deu 4:38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.
Deu 4:39 Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deu 4:40 You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time.

Cities of Refuge East of the Jordan:

Deu 4:41 Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun,
Deu 4:42 that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live:
Deu 4:43 Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.

Introduction to God's Law

Deu 4:44 Now this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel.
Deu 4:45 These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt,
Deu 4:46 on this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel defeated after they came out of Egypt.
Deu 4:47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun,
Deu 4:48 from Aroer, which is on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion (that is, Hermon),
Deu 4:49 and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah.

INTERPRETATION

vs. 34-36 *He let you hear His voice - He still does that today*, but in a much smaller voice!! However far away heaven is, He can hear us and we can hear Him! Now anything He speaks to you, **will never contradict His word**. That's the main way He speaks to us!

v. 37 *because He loved your fathers -* We haven't heard this before! Not in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus or Numbers! We may not totally understand election, His predestination! But we know that His love is the basis for everything!

Rom 8:31 *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? [33] Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*
v. 40 *The reason why God wants us to take heed is because of His great love for us! So that it might go well with you!!!* That's always God's motive. To prolong your days....We may wrongfully think, I can't have any fun if I follow the Lord and His commandments. Never going to get married; never going to get ahead; can't have any fun!

v. 41-43 Now 3 cities on the east side, tells us now where they will be!

Bezer, - picture of an inaccessible spot

Ramon - to be lifted up to where you're inaccessible

Golan – being taken captive or exile

God has set up these cities so that you are **inaccessible, have been lifted up and are His captive**. You belong to Him

v. 44 Here Moses begins his second sermon

v. 45 The victory showing His faithfulness over two giants once again being rehearsed

APPLICATION

THE LOVE OF GOD - Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

Refrain:

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.*

*Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.
(Refrain)*

v. 37 Do you have any difficulties in relating to the fact that **God's laws, statutes and judgments all come from His compassion and love for you?**

Vs. 41-43 Considering that the three tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh, who have settled for something less, **do you find it encouraging that God provides three cities of refuge on the east side of the Jordan? – it's all about His grace and His mercy!**

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