

Second Mosaic Speech: General Covenant Stipulations – Part 2 (February 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 7–8

Completely Destroy the Sinful Nations of Canaan

7:1 “When Yahweh your God brings you into the land that you *are* about to enter into it to take possession of it, and he drives out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations mightier and more numerous than you,
 2 and Yahweh your God will give them over to you and you defeat them, you must utterly destroy them; you shall not make a covenant with them, and you shall not show mercy to *them*.
 3 And you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughter to their son; and you shall not take his daughter for your son.
 4 For their sons and daughters will cause your son to turn away from following me, and *so* they will serve other gods, and the anger of Yahweh would be kindled against you, and he would quickly destroy you.
 5 But this is what you must do to them: you shall break down their altars, and their stone pillars you shall smash, and their Asherah poles you shall hew down, and you shall burn their idols with fire.
 6 For you *are* a holy people for Yahweh your God; Yahweh your God has chosen you to be for him a people, a treasured possession from *among* all the peoples that *are* on the face of the earth.

Yahweh Chose Israel Out of Love and Faithfulness to His Promise—Therefore, Obey!

7 “Yahweh loved you and chose you not because of your great number exceeding all *other* peoples, for you *are* fewer than all of the peoples,
 8 but because of the love of Yahweh *for* you and because of his keeping *of* the sworn oath that he swore to your ancestors, Yahweh brought you *out* with a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.
 9 *So* know that Yahweh your God, he *is* God, the trustworthy God, maintaining his covenant and his loyal love with those who love him and with those who keep his commandments to a thousand generations,
 10 but repaying those who hate him in their own person to destroy them; he is not slow with those who hate him in their own person; he repays them.
 11 And *so* you shall keep the commandment and the rules and the regulations that I *am* commanding you today to observe them.

Obedience Will Bring Blessing

12 “And then because you listen *to* these regulations and you diligently keep and you do them, then Yahweh your God will maintain his covenant and his loyal love that he swore to your ancestors.
 13 And he will love you, and he will bless you, and he will multiply you, and he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your soil, your grain, your wine, and your olive oil, and *newborn* calves of your cattle, and the *newborn* lambs of your flocks in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.
 14 You shall be blessed more than all of the peoples; among you there shall not be sterility and bareness, even among domestic animals.
 15 And Yahweh will turn away from you all the illness and all the harmful diseases of Egypt that you experienced; he will not lay them on you, but he will lay them on all *of* those who hate you.
 16 And you shall devour all of the peoples *that* Yahweh your God *is* giving to you; you shall not pity them, and you shall not serve their gods, *which* will be a snare for you.

Yahweh Will Give Victory—Do Not Fear the Enemy

17 “If you think in your heart, ‘These nations *are* more numerous than I, so how can I dispossess them?’
 18 *then remember* you must not be afraid of them; you must well remember what Yahweh your God did to Pharaoh and to all *of* Egypt:
 19 the great trials that your eyes saw and the signs and the wonders and the *workings of* the strong hand and the outstretched arm *by* which Yahweh your God brought you out; so Yahweh your God will do to all *of* the peoples because of whom you *are* in fear before them.
 20 And, moreover, Yahweh your God will send the hornets among them until *both* the survivors and the fugitives are destroyed before you.
 21 You must not *be in dread* from the presence of them, because Yahweh your God, *who is* in your midst, *is* a great and awesome God.
 22 And Yahweh your God will clear away these nations from before you little by little; you will not be able to finish them off quickly, lest the wild animals multiply against you.
 23 But Yahweh your God will give them to you, and he will throw them into great panic until they are destroyed.
 24 And he will give their kings into your hand, and you shall blot out their names from under the heaven; anyone will not *be able to* stand against you until you destroy them.
 25 You shall burn the images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet *the* silver or gold *that is* on them, and *so* you take *it* for

yourself, so that you are not ensnared by it, for it *is* a detestable thing to Yahweh your God.

26 And you must not bring a detestable thing into your house, or you will become a thing devoted to destruction like it; you must utterly detest it, and you must utterly abhor it, for it *is an* object devoted to destruction.

Remember How Yahweh Led You—He Humbled and Disciplined You

8:1 “All of the commandments that I *am* commanding you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and multiply, and you may go and take possession of the land that Yahweh swore to your ancestors.

2 And you shall remember all *of* the way that Yahweh your God led you *during* these forty years in the desert in order to humble you and to test you to know what *is* in your heart, whether you would *diligently* keep his commandments or not.

3 And he humbled you and let you go hungry, and *then* he fed you with that which you did not know nor did your ancestors know, in order to make you know that not by bread alone but by all *that* goes out of the mouth of Yahweh humankind shall live. [[Matt 4:1–4](#); [Luke 4:1–4](#)]

4 Your clothing did not wear out on you, and your feet did not swell *during* these forty years.

5 And you should know with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, *so* Yahweh your God *is* disciplining you.

6 So you must keep the commandments of Yahweh your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Be Sure to Praise Yahweh for His Generous Provision

7 For Yahweh your God *is* bringing you to a good land *with* streams of water, springs and underground water, welling up in the valleys and in the hills,

8 *to* a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranate trees, a land of olive trees, olive oil and honey;

9 *to* a land where you may eat food in it without scarcity; you will not find anything lacking in it, a land where its stones *are* iron and from its mountains you can mine copper.

10 And you will eat, and you will be satisfied, and you will bless Yahweh your God because *of* the good land that he has given to you.

Warning—Prosperity Can Lead to Pride

11 “Take care for yourself so that you not forget Yahweh your God *by* not keeping his commandments and his regulations and his statutes that I *am* commanding you today,

12 lest *when* you have eaten and you are satisfied and you have built good houses and you live *in them*,

13 and your herds and your flocks have multiplied, and you have accumulated silver and gold, and all that you have has multiplied,

14 then your heart becomes proud and you forget Yahweh your God, the one who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery,

15 the one leading you in the great and terrible desert *infested* with dangerous snakes and scorpions and parched ground, where there is no water, *and* the one bringing out water for you from flint rock,

16 the one feeding you manna in the desert, *food* that your ancestors did not know, in order to humble you and in order to test you *so that he could* do good to you in the future.

17 And you may think in your heart, ‘My strength and the might of my hand acquired this wealth for me.’

18 But you must remember Yahweh your God, for he *is* the *one* giving you strength to acquire wealth in order to confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors as it is today.

Warning—Disobedience Will Bring Destruction

19 And it will happen *that* if you indeed forget Yahweh your God and you go after other gods and you serve them and you bow down before them, I warn you today that you will surely perish.

20 As *with* the nations that Yahweh *is* destroying before you, so you shall perish because you would not obey the voice of Yahweh your God.

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