

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

### Deuteronomy 7–8

#### **Completely Destroy the Sinful Nations of Canaan**

7:1 When the LORD your God brings you to the land that you are going to occupy and forces out many nations before you—Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and powerful than you—  
2 and he delivers them over to you and you attack them, you must utterly annihilate them. Make no treaty with them and show them no mercy!

3 You must not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,

4 for they will turn your sons away from me to worship other gods. Then the anger of the LORD will erupt against you and he will quickly destroy you.

5 Instead, this is what you must do to them: You must tear down their altars, shatter their sacred pillars, cut down their sacred Asherah poles, and burn up their idols.

6 For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. He has chosen you to be his people, prized above all others on the face of the earth.

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

7 It is not because you were more numerous than all the other peoples that the LORD favored and chose you—for in fact you were the least numerous of all peoples.

8 Rather it is because of his love for you and his faithfulness to the promise he solemnly vowed to your ancestors that the LORD brought you out with great power, redeeming you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 So realize that the LORD your God is the true God, the faithful God who keeps covenant faithfully with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

10 but who pays back those who hate him as they deserve and destroys them. He will not ignore those who hate him but will repay them as they deserve!

11 So keep the commandments, statutes, and ordinances that I today am commanding you to do.

#### **Obedience Will Bring Blessing**

12 If you obey these ordinances and are careful to do them, the LORD your God will faithfully keep covenant with you as he promised your ancestors.

13 He will love and bless you, and make you numerous. He will bless you with many children, with the produce of your soil, your grain, your new wine, your oil, the offspring of your oxen, and the young of your flocks in the land which he promised your ancestors to give you.

14 You will be blessed beyond all peoples; there will be no barrenness among you or your livestock.

15 The LORD will protect you from all sickness, and you will not experience any of the terrible diseases that you knew in Egypt; instead he will inflict them on all those who hate you.

16 You must destroy all the people whom the LORD your God is about to deliver over to you; you must not pity them or worship their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

#### **Yahweh Will Give Victory—Do Not Fear the Enemy**

17 If you think, “These nations are more numerous than I—how can I dispossess them?”

18 you must not fear them. You must carefully recall what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and all Egypt,

19 the great judgments you saw, the signs and wonders, the strength and power by which he brought you out—thus the LORD your God will do to all the people you fear.

20 Furthermore, the LORD your God will release hornets among them until the very last ones who hide from you perish.

21 You must not tremble in their presence, for the LORD your God, who is present among you, is a great and awesome God.

22 He, the God who leads you, will expel the nations little by little. You will not be allowed to destroy them all at once lest the wild animals overrun you.

23 The LORD your God will give them over to you; he will throw them into a great panic until they are destroyed.

24 He will hand over their kings to you and you will erase their very names from memory. Nobody will be able to resist you until you destroy them.

25 You must burn the images of their gods, but do not covet the silver and gold that covers them so much that you take it for yourself and thus become ensnared by it; for it is abhorrent to the LORD your God.

26 You must not bring any abhorrent thing into your house and thereby become an object of divine wrath along with it. You must absolutely detest and abhor it, for it is an object of divine wrath.

#### **Remember How Yahweh Led You—He Humbled and Disciplined You**

8:1 You must keep carefully all these commandments I am giving you today so that you may live, increase in number, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised to your ancestors.

2 Remember the whole way by which he has brought you these forty years through the desert so that he might, by humbling you, test you to see if you have it within you to keep his commandments or not.

3 So he humbled you by making you hungry and then feeding you with unfamiliar manna. He did this to teach you that humankind cannot live by bread alone, but also by everything that comes from the LORD's mouth. [[Matt 4:1–4](#); [Luke 4:1–4](#)]

4 Your clothing did not wear out nor did your feet swell all these forty years.

5 Be keenly aware that just as a parent disciplines his child, the LORD your God disciplines you.

6 So you must keep his commandments, live according to his standards, and revere him.

#### **Be Sure to Praise Yahweh for His Generous Provision**

7 For the LORD your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of brooks, springs, and fountains flowing forth in valleys and hills,

8 a land of wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, and pomegranates, of olive trees and honey,

9 a land where you may eat food in plenty and find no lack of anything, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you can mine copper.

10 You will eat your fill and then praise the LORD your God because of the good land he has given you.

#### **Warning—Prosperity Can Lead to Pride**

11 Be sure you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments, ordinances, and statutes that I am giving you today.

12 When you eat your fill, when you build and occupy good houses,

13 when your cattle and flocks increase, when you have plenty of silver and gold, and when you have abundance of everything,

14 be sure you do not feel self-important and forget the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt, the place of slavery,

15 and who brought you through the great, fearful desert of venomous serpents and scorpions, an arid place with no water. He

made water flow from a flint rock and

16 fed you in the desert with manna (which your ancestors had never before known) so that he might by humbling you test you and eventually bring good to you.

17 Be careful not to say, "My own ability and skill have gotten me this wealth."

18 You must remember the LORD your God, for he is the one who gives ability to get wealth; if you do this he will confirm his covenant that he made by oath to your ancestors, even as he has to this day.

#### **Warning—Disobedience Will Bring Destruction**

19 Now if you forget the LORD your God at all and follow other gods, worshiping and prostrating yourselves before them, I testify to you today that you will surely be annihilated.

20 Just like the nations the LORD is about to destroy from your sight, so he will do to you because you would not obey him.

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