



# Deuteronomy 11

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## Deuteronomy 11.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

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**INTRODUCTION:** this is a continuation of the previous chapter; Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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### DEUTERONOMY 11 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

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- **Deuteronomy 11:1-32** “You shall therefore love the LORD your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. <sup>2</sup> And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, <sup>3</sup> his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, <sup>4</sup> and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD has destroyed them to this day, <sup>5</sup> and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, <sup>6</sup> and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. <sup>7</sup> For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD that he did. <sup>8</sup> “You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, <sup>9</sup> and that you may live long in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables. <sup>11</sup> But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land that the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. <sup>13</sup> “And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup> he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. <sup>15</sup> And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. <sup>16</sup> Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; <sup>17</sup> then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is giving you. <sup>18</sup> “You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup> You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>20</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. <sup>22</sup> For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, <sup>23</sup> then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. <sup>24</sup> Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. <sup>25</sup> No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you. <sup>26</sup> “See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, <sup>28</sup> and

the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.<sup>29</sup> And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.<sup>30</sup> Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oak of Moreh?<sup>31</sup> For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it,<sup>32</sup> you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today.

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### **Moses tells Israel they were to consider the following things**

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- The discipline of the LORD their God, His, greatness, mighty hand, outstretched arm, signs and the deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land.
- What the LORD did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots and how He made the water of the Red Sea flow over Egypt as they pursued after Israel and destroyed Egypt even to this day.
- What the LORD did to Israel in the wilderness, until they came to this place (ready to cross the Jordan).
- What the LORD did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up and every person that followed them in the midst of all Israel.

Dathan a great-grandson of Reuben (Num. 16:1). He, with his brothers, Abiram and Korah, rebelled against Moses (Num. 16:1-15), for which sin they were swallowed by the earth (Num. 16:31-35) see also (Num. 26).

Moses tells the people to consider all these things because they have seen them with their own eyes. He then tells Israel when they enter the Promised Land, they are to love the LORD their God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules and his commandments and serve Him with all their heart and soul, so that they are not deceived and turn aside and serve other gods and worship them. To lay up the words of Moses in their heart and soul and bind them as a sign on their hand and as frontlets between their eyes, to teach the words of Moses to their children and write them on the doorposts of their houses and gates, because if they keep the law of God they would be strong and go in and take possession of the land that they are going over to possess and their days and the days of their children would be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to their fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

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### **Before crossing the River Jordan**

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Moses tells Israel the land is a land flowing with milk and honey, it is not like the land of Egypt, from which they have come, where they sowed their seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables. The land they are about to enter is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by rain from heaven (meaning they won't have to irrigate it), a land that the LORD their God cares for and that His eyes are always upon, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

The LORD will give rain for Israel's land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, the land will produce food, oil and wine they will gather it in abundance, it will give grass in the fields for Israel's livestock and they will eat and be full, but if they do not keep the law the anger of the LORD will be kindled against them, and the LORD will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain and the land will not yield any fruit and they will perish quickly off the good land that the LORD is about to give them.

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## Blessings of keeping the law

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If they keep the law when they cross the River Jordan the LORD will drive out all the nations before them, they will dispossess nations greater and mightier than they are, every place on which the sole of Israel's foot treads would be theirs from the wilderness to Lebanon and from the River Euphrates, to the Western Sea. No one would be able to stand against them, because the LORD would lay the fear of Israel and the dread of them on all their enemies in the land that they tread and would do all He has promised Israel.

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## A blessing and a curse

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Moses tells Israel, today he is setting a blessing and a curse before them, the blessing would come if they obey the commandments of the LORD, but if they do not obey and turn aside from the LORD to go after other gods that they have not known the curse would come.

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## Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal

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Moses tells Israel when they cross the River Jordan and the LORD brings them into the Promised Land, they are to set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal are on the west side of the Jordan River in the Promised Land the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah and to be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that Moses was setting before them that day.

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