



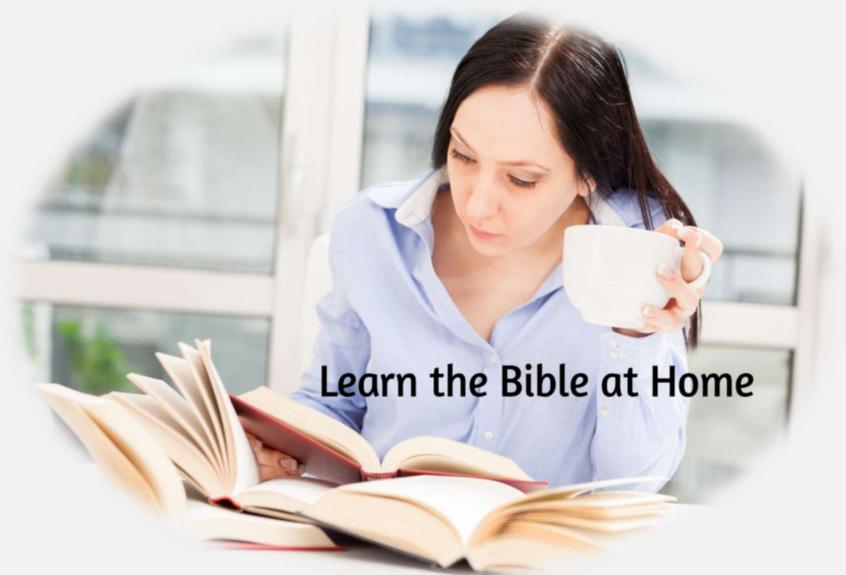
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Deuteronomy 26

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Deuteronomy 26.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

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.

DEUTERONOMY 26 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

- **Deuteronomy 26:1-19** “When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ “And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷ Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹ And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you. ¹² “When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled, ¹³ then you shall say before the LORD your God, ‘I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. ¹⁴ I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. ¹⁵ Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ¹⁶ “This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷ You have declared today that the LORD is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. ¹⁸ And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, ¹⁹ and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised.”

Moses tells Israel that the LORD has declared today that Israel is a people for his treasured possession, as he had promised them.

Laws for when Israel is living in the Promised Land

When Israel is living in the Promised Land they are to take some of the first fruit of the ground that they had harvested from the land to the priest, then put it in a basket and take it to the place that the LORD would choose, for His name to dwell in. Israel was then to go to the priest and say to him, "I declare today to the LORD that we have come into the land that the LORD swore to give us." Then the priest was to take the basket and set it down before the altar of the LORD and say, a wandering Aramean was my father (Jacob) he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. The Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour.

Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression and brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. The LORD brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey, now we bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given us. Then with the basket set down before the LORD Israel was to worship the LORD saying that they would rejoice in all the good that the LORD has given to them, the Levite and the sojourner who is among them.

Laws for the third year, the year of tithing

When Israel had finished paying all the tithe of their produce in the third year (which was the year of tithing) and the tithe was given to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless and the widow, so they could eat within Israel's towns and be filled. Israel was to say before the LORD, they have removed the sacred portion (the tithe portion) out of their house and given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless and the widow and not transgressed any of His commandments or forgotten them. They have not eaten of the tithe while they were mourning, or removed it while they were unclean, or offered any of it to the dead, and have obeyed the voice of the LORD and done according to all that He commanded them. Israel would then ask the LORD their God to look down from His holy habitation, from heaven, and bless His people Israel and the ground that He has given them, as He swore to their fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

NOTICE: all the tithe went to provide for the Levitical priesthood, this is because they served the LORD and were not to own any land or properties and the other portion of the tithe went to provide clothing and food for the poor.

Israel agrees do all the LORD commands

Moses tells Israel they have declared today that the LORD is their God and have agreed to walk in His ways and keep His statutes, commandments, rules and obey His voice with all their heart and with all their soul.

Israel a treasured possession

Moses tells Israel that the LORD has declared today that Israel is a people for his treasured possession, and if they keep all His commandments the

LORD would set them in praise, in fame and in honour high above all nations that he has made, they would be a people holy to the LORD their God, as He promised.

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