



WELCOME TO BIBLE HOUSE OF GRACE

If you think items presented on this site to be in error, please let me know and I will gladly reconsider the content.

Deuteronomy 7

(2019)

Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



Although I believe my aim is pure and God's will perfect this document is still the product of a human man, as to such I neither claim perfect knowledge or perfect understanding.

Deuteronomy 7.

(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 7 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

- **Deuteronomy 7:1-26** “When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, ² and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. ³ You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, ⁴ for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. ⁵ But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire. ⁶ “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. ¹² “And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. ¹³ He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. ¹⁴ You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. ¹⁵ And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. ¹⁶ And you shall consume all the peoples that the LORD your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you. ¹⁷ “If you say in your heart, ‘These nations are greater than I. How can I dispossess them?’ ¹⁸ you shall not be afraid of them but you shall remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, ¹⁹ the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, the wonders, the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, by which the LORD your God brought you out. So will the LORD your God do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid. ²⁰ Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed. ²¹ You shall not be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is in your midst, a great and awesome God. ²² The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you. ²³ But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed. ²⁴ And he will give their kings into your

hand, and you shall make their name perish from under heaven. No one shall be able to stand against you until you have destroyed them.²⁵ The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.²⁶ And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

To encourage Israel not to fear their enemies Moses tells them to:

- Remember the LORD their God promised them that no-one would be able to stand against them, because He is their God a great and awesome God in their midst so they are not to be in dread and fear of their enemies.
- Remember their enemies' silver and gold, are an abomination to the LORD their God.
- Remember the great trials that they suffered and the signs, wonders and mighty miracles that the LORD used to bring them out of Egypt and out of the wilderness.
- Remember what the LORD their God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.

Moses told Israel they are not to:

- Make any covenant with their enemies.
- Intermarry because the woman would turn their sons away from following the LORD, to serve other gods.
- Covet the silver or gold that is on their enemies' body, or take it for themselves.
- Bring any abominable thing into their house.
- Show pity or mercy to their enemies or serve their gods.
- Say or think that the nations in the land are greater than they are and doubt that they can dispossess them?

2

When Israel defeats and captures their enemies they are to:

- Devote them to complete destruction, but not to make an end of all nations at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for Israel to control.
- Break down their altars, dash in pieces their pillars, chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire so that their enemies' name perishes from under heaven.
- Utterly detest and abhor any abominable thing that is devoted to destruction.

Moses warns Israel: if Israel did not follow the LORD'S commands and statutes the anger of the LORD would be kindled against them and He would destroy them quickly.

Seven nations in Canaan

Moses tells Israel the LORD will: fight for them when they enter the Promises Land, little by little He would clear away the following seven nations who are more numerous and mightier than they were.

1. The Hittites.
2. The Girgashites.

3. The Amorites.
4. The Canaanites.
5. The Perizzites.
6. The Hivites.
7. The Jebusites.

Moses tells Israel that the LORD will throw these seven nations into great confusion, until they are destroyed, and send hornets among their enemies until those who are left and hiding themselves are destroyed and all the nations Israel fears the LORD will destroy.

Israel is a unique and special people to the LORD

The LORD says:

- Israel is a special people and a people holy to the LORD.
- Out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth, He has chosen them to be a people for his treasured possession
- He did not choose them or set His love on them because they were more in number of all peoples, neither did He choose them or set His love on them because they were fewest in number of all peoples. He set his love on them and chose them because He loves them and because He is keeping the oath that he swore to their fathers.
- He has redeemed them with a mighty hand and brought them from the house of slavery from the hand of Pharaoh the King of Egypt.
- He is their God and a faithful God, who keeps his covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, but will not be slack with those who hate him, but will repay them to their face.

This applies to Israel, but by extension applies to all who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scriptures tell us that Christ has ascended to the right-hand side of God in heaven and we know that it is through Christ's death and resurrection that we are saved to eternal life and everlasting glory. God the heavenly Father brought to pass our salvation through the sacrifice of his Son and the bloodstained cross of Calvary and in this manner, God has saved us by his mighty hand. God is at this present time delivering sinners from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of his most beloved Son. The Lord Jesus Christ did not lay his life down for the successful, famous, wealthy and rich, but because he loves all people and desires that all would come to him and be saved.

The LORD'S covenant

Moses tells Israel if they keep the LORD'S rules the LORD their God will:

- Keep His Covenant with them that he swore to their fathers and that they renewed at Mount Sinai.
- Keep His steadfast love with them and bless and multiply them.
- Bless the fruit of their womb, the fruit of their ground and their grain, their wine and their oil and increase their herds, the young of their flock and all the produce of Israel's land.
- Bless Israel above all peoples and not cause a male or female to be barren among them or among their livestock.

- Take away all sickness from them and not inflict any of the evil diseases of Egypt (which they have known) upon them.
- Consume all the people the LORD gives over to Israel and lay on them all the evil diseases of Egypt.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

Bible House of Grace