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## Deuteronomy 8

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## Deuteronomy 8.

(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 8 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

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- **Deuteronomy 8:1-20** “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

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### Moses warns Israel

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Moses warns Israel not only to remember the whole way that the LORD their God has led them for forty years in the wilderness and take care that they do not forget Him by not keeping His commandments, His rules and His statutes, but also be careful to keep His laws and to obey the LORD and not serve or worship other gods or they will perish like the nations

that the LORD makes to perish. Moses then encourages Israel by telling them that if they obey the LORD they will multiply and go in and possess the land the LORD swore to give to their fathers.

**NOTICE:** walking in God ways is, fearing the LORD and keeping all His commandments.

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### Dangers of prosperity and wealth.

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Moses is worried when Israel is settled in the Promised Land and in wealth and prosperity, when they have eaten and are full, when they have built wells and houses and live in them, when their herds and flocks, their silver, gold and all that they have is multiplied they will say in their heart, "They have got all this wealth by the power and the might of their own hand."

Moses fears Israel will forget that it was the LORD who: -

- Brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage and slavery.
- Fed them through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions.
- Miraculously gave them water out of the rock where there was no water.
- Fed them in the wilderness with manna that their fathers did not know.
- Caused their foot not to swell and their clothing not to wear out during their forty years of wilderness wanderings.
- Gave them power in the Promised Land to prosper and get wealth so that he could confirm his covenant that he swore to Israel's fathers.

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The LORD tested Israel forty years in the wilderness so that He might humble them, test them to know what was in their heart and to see whether they would keep His commandments or not and He tested them forty years feeding them with manna so that He might test and humble them to do them good in the end and so that they would know that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Moses tells Israel to know in their heart that the LORD disciplines them as a man disciplines his son, meaning in love and for their own good in the end.

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### The Promised Land

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Moses tells Israel that the Promised Land the LORD is bringing them into is a good land of brooks of water, fountains and springs flowing out in the valleys and hills, of wheat and barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive trees and honey in which they will eat bread without scarcity and lack nothing. The stones are of iron and out of the hills they can dig copper, he tells them it is a land in which they will eat and be full that they will be thankful and bless the LORD because He gave it to them.

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