

Deut 4 1-4 Remember – Cowboy Rides Away

Deut 6 5-11 Love – ~~S~~hema Israel

★ Deut 12 12-26 Ten Commandments CONNECTED to Whole Law

Deut 28 27-29 Covenant Blessings & Curses

Deut 30 30 Committed

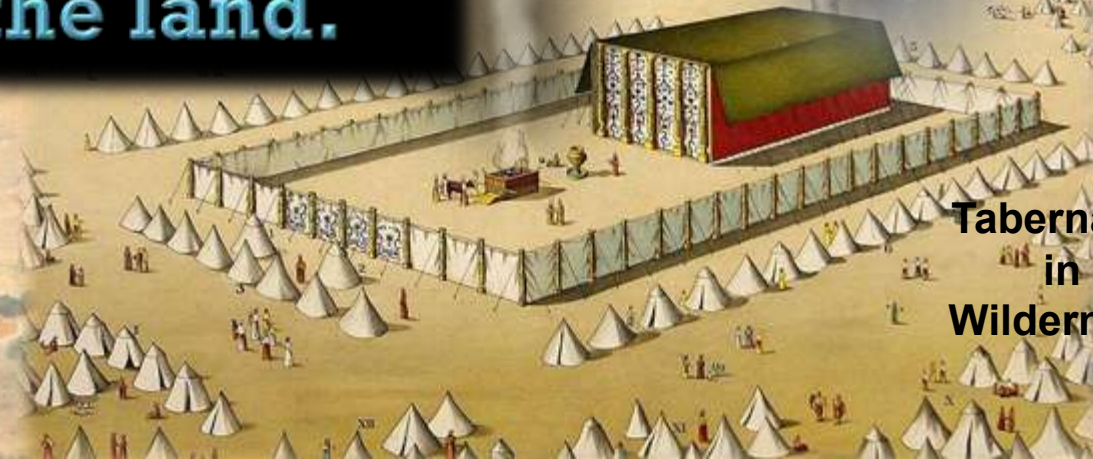
Deut 33 31-34 God's Power

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Deuteronomy 12:1

These are the decrees & laws you must
be **CAREFUL TO FOLLOW** in the land
that the Lord, the God of your ancestors,
has given you to possess—
as long as you live in the land.

View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea



Tabernacle
in
Wilderness



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Deut. 6:4-9 – **Shema Israel Prayer**

Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is ONE.

6:4 FIRST Hebrew WORD is **Shema**
“Hear” or “Hear & Take Action”

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

**Love the LORD your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your strength.**

**These commandments I give you today are to be on your
hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when
you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you
lie down and when you get up.**

**Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your
foreheads. Write them on the DOORFRAMES of your houses
and on your gates.**



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Hear, O Israel:

On the Door Post?

Visit Richard & Sue Shaw's Home

You'll see this by their door

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God,
the Lord is One.
And you shall love
the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,



Plates, 1513-15

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NOW if you visit MY home too



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27–30 3rd Address of Moses on Future Land

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29–30 Final Exhortation

31–34 Final Days of Moses

Remember this common division

Today, we look at Deuteronomy 12-26



J. Vernon McGee divides 5-26 as follows

II. Restating the Law — love & obedience, Chapters 5-26

A. Repetition & Interpretation of Ten Commandments

& Shema Prayer,

Deut 5-7

B. Religious & National Regulations, Deut 8-21

C. Regulations for Domestic &

Personal Relations,

Deut 22-26

Last week, 5-7 – now we survey 11-26

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- ✓ **c. 1225 B.C. under Rames the Great**

**Moses’ Law CODE is one of the earliest in history after a few like
Moses’ “Torah” = Instruction, Law = all 5 books Pentateuch**

Genesis, Exodus, Lev, Num, Deuteronomy



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c. 1754 B.C. Code of Hammurabi
Earliest & most complete coding
Babylonian King Hammurabi, w 282 laws

Code of Hammurabi known for its “**Lex Talionis**”
translated “**Law of Retaliation or Retribution**”
similar **Lex Talionis** in Exodus 21:24, 300 or 500 years later
“**an eye for an eye**” & “**tooth for a tooth**”

Other early	Code of Ur-Nammu of Ur	c. 2100 B.C.
codes:	Code of Lipit-Ishtar of Isin	c. 1934 B.C.
	Laws of Eshnunna	c. 1930 B.C.



Most of Deuteronomy
Most of Moses' 3 messages
have a LOT to do with
KEEPING CLEAN
Following God's Law
How to get "CLEAN" before
God & before offerings
Sometimes we need a
GOOD SCRUBBING



II. Restating the Law — love & obedience, Chapters 5-26

B. Religious & National Regulations, Deut 8-21

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| 1. God's past dealings are assurance for future | Deut 8 |
| 2. God knew Israel — the past was not good | Deut 9 |
| 3. God Sent Israel to Egypt - brought out of Egypt | Deut 10 |
| 4. Promised Land Nt like Egypt; Principle of Occupancy | Deut 11 |
| 5. Israel has Only One Place to Worship in Land | Deut 12 |
| 6. Warning Against & Test of False Prophets, False Gods | Deut 13 |
| 7. Diet for Israel | Deut 14 |
| 8. God's Poverty Program; the Permanent Slave | Deut 15 |
| 9. Three Main Feasts – Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles
all males required to attend | Deut 16 |
| 10. Sundry Laws | Deut 17 |
| 11. Priests & Prophets; Test of True Prophet | Deut 18 |
| 12. Cities of Refuge; Extent of Land & Extremity of Law | Deut 19 |
| 13. Laws Regulating Warfare | Deut 20 |
| 14. Laws on Murder, Marriage, & Delinquent Sons | Deut 21 |

Lot of Laws from Deuteronomy 11-26



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A. Repetition & Interpretation of Ten Commandments, 5-7

B. Religious & National Regulations, Deut 8-21

C. Regulations for Domestic & Personal Relations, Deut 22-26

1. Miscellaneous Laws Concerning Relationships,

Dress, Building, Planting, Marriage Deut 22

2. The World, the Flesh, and the Devil Deut 23

3. Divorce Deut 24

4. Punishment of Guilty (40 stripes)

Law Protecting Widows

Punishment for Crimes

Judgment of Amalek Deut 25

5. First Fruits — Thanksgiving Deut 26

After HEART pleadings to LOVE GOD & gentle nudges in 5-7

WE have Numerous Laws – some touched last week to chap 8-11

Chapter 12-26 cover a TRUCK LOAD of Domestic Laws

Deuteronomy 12 opens with several powerful verses

- 1 These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land.
- 2 DESTROY completely all the places ... mountains ... hills ... under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods.
- 3 BREAK down their altars, SMASH ...
BURN their Asherah poles in the fire;
CUT DOWN the idols of their gods....

Ten Commandments are important—yet Moses does not
does not separate them from chapters 8-26

While the Ten Commandments stand out, which ever version
Moses did NOT distinguish – Moses DOUBLES down on 8-26

That is – Deut 8-26 is **big part of “THE LAW”!**



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Deuteronomy 12 – a preface – a summary for action

4 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.

**5 But you are to seek the place the LORD your God
will choose from among ... to put his Name there**

To that place you must go

**6-7 Explains offerings, tithes, gifts, firstborn of herds
you & families shall eat & rejoice in everything...**

8-14 Moses gives warning to ONLY worship where He says

15-28 Moses gives summary of how eat, more in 13-26

29-31 Moses tells how God will HELP their invasion

31 They burn their sons & daughters in the fire as sacrifices....

12:32 See that you do all I command you;

DO NOT ADD to it or TAKE AWAY from it.

Do we “TAKE AWAY” when we post the Ten Commandments?



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Ten Commandments?

- ✓ Which ever version ... or which version
- ✓ I'm not fighting against classroom posting
- ✓ But there are concerns about STATE-orders
- ✓ Seems to me a GREATER concern is over motives:
like some kind of naïve belief or covert
deception that posting will "Make One Moral"
- ✓ Or is motive as simple as these TEN WE VALUE?
- ✓ Or perhaps, CHRISTIAN dominance by state ORDERS?
- ✓ Why not ORDER "Love God & Love Others"? – *ouch!*

Deuteronomy 8-26 is *blood kin* to 5-7 – so Shema/HEAR
NO ONE here has, IS, WANTS to do 95% of LAW in 8-26



Can't
ORDER
LOVE

Ten Commandments?

Herein—TWO Thought Streams of Relevance Emerge

1. Ten Cs are Connected to WHOLE Law, inseparable
2. Israelites Did NOT then, NOR DO WE TODAY
keep the WHOLE LAW – much is ILLEGAL Today

RELEVANCE – State Orders of the POSTING of Ten Cs ARE
in FACT a *State Endorsement of WHOLE O.T. Law*

- ✓ No One Today WANTS to DO 70% of WHOLE
- ✓ Some of “The Law” is considered EVIL Today
- ✓ “The Law” was Fulfilled in Christ – forever!
- ✓ Height of “The Law” is summed “Love God, Love Others”
- ✓ Israel in 1400 B.C. Did NOT Believe in Freedom of Religion
- ✓ New Testament Desires Willing HEART over Compulsion



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We shall RUN through 13-26 – closing with chapter 26

Deuteronomy 13 – *thus begins MORE LAWS*

13:1 If a prophet foretells ... a sign or wonder

... “Follow gods” ... do not listen

The LORD your God is testing you ...

Keep his commands....

that prophet ... be put to DEATH ...

These are NOT less than the

Ten Commandments



Deuteronomy 13:1-18

5 That prophet or dreamer tried to turn you from the way the LORD....

6 If your very own brother ... son ... daughter ... wife you love,
or your closest friend secretly entices you to go after other gods

Show them no pity.... 9 You must certainly put them to DEATH.

Your hand must be the first in putting them to DEATH,
and then the hands of all the people.

12-18 If you hear of a town where troublemakers want other gods –
Investigate ... if so

- ✓ KILL ALL, people & livestock
- ✓ PLUNDER & Burn Town—Completely!
- ✓ Town must remain RUIN FOREVER

THEN Lord will ...

increase your numbers....

Not Posting These in School



Deuteronomy 14:1-29

- 1 You are the children of the LORD your God. Do not CUT yourselves or shave the front of your heads for the dead,
- 2 for you are a people holy to the LORD your God....
- 3 Do not eat any detestable thing.
- 4-10 Lists good and bad animals. No Eat Pigs! Yes to FISH.
- 11-18 May eat any clean bird. NO eagle, vulture ...
No falcon, raven, owl, gull, hawk, stork, heron ...
- 19 No flying insects
- 21 Do not eat anything DEAD.
You CAN give DEAD to foreigner ...
Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk.



Deuteronomy 14:1-29 *continued on Tithing*

- 22 Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields each year.
- 23 Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and firstborn of your herds ... in the presence of the LORD ... in the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the LORD your God always.
- 24 If you cannot carry your tithe ... because place is too far
- 25 then exchange your tithe for silver ... take silver with you go to the place the LORD your God....
- 26 Use the silver to buy what you like: cattle, sheep, wine.... eat there in the presence of the LORD
- 27 Do not neglect the Levites ... every 3 years ... bring tithes ... Levites ... fatherless ... widows.... that LORD your God may bless you...



Deuteronomy 15:5:1-23

1 At the end of every seven years you must **CANCEL DEBTS**.

2-5 This is how it is to be done

in essence, cancel **ALL** Israelite debts, **NOT** a foreigner's debts

6 For the **LORD** your God will bless you as he has promised....

7-10 Help the poor ... do not be hardhearted....

11 There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore ...
be openhanded to ... poor and needy in your land.

12-18 Free servants on 7th year ... feed them

15 Remember you were slaves....

16 But if servant wants to **STAY** ...
earring in ear ... servant for life.

19 Set apart ... firstborn of your herds...
Eat them each year for Lord....
Do not eat blood....



Deuteronomy 16:1-22

- 1 Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the LORD your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night.
- 2-8 Explains details of Sacrifice as the Passover
- 9-13 Explains Festival of Weeks, 7 weeks of harvest, then sacrifice
- 12 Remember ... Egypt ... follow carefully these decrees.

- 13-15 Explains Festival of Tabernacles
- 16 3x a year ... choose place for Festivals
 - 1. Unleavened Bread
 - 2. of Weeks
 - 3. Festival of Tabernacles

Who even **THINKS** of doing these?

- 18-20 Appoint judges.... follow justice

- 21 No Asherah pole or sacred stone that LORD your God hates.



Deuteronomy 17:1-20

1 Do not sacrifice ... ox or sheep that has any defect ... detestable....

**2-5 If a man or woman ... doing evil in the eyes of the LORD ...
contrary to my command worshiped other gods....**

IF TRUE ... STONE THAT PERSON TO DEATH.

6-7 On the testimony of two or three witnesses ... DEATH....

Hands of witnesses FIRST, then ALL the people.

purge the evil from among you.

8-13 Cases ... bloodshed, lawsuits, assaults—

Go to priests ... do what they say

**14 Explains how to choose a KING that
the Lord approves, no foreigner**

**We don't do any of those either
nor want to post those**



Deuteronomy 18:1-22

1 Levitical priests—NO inheritance.... live on offerings to the LORD....

2-8 Explains in detail – LORD is their inheritance

God has chosen them ... minister in the LORD's name always

9-13 Explains in detail NO SACRIFICE OF CHILDREN

ANY who practice divination, sorcery, omens, witchcraft,
casts spells, is a medium or spiritist, consults the dead.

Anyone who does ... detestable to the LORD....

14-22 ... LORD ... will raise up for you a
prophet like me from among you....
I will put my words in his mouth....

Yet a false prophets or prophet of other gods

is to be put to DEATH

No freedom of religion there

Not posting those in any U.S. school



Deuteronomy 19:1-21

1-14 Explains Cities of Refuge

15-21 Explains 2-3 Witnesses to Convict after thorough Investigation

Deuteronomy 20:1-20 – chapter on warfare

**20:1 When you go to war ... see an army greater than yours,
do not be afraid of them ... LORD your God with you.**

... any with vineyard ... engaged ... can go home...

... when laying siege, DON'T CUT ALL THE TREES

Deuteronomy 21:1-23 – Various TOUGH LAWS

1-9 Murder – find town nearest victim

10-14 Sex with captive women OKAY

IF allowed to mourn a month

If they do not please, let them go

Do NOT SELL THEM



Deuteronomy 21:1-23 – Various TOUGH LAWS

1-9 Murder – find town nearest victim

10-14 Sex with beautiful captive women OKAY

**15-17 If a man has two wives ... loves one ... both bear him sons
firstborn is the son of the WIFE HE DOES NOT LOVE
MUST STILL give rights of firstborn to son of unloved wife**

**18-21 ... rebellious son ... not obey father & mother ...
MEN OF HIS TOWN ARE TO STONE HIM TO DEATH....**

**22-23 If body of guilty is exposed on a pole....
Must not hang ther OVERNIGHT**

Deuteronomy 22:1-12 CLOTHING

**22:5 A woman must not wear men's clothing,
nor a man wear women's clothing,
for the Lord your God DETESTS
ANYONE WHO DOES THIS.**



Most of Deuteronomy
as Moses gives The Law
Hard to imagine how often
God felt just like
Coco, the Big Dog to
Bruno, the little God



Deuteronomy 22:13-30 – Marriage Violations

13-21 Proof of Virginity Grossly DETAILED

If no proof ... men of her town shall stone her to death.

You must purge the evil from among you.

22 Man sleeps another man's wife – BOTH KILLED.

23 If man sleeps with a pledged virgin in TOWN – BOTH KILLED ...

if, if, if she did not scream for help....

You must purge the evil from among you.

25 But if man rapes in the country –

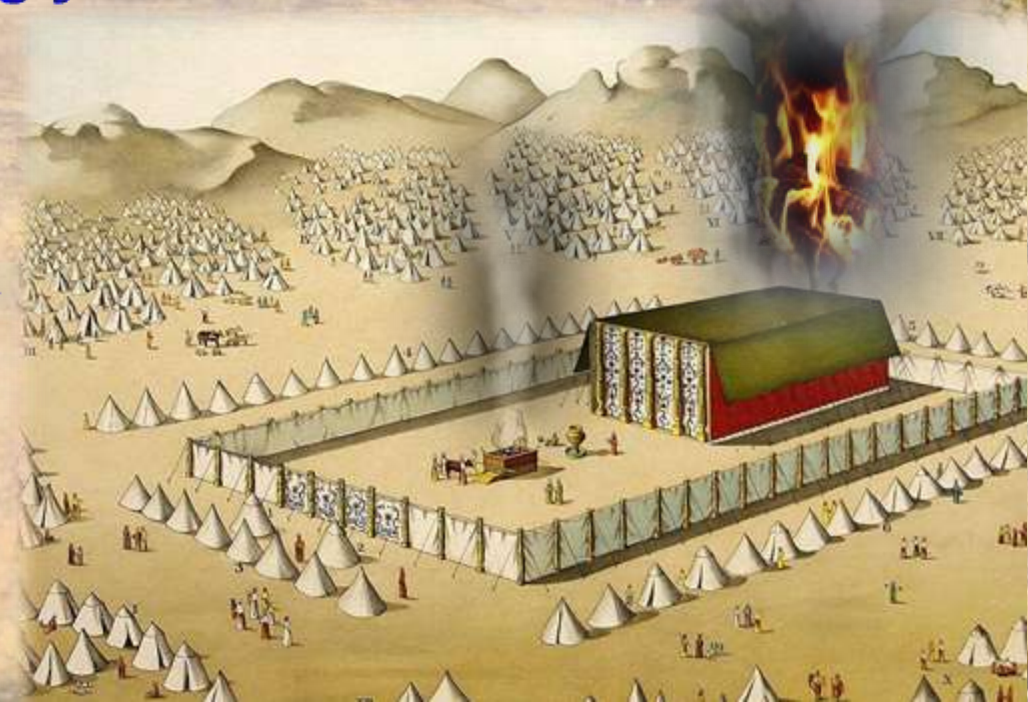
KILL only the man.

28 If man rapes virgin not pledged ...

pay the father 50 shekels & MARRY

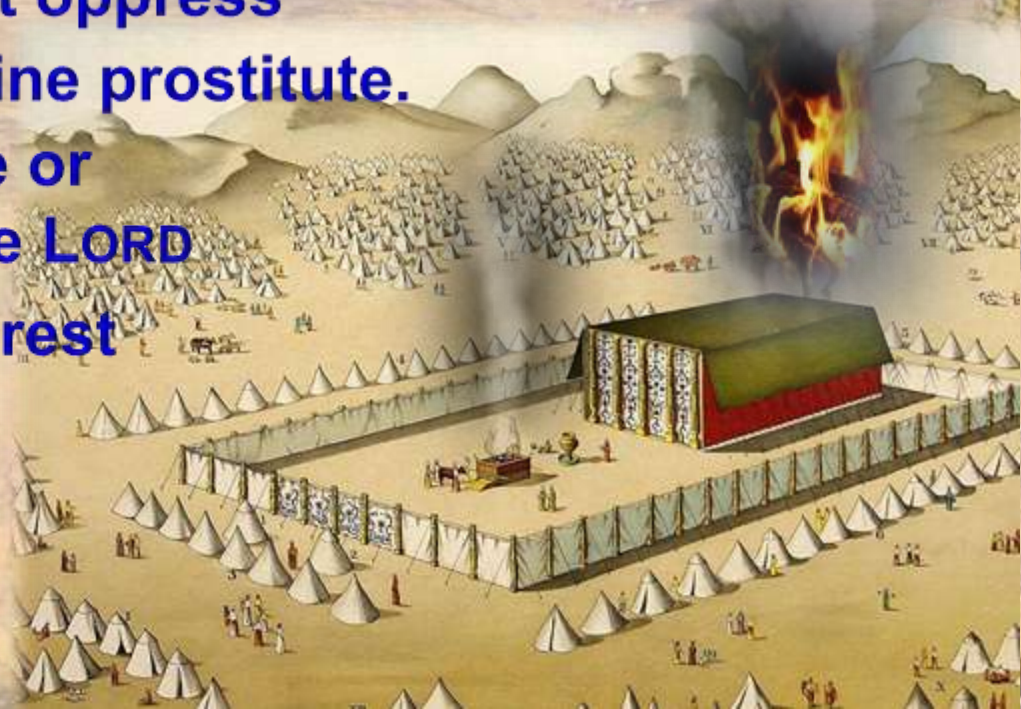
30 Man is not to marry his father's wife...

NOT posting those in any school



Deuteronomy 23:1-25

- 1 No one emasculated ... enter assembly of LORD.
- 2 No one born of a forbidden marriage, nor any of their descendants enter the assembly ... not even in the 10th generation.
- 3-6 No Ammonite or Moabite ... 10th generation
- 7-8 Edomites are related to you ... 3rd generation OKAY
- 9-14 Explains uncleanness in camp
- 15-16 If a slave has taken refuge ... do not oppress
- 17 No Israelite man or woman to be a shrine prostitute.
- 18 DO NOT bring the earnings of a female or male prostitute into the house of the LORD
- 19-20 Do not charge a fellow Israelite interest
- 21-23 KEEP your VOWS
- 24-25 Eat neighbors grapes & grain



Deuteronomy 24:1-22

1-4 Odd Divorce if Woman “displeases” & remarries

5 Newly married not to war for a year....

6 Do not take a pair of millstones ... for debt....

7 ... kidnapping a fellow Israelite ... must die.

You must purge the evil from among you.

8-10 ... skin diseases ... do exactly as priests instruct....

10-13 When you make a loan ... explains how to handle pledges

14-15 Hired workers ... pay before sunset

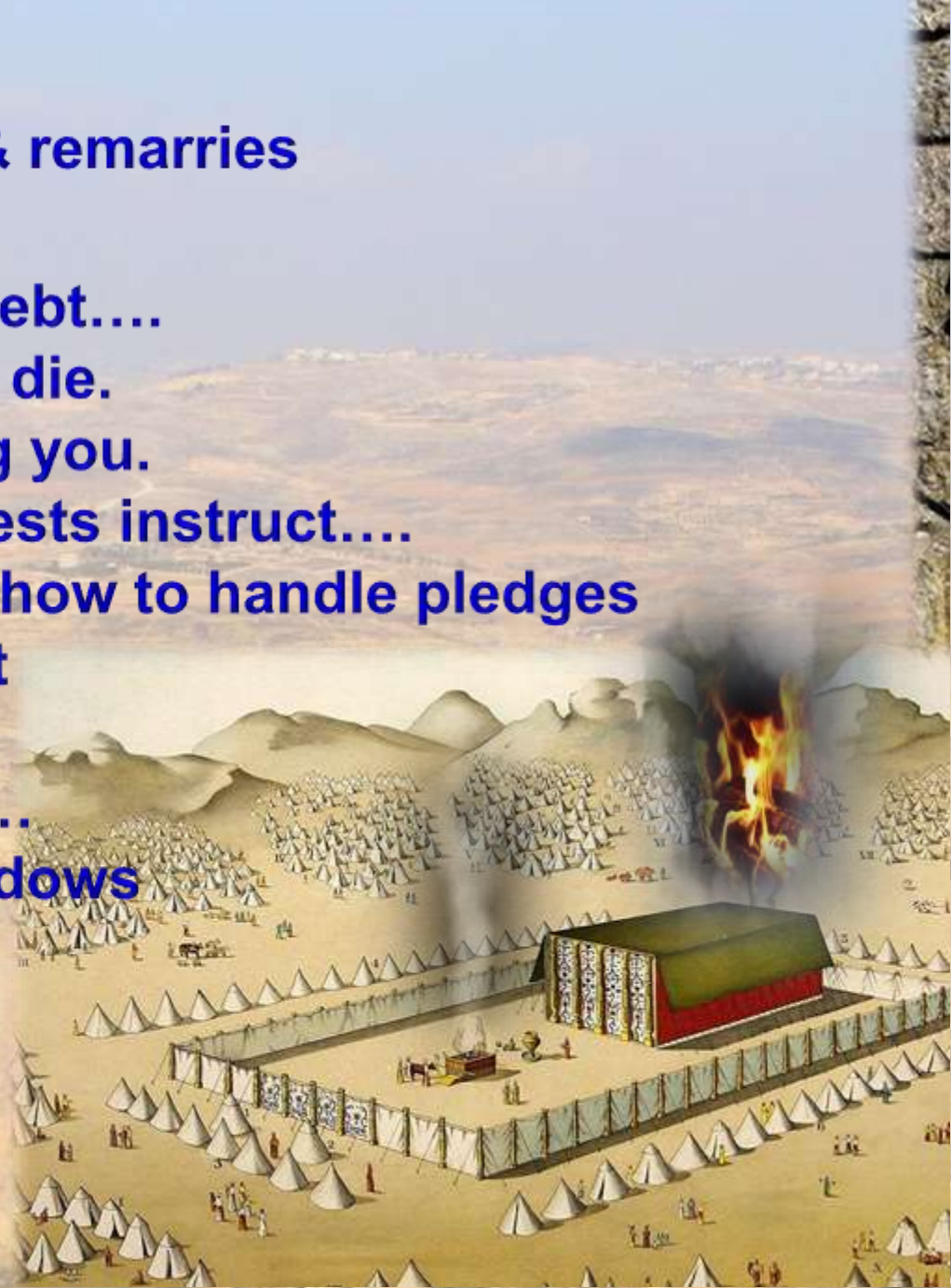
16 Don't KILL Parents children's sin ...

Don't KILL children for parent's sin...

17-18 Justice to foreigners, fatherless, widows

19-22 Leave extra during harvest for the
foreigners, fatherless, widows

won't hang these up in School



Deuteronomy 25:1-19

1-3 When people have a dispute ...

Explains taking to court ... if guilty person deserves to be beaten flogged in his presence ... lashes crime deserves ... <40!

4 Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.

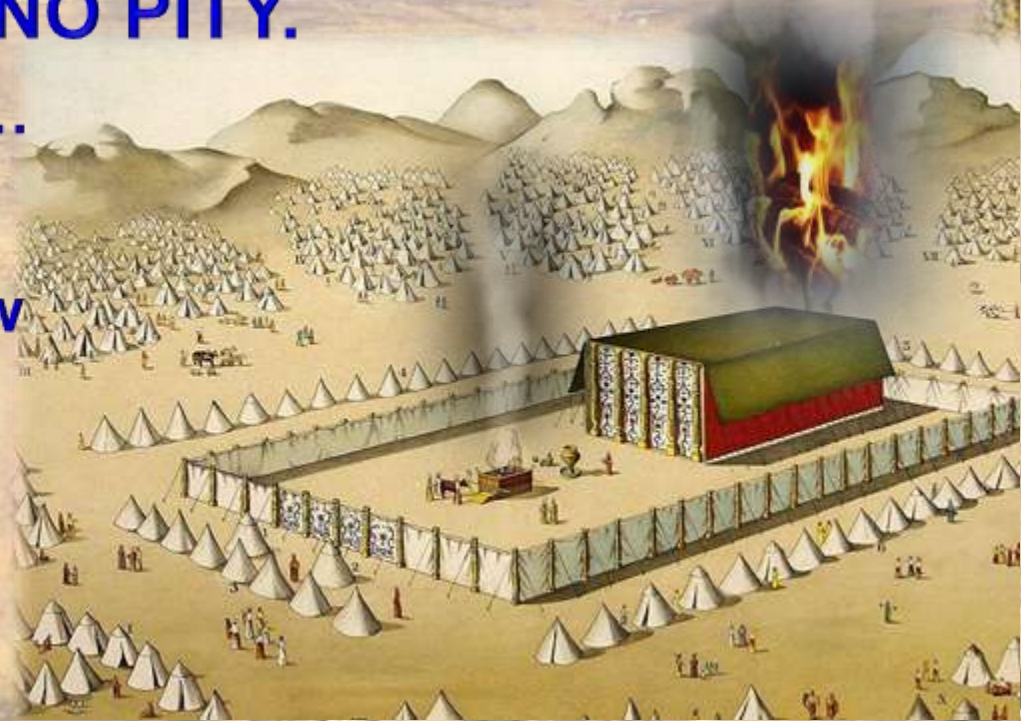
5-10 Law on brothers taking widow ...

**11-12 If two men fighting ... wife seizes private parts attacking man
Cut off her hand. Show her NO PITY.**

**13-16 Do not have two differing weights ...
LORD detests ... dishonestly.**

**17-19 Illustrates injustice by recalling how
they were treated by Amalekites**

Won't hang those up in School



Deuteronomy 26:1-19

1-11 When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you
basket some firstfruits ... take to place God says

Explains how to give to Levites as a thanks for deliverance

12-15 Explains how to give the 3rd Year Tithe to the Levite

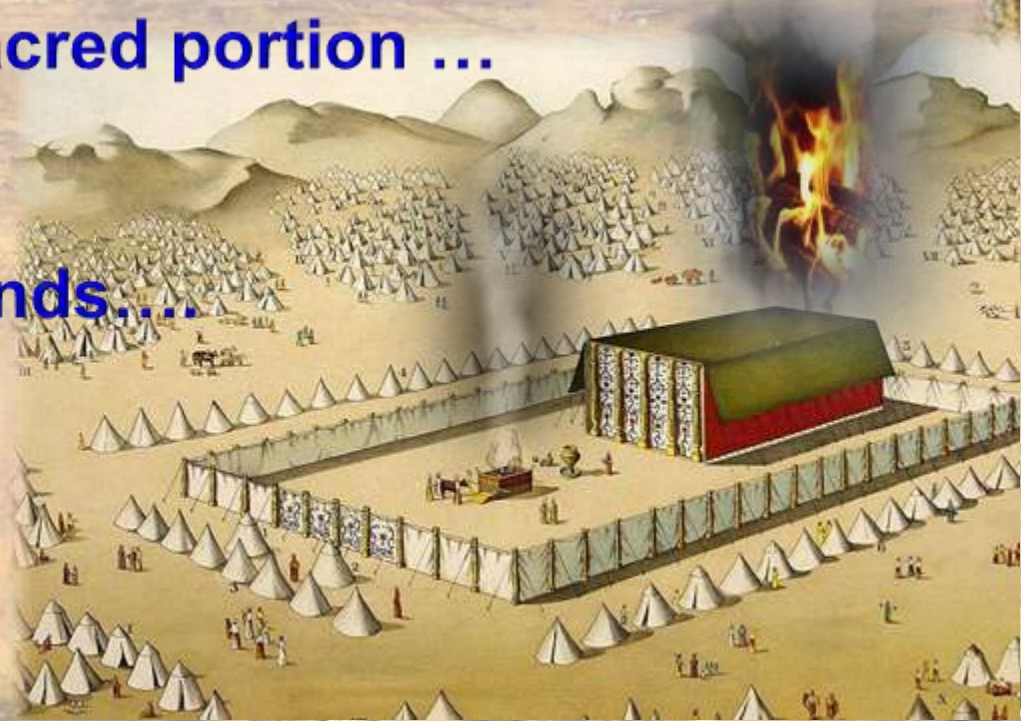
Moses closes Deuteronomy 26 on HOW TO PRAY TO GOD:

13 Then say to the LORD your God:

“I have removed from my house the sacred portion ...
given to Levite, foreigner,
fatherless & widow....

I have not turned from your commands....

15 Look down from heaven ...
bless your people Israel.



Deuteronomy 26:1-19

16 LORD your God commands you this day ... THESE Decrees & LAWS carefully observe them with all your heart and all your soul.

17 You have declared this day that the LORD is your God and that YOU WILL WALK IN OBEDIENCE ...

**KEEP His commands & laws
that you will listen to Him.**

LISTEN

KEEP His Commands & Laws

KEEP 5-26 – ALL OF THEM

THAT you will LISTEN TO HIM

When you separate The Law, you DISOBEY God



Deuteronomy 26:1-19

**18 LORD has declared this day that you are his people,
his treasured possession ...**

that you are to KEEP ALL HIS COMMANDS.

Who can FAIL to see the continuity, the connectiveness?

A peculiar special fulfillment is coming in Christ

Moses' Last Farewell—anchored in God's Promises

**19 He has declared that He will set you
in praise, fame & honor high above
ALL THE NATIONS he has made and
you will be a people holy to the
LORD your God, *as He promised.***

