

Session 32

Deuteronomy

Ch 20 : Not to worry in battle because the LORD was with them. Priest to remind them. God will fight for them. Sometimes the Ark went into battle.

Some men were not to serve in military:

Built a new house.

Planted a new vineyard.

Betrothed/married.

Those that were afraid – might influence others.

War against cities: outside the Land, woman and children are spared.

Inside the Land , ¹⁶ But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you *as* an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, ¹⁷but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, ¹⁸lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.

Can't use trees that provide food for military siege. Also don't cut them down in enemy land.

Ch 21 : cursed is he who hangs on a tree. Gal 3:13

Ch 23 : some people excluded from the assembly : mutilated, illegitimate, Ammonites and Moabites (plotted to curse the people), Edomites (Esau) and Egyptians banned for shorter time.

Can eat grapes and grain when passing through fields but not in containers.

Ch 24 : divorce was tolerated by Mosaic law; was probably wide-spread. Certificate from husband.

Newly married men cannot go to war for one year.

Cannot do injustices to widows and orphans.

If you forget a sheaf of grain cannot go back for it; for widows and orphans. Shake olive trees only once. Harvest grapes only once. Rest for gleaning. Supposed to remember the poverty they had in Egypt.\

Ch 25 : if a judge rules for punishment, he must witness the punishment. 40 blows is the maximum. Usually used 39 in case they miscounted.
Can't muzzle an ox when it is threshing grain.

If man dies, his brother should marry his wife and raise up descendants. " Kinsman redeemer."

Ch 26 : offer first fruits of the Land to God. Leaves them with the priest and then recounts the story of deliverance from Egypt and now we are in the Land that God promised.

Then celebrate with family, Levites, and strangers. After keeping all the tithing laws, tell God that you have done all these things and that you pray for a blessing.

If people obey, they will be above all other people.

Ch 27 : When the people cross over into the Land, set up white-washed stones with the words of the Law (probably Ten Commandments) written plainly. Cannot use a tool on them.

Build an altar of stone and offer sacrifice to the LORD. Stones must be natural, no tools.

¹¹And Moses commanded the people on the same day, saying, ¹²"These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people, when you have crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin; ¹³and these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

Those on Mt. Gerizim are sons of Leah and Rachel.

Levites stand in the valley between and shout out laws. Only the curses are mentioned in the Word. Paul writes that we are under the curse of the Law.

This is done by Joshua in the Land.

Ch 28 : If the Law is obeyed, there will be many blessings and the people will be above all other people. If the Law is not obeyed there will be terrible curses. Conquests, exiles, worship gods of wood and stone, siege and famine. Confirmed by Assyria and Babylon. Mocked by all the nations.