

Deuteronomy 27 - 28
Mt. Ebal & Mt. Gerizim
Moses' Third Message
Lesson 8

Moses' third message to Israel reminds them they are a Covenant people. He gives a list of blessings and curses that God has set forth for His Covenant people, and Moses reminds them it is their choice whether they will receive God's blessings or His curses.

The Altar - 27:1-8

1. Who is mentioned as standing in unity before the people during this message? (vs. 1 & 9)

2. When are Moses' words to be carried out? (vs. 2)

3. What are the directions? (vs. 2-8)

4. Who gave them the Law? (Exodus 20:1,2)

5. What is the Law commonly called? (Exodus 20:3-17)

6. How were they to write the Law on these stones? (vs. 8)

7. What does that say to you?

The Curses - 27:9-26

8. Moses now says to Israel "Be silent, O Israel, and listen!" What do you think he is trying to convey to the people?

9. What action does Moses expect them to take? (vs. 10)

10. Moses' words recorded here were to be repeated later in an official ceremony. Please describe that ceremony (vs. 12-14)

11. Twelve actions God considers detestable are listed. Please name them.

vs. 15	
vs. 16	
vs. 17	
vs. 18	
vs. 19	
vs. 20	
vs. 21	
vs. 22	
vs. 23	
vs. 24	
vs. 25	
vs. 26	

12. According to the text, the Levites would read a curse and then the people were to respond to each one. How were they to respond and what do you think that meant? (vs. 15-26)

13. Verses 15 and 24 say where these actions take place. Where was it and why do you think this is mentioned?

Blessings for Obedience - Chapter 28:1-15

14. Blessings are given when? (vs. 1)

15. Describe in your own words how these terms qualify the type of obedience and observation of God's words that is needed to receive God's choice blessings.

16. In the New Testament (New Covenant), those who accept Jesus as Savior and Lord are now called God's people. In light of what we just saw was necessary to receive God's blessings, how would you say that applies today? Explain

17. Verses 1-6 give us the first group of blessings. What do you think they mean?
 - Blessed in the city and in the country:

 - The fruit of your womb, your crops, livestock, baskets and kneading troughs will be blessed.

 - You will be blessed when you go out and when you come in.

18. Israel is getting ready to go in and possess the land. In light of that fact, explain the blessing in verse 7.

19. God said He'll bless everything they put their hand to in the land He gave them; and He will establish them as His holy people. What are they described as now? (vs. 9)

20. Who does He say they are to become? (vs. 9)

21. How will that happen? (vs. 9)

22. Why is this restated? (vs. 10)

23. What kind of prosperity does God offer His people? (vs. 11) Comment.

24. Israel, soon to be an agrarian culture, is told God will do this through His storehouse. Explain (vs. 12)
25. The blessings are concluded with God giving a list of three “positions” they will have. Comment (vs. 12, 13)

Curses for Disobedience - 28:15–68

26. Verses 15-68 review the horrible consequences of disobeying the covenant of God. The curses listed here are the reverse of the blessings just given. Verse 15 gives the main reason that curses come upon them. Please explain
27. Verses 47 and 48 give another reason they would come upon them. Explain this.
28. Do you see an application for us today? (Philippians 4:4)

Verses 49-68 give God’s forewarning of what will happen to Israel if the Covenant is broken. Unfortunately, the warnings are not heeded and all God spoke of here did come to pass. The prophet Hosea cried out *“Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the Lord because the People have broken my covenant and rebelled against my Law.”* (Hosea 8:1)

For further study on the fulfillment of these curses read: Jeremiah 48:40 & 49:22; 2 Kings 6:24-29 and Lamentations 2:20 & 4:10.

Think about it!

This lesson has taught that God’s covenant is much more than just a legal contract. It is a living relationship and God’s desire is to have fellowship with His people. He also desires that His people come to Him out of love, and out of that love comes a heart of obedience.

This lesson also shows that God’s covenant is all encompassing. God’s desire is that His people will follow Him not just 1 day a week or in certain situations, but all the time and in every situation. God cares about every area of their/our lives. And it is His desire to bless His people!