

Deuteronomy 27:11-26 **Gerizim Blessing – Ebal Curse**

Gerizim to Bless

11 And 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;

Ebal - Curse

13 And these shall stand on Mount Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

14 "And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of Israel:

15 'Cursed is the one who makes any carved or molded image, an abomination to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'

16 Cursed is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

17 Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

18 Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

19 Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

20 Cursed is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

21 Cursed is the one who lies with any kind of animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

22 Cursed is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

23 Cursed is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

24 Cursed is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

25 Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

26 Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

✧ Confirming that the entire welfare and security in the land for the Children of Israel rests on their careful adherence to all the commandments of God as stated so many times before:

[Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:3, 18, 24, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]

✧ To drive home the importance of obeying the Commandments of God given through Moses.

✧ At the command of God, Moses instructed the leaders of Israel to dramatically pronounce the blessings and the curses from the mountains on either side of the valley at Shechem when they have entered the Land to possess it. (Gerizim is to the north, while Ebal is to the south of Shechem). [Deuteronomy 11:26-30]

Gerizim to Bless

✧ Leaders of the tribes of Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin shall stand on Mount Gerizim to pronounce the blessing before the people. [Deuteronomy 27:12]

Ebal - Curse

- ✧ Leaders of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce the Curse before the people. [Deuteronomy 27:13]
- ✧ The Levites are responsible to speak to the people with a loud voice that may be heard by all. [Deuteronomy 27:14]
- ✧ God wants His people informed so the choice is clearly their own and the responsibility for the consequence is also theirs alone.
- ✧ God's judgment is righteous, and He gives every one who is willing, the opportunity to hear.
- ✧ God makes His laws available to everyone.
- ✧ The choice belongs to the individual, to seek the knowledge of God, or to refuse to do so.

The Curse is pronounced specifically against some of the most prominent sins;

Cursed is:

- ✧ The one who makes any carved or molded image, the work of the craftsman. [Exodus 20:4, Leviticus 26:1, Deuteronomy 4:15-18, 23-24, 25-26, 5:8-9, 27:15]
 - ◇ It is an ABOMINATION to Yehowah, even if it is done in secret.
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who treats his father or his mother with contempt. [Exodus 20:12, 21:15, 17, Leviticus 19:3, 20:9, Deuteronomy 5:16, 21:18-21, 27:16]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who moves his neighbor's landmark. [Deuteronomy 19:14, 27:17]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who makes the blind to wander off the road. [Leviticus 19:14, 27:18]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow. [Exodus 22:21, 23:9, Leviticus 19:33-34, 24:22, Numbers 15:16, 15:29, Deuteronomy 1:16, 10:17-19, 24:17, 27:19]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who lies with his father's wife. [Leviticus 18:8, 20:11, Deuteronomy 22:30, 27:20]
 - ◇ Because he has uncovered his father's bed.
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who lies with any kind of animal. [Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 18:23, 20:15-16, Deuteronomy 27:21]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. [Leviticus 18:9, 11-13, 20:17, Deuteronomy 27:22]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who lies with his mother-in-law. [Leviticus 18:17, 20:14, Deuteronomy 27:22]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who attacks his neighbor secretly. [Deuteronomy 27:23]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"
 - ◇ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person. [Exodus 23:8, Deuteronomy 10:17, 16:19, 27:25]
 - ◇ All the People shall answer and say, "Amen!"

- ✧ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.
- ✧ The one who does not confirm all the words of this law. [\[Deuteronomy 27:26\]](#)
- ✧ All the People shall answer and say, “Amen!”
- ✧ Thus the People themselves are acknowledging of the seriousness of the sin.