

## Deuteronomy 29:1-28 **Covenant Reminder at the Plains of Moab**

### Reminder, Witness and Testimony

<sup>1</sup> These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb.

### You are Witnesses of the Great Things Yehowah has done yet with No Perception

<sup>2</sup> Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: "You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land-- <sup>3</sup> the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. <sup>4</sup> Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day.

### Sustained Forty Years in the wilderness, Clothes have not worn out

<sup>5</sup> And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet; <sup>6</sup> you have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or similar drink; that you may know that I am the LORD your God.

### Victory over Sihon and Og, Inheritance east of the Jordan River

<sup>7</sup> And when you came to this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and we conquered them. <sup>8</sup> We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh.

### Everyone must Keep the words of this Covenant

<sup>9</sup> Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. <sup>10</sup> "All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel, <sup>11</sup> your little ones and your wives--also the stranger who is in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water-- <sup>12</sup> that you may enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes with you today, <sup>13</sup> that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and that He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. <sup>14</sup> "I make this covenant and this oath, not with you alone, <sup>15</sup> but also with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well as with him who is not here with us today

### Remember Forty years experience – Lest you turn away from Yehowah Eloheynov

<sup>16</sup> (for you know that we dwelt in the land of Egypt and that we came through the nations which you passed by, <sup>17</sup> and you saw their abominations and their idols which were among them--wood and stone and silver and gold); <sup>18</sup> so that there may not be among you man or woman or family or tribe, whose heart turns away today from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; <sup>19</sup> and so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I walk in the imagination of my heart'--as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.

### Yehowah would then be provoked to anger – activating the Curse

<sup>20</sup> The LORD would not spare him; for then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the LORD would blot out his name from under heaven. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD would separate him from all the

tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this Book of the Law,

### Testimony to later Generations and other Nations

22 so that the coming generation of your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, would say, when they see the plagues of that land and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it:

### Question regarding the devastation of the land

23 'The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.' 24 "All nations would say, 'Why has the LORD done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?'

### Answer – They forsook Yehowah Elohey

25 "Then people would say: 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt; 26 for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them. 27 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. 28 And the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.' NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Reminder, Witness and Testimony [Deuteronomy 29:1]

- ✧ Before Moses is to die on Mount Nebo, and the people cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land, God takes the time to remind the people of the importance of obeying His commandments for their own good and well-being.
- ✧ Covenant Yehowah gave to Moses in the land of Moab besides the Covenant given at Horeb.

### You are Witnesses of the Great Things Yehowah has done, yet with No Perception [Deuteronomy 29:2-4]

- ✧ You have seen:
  - ◇ All Yehowah did in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and all his people and land.
  - ◇ The great trials, signs, and wonders your eyes have seen.
  - ◇ Yet Yehowah has not given you a heart to perceive, eyes to see, nor ears to hear.
  - ◇ It has been so to this very day.

### Sustained Forty Years in the wilderness, Clothes have not worn out [Deuteronomy 29:5-6]

- ✧ Yehowah has led you forty years in the wilderness.
  - ◇ Your cloths have not worn out.
  - ◇ Your sandals have not worn out.
  - ◇ You have not eaten bread, nor drunk wine or similar drink.
- ✧ That you may know that I am Yehowah Eloheykm (the Lord your God).

### Victory over Sihon and Og, Inheritance east of the Jordan River

- ✧ Yehowah has given you victory over Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan.
- ✧ We took their land and gave it to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, as an inheritance.

### Everyone must Keep the words of this Covenant for their own good [Deuteronomy 29:9-15]

- ✧ Keep the words of this covenant and do them, **that you may prosper in all you do.**

- ✧ The Covenant is between Yehowah Eloheykm and all of Israel:
  - ✧ Your leaders, your tribes, your elders, your officers, and all the men of Israel.
  - ✧ Your little ones, your wives, and the foreigner living among you.
  - ✧ The one who cuts your wood and the one who draws your water.
- ✧ The purpose is;
  - ✧ That you may enter into the Covenant with Yehowah Eloheykm and His oath.
  - ✧ That He may establish you as a people for Himself.
  - ✧ That you may hold Him to be your God.
  - ✧ Just as He has spoken to you, and as He has sworn to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- ✧ The Covenant extends to all who stand here with us today, as well as with those who are not here with us today.

**Remember Forty years experience – Lest you turn away from Yehowah Eloheynov** [Deuteronomy 29:16-19]

- ✧ You have seen and know all the abominations and idolatry of the people of Egypt and of all the nations which you passed by on the way to this place.
- ✧ The reason you have seen it all, is that it may stand as a testimony to you.
  - ✧ That there may not be among you, a man, woman, family, or tribe, whose heart turns away from Yehowah Eloheynov (the Lord our God), to go and serve the gods of these nations.
  - ✧ That may not be among you a root of bitterness or wormwood.
  - ✧ That when you hear the words of this curse, no one might become arrogant and think in the heart that he or she shall have peace even though walking in the imagination of the heart, doing what seems right in your own eyes – as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.

**Yehowah would then be provoked to anger – activating the Curse** [Deuteronomy 29:20-21]

- ✧ The jealous anger of Yehowah would then be aroused, and Yehowah would not spare that person.
  - ✧ Every curse written in this book would then settle on that person.
  - ✧ Yehowah would blot out his name from under heaven.
  - ✧ Yehowah would separate him from all the tribes of Israel for adversity, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

**Testimony to Later Generations and other Nations** [Deuteronomy 29:22]

- ✧ Purpose of God's wrath poured out on the guilty, is:
  - ✧ That all future generations of the Children of Israel, and all foreigners who come to the land will see the plagues of the land and the sicknesses Yehowah has laid on it.

**Question regarding the devastation of the land** [Deuteronomy 29:23-24]

- ✧ Seeing that the whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.
- ✧ All the nations will say:
  - ✧ 'Why has the LORD done so to this land?
  - ✧ What does the heat of this great anger mean?

**Answer – They forsook Yehowah Elohey** [Deuteronomy 29:25-28]

- ✧ 'Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.
  - ✧ For they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that Yehowah had not given to them.

- ✧ Then the anger of Yehowah was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book.
- ✧ Yehowah uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.

All of this prophecy has been fulfilled, and verified by recent events.

It is said that when Mark Twain visited the land of Israel, he commented on the total desolation of the land. The Palestinians of Gaza recently said that the land was cursed and would not produce any harvest.

Since the Jews came back to the land in 1948 they established world markets for the produce of the land. And when they were driven out of Gaza by their own government, the Palestinians attempted to take over the farms but could not produce the bug free vegetables the Jews had been producing and selling world wide.

This would indicate that God is preparing to restore the land and bring His people back to the land as He has promised.

- ✧ All of these curses have been fulfilled.
- ✧ The curses are as much a part of God's covenant with Israel as were the blessings.
- ✧ God has never failed to keep His covenant with the Children of Israel, the Jews.
- ✧ Even today, God has faithfully kept a remnant of the Children of Israel just as He promised.
- ✧ The people of Israel are today back in the land, not fulfilling God's promise of His restoration of Israel when they will all know Him, but to set the stage for the fulfillment of all End-Time Prophecies.
- ✧ After the Great Tribulation, God will re-gather all of Israel to the land of Israel and at that time All Israel will be saved, and they will all know Yehowah, from the least of them to the greatest of them. [Hebrews 8:7-13, Isaiah 10:20-23, 11:10-12, 14:1-2, 27:2-13, 41:1-20, 44:21-23, 49:1-26, 55:1-5, 61:4-9, 66:20-22, Jeremiah 3:14-19, 16:14-18, 23:3-8, 30:1-3, 30:8-24, 31:1-40, 32:36-41, 33:6-16, 46:27-28, Ezekiel 11:14-21, 20:39-44, 39:25-29, 28:25-26, 34:11-31, 36:1-38, 37:1-28, Hosea 3:1-5, Amos 9:11-15, Zephaniah 3:9-20, Zechariah 9:9-17, 10:1-12]
- ✧ That re-gathering will be at the start of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ✧ Jesus will then reign over all the earth for a thousand years. [Revelation 20:4-6, Jeremiah 23:5-6]
- ✧ The world will at that time, enjoy a thousand years of universal peace between man and animals. [Isaiah 11:6-9, 65:25]
- ✧ They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. [Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3]
- ✧ Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they study war any more. [Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3]
- ✧ The lion will lay down with the lamb, the bear and the cow will feed together, and a little child will lead them. [Isaiah 11:6-9, 65:25]
- ✧ We eagerly await that Great and Glorious Day.