**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 28, Part 24**

**(Dt. 12:1-28:68)**

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**III. The Practices of Worship (Dt. 14-28)**

**Family Practices**

**Ratification of Covenant**

**PREMISE: The LORD gave commands for visible and dramatic ratification of covenant.**

\*Review: Dt. 11:29; Josh. 8:30-35 > Ebal (N) and Gerizim (S) Levites state blessing/curse, people volley “Amen”

\*Dt. 27: Command for Altar, for Announcement, for Attestations

**A. Hearken to the Commandments (vv. 1-2)**

1. People Exalted (v. 1) > the LORD would be honored and glorified as His people obeyed!

2. Blessings Following (v. 2) > Ps. 23:6 *radaph* pursue! Curses would chase after (vv. 22, 45).

**B. The Blessings for Obedience (vv. 3-6) >** utopian prosperity > Millennial conditions!

1. Blessing of the Nation (v. 3) > city and country

2. Blessing of Fertility (v. 4) > Gen. 15:5; Dt. 1:10

3. Blessing of Food Supply (v. 5) > accumulation of food rather than daily trust in manna.

4. Blessing of Travel (v. 6) > safety all around

**C. The Enemies Smitten (v. 7)**

1. Rise up, knocked down (7a)

2. Come in one way, go out seven ways (7b)

**B.’ The Blessings for Obedience (vv. 8-12)**

1. The Blessings on the Food Supply (v. 8a) > original plan of Garden of Eden

2. The Blessings on the Land (v. 8b)

3. The Blessings on National Holiness (v. 9) holy nation (Ex. 19:6; Dt. 7:6-8)

4. The Blessings on their Testimony (v. 10) > fear on nations (Josh. 2:9)

5. The Blessings of Fruitfulness (v. 11) > fecundity in all

6. The Blessings of Rain (v. 12a) > no droughts; He controls weather (Rev. 16:8 > scorched earth)!

7. The Blessings of Lending (v. 12b) > the Lord would give them wealth to lend (cf. Dt. 8:18)

**A.’ Hearken to the Commandments (vv. 13-14)**

1. People Exalted (v. 13) > head of nations and not tail (i.e., going to Egypt for help!) > i.e., Isa. 37:36

2. Blessings Forfeited (v. 14) > idolatry with pagan deities > or with mammon (Mt. 6:24).

**\*Observation**: Satan has reduced USA to post-Christian and notice curses on land! Food shortage, internal and external dangers, severe weather, USA a tail and a borrower, fecundity on decline since so much immorality; political and social promise of utopia based on rebellion (socialism/dictator) not obedience to Jehovah!

**CONCLUSION: The LORD gave His Chosen People the Promised Land with the Divine Law, encouraging Obedience and warning about Disobedience.**