

## The 28 Blessings of Deuteronomy 28 Part 2

Deuteronomy 28 captures the benefits of a Torah Observant Life and sums them up in 14 Verses.

The beauty of these blessings is that they are corporate and individually focused.

YeHoVaH is not only speaking to the nation, but to the individuals within the nation.

The blessings are for those who obey, and the curses are for those who disobey.

The people knew what YeHoVaH expected of them, there were no surprises. The people knew when they obeyed, they would be blessed and when they disobeyed, they would be cursed.

The people had incentives to do the right thing and be blessed, but they also could not complain when they disobeyed and experienced the curses because they knew it was of their own doing.

In Deuteronomy, the Laws are summarized and interpreted. Thus, Deuteronomy is, in essence, a Covenant Renewal Document.

Dt 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy Elohim, to observe *and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YeHoVaH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

1. Dt 28:1 *YeHoVaH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

**{5945}** — 'elyown, *el-yone'*; from 5927; an elevation, i.e. (*adj.*) lofty (compar.); as title, the Supreme: — (Most, on) high(-er, -est), upper(-most).

**{1471}** — gowy, *go'-ee; rarely (shortened), go'-ee; apparently* from the same root as 1465 (in the sense of massing); a foreign nation; hence, a Gentile; also (figuratively) a troop of animals, or a flight of locusts: — Gentile, heathen, nation, people.

Dt 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, **IF** thou shalt hearken (Hear and Obey) unto the voice of YeHoVaH thy Elohim.

2. Dt 28:3 *Blessed shalt thou be in the city*

3. Dt 28:3 *and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

YeHoVaH let them know that whether they live in the city or live in the country/field they would be blessed.

4. Dt 28:4 A blessing on the fruit of your body,

**{6509}** hr;p; — parah, *paw-raw'*; a primitive root; to bear fruit (*literally* or figuratively): — bear, bring forth (fruit), (be, cause to be, make) fruitful, grow, increase.

The fruit of the body is to bear children. We are commanded to be fruitful and to multiply.

Ge 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful**, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

After the flood, YeHoVaH commanded mankind again.

Ge 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Ps 127:3 Lo, children *are an heritage of the LORD and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Ps 127:4 *As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.*

Ps 127:5 *Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

YeHoVaH ties the next six Blessings to the Tithe and the Offerings.

Fruit trees and vines

Vegetables

Vegetation

Livestock

Food

Basically, YeHoVaH ties our Livelihood and our Survival to the Tithe and the Offerings.

5. Dt 28:4 Blessing on the fruit of your land  
Your land will be fertile. Let it rest.

6. Dt 28:4 The fruit of your livestock  
Your Oxen and Cattle will be fertile.

7. Dt 28:4 the young of your cattle  
will grow strong and be fruitful; not sickly and weak.

8. Dt 28:4 and flocks.  
Goats, geese, ducks, chicken, etc.

9. Dt 28:5 A blessing on your grain–basket  
Barley, wheat, oats, rice, etc.

10. Dt 28:5 and kneading–bowl.  
Challah, matza, breads, cakes, etc.

All of the above require the rain from heaven in its season; the early rains and the latter rains.

Dt 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Dt 11:14 That I will give *you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

Dt 11:15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not **open you the windows of heaven**, and **pour you out a blessing**, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

The early rain and the latter rain

Mal 3:11 And I will **rebuke the devourer** for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts

**{398}** — 'akal, *aw-kal*'; a **primitive root; to eat (literally or figuratively)**: —at all, burn up, consume, devour(-er, up), dine, eat(-er, up), feed (with), food, freely, in...wise(-deed, plenty), (lay) meat, quite.

Mal 3:12 And all **nations** shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Dt 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all **nations** of the earth:*

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