The 28 Blessings of Deuteronomy 28 Part 3

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.

We have looked at Blessings 1-10 in the last two teachings. Today we will look at Blessings 11 - 13.

Dt 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in

The word Blessings {1293} hk;r;B]

- Brakah, ber-aw-kaw'; from 1288; benediction; By implication prosperity:

— blessing, liberal, pool, present.

^{Nu 6:23} Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

^{Nu 6:24} YeHoVaH bless thee, and keep thee:

^{Nu 6:25} YeHoVaH make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Nu 6:26 YeHoVaH lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

^{Nu 6:27} And they shall put <u>my name</u> upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

11. Dt 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in

12. Dt 28:6 and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

YeHoVaH promised to bless them in the land and to bless them outside of their land. He would bless them when they traveled.

When they go up to the Feast, He would prosper them on their journey.

He would protect them from seen and unseen danger. He would cause His angels to watch over them and bring them safely to their destination.

He would cause their property to be safe in their absence and not allow anyone to covet their land.

13. ^{Dt 28:7} YeHoVaH shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

YeHoVaH had spoken these words to them earlier in Exodus.

Ex 23:14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

^{Ex 23:15} Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

Ex 23:16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

Ex 23:17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before YeHoVaH GOD.

Ex 23:18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

Ex 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of YeHoVaH thy God. Thou shalt not see the a kid in his mother's milk.

^{Ex 23:20} Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Ex 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him.

Ex 23:22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

^{Ex 23:23} For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: <u>and I will cut</u> them off.

Ex 23:24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

^{Ex 23:25} And ye shall serve YeHoVaH your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will <u>take sickness</u> away from the midst of thee.

Ex 23:26 There shall **nothing cast their young, nor be barren**, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Ex 23:27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

^{Ex 23:28} And **I will send hornets before thee**, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

^{Ex 23:29} I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

^{Ex 23:30} By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

^{Ex 23:31} And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.