

The Tsunami Blessing Inside and Out, Part 302 Scriptures

This is Section O of a multi-part instruction. The only ones who have the right to claim Preeminent Domain is Elohim and those who were called and elected to inherit and inhabit the earth, i.e., every member of the Body of Christ. Build your capacity to receive the exceeding, abundantly, above all that you can imagine through the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

Recognize you are heavily endorsed and reinforced by the kingdom of God that is already within you. Always remain in the position of honor and humility before the Lord. Realize you are supernaturally endowed with *exousia* authority and *dunamis* power. Release your God-given dominion to work in you at the fullest strength to govern the earth by faith. Recover all lost, stolen, and destroyed territory and take new ground.

Enlarge your territory to bring Heaven to Earth. Enlarge your heart to receive God's vision and provision. Enlarge your mouth over the enemy and give him no room to cause any division. Make it impossible for satan to ever breach your property line. Be the triple threat that employs: 1) the Word of God, both logos and rhema; 2) the blood of the Lamb; and 3) the name of Jesus.

The blessing of the Lord empowers you to cultivate success. The curse empowers you to have crop failures. Proverbs 26:2, International Children's Bible ² Curses will not harm someone who is innocent. They are like sparrows or swallows that fly around and never land. Galatians 3:12-14, International Children's Bible ¹² The law does not use faith. It says, "A person who does these things will live forever because of them."^[a] ¹³ So the law put a curse on us, but Christ took away that curse. He changed places with us and put himself under that curse. It is written in the Scriptures, "Everyone whose body is displayed on a tree^[b] is cursed."¹⁴ Christ did this so that God's blessing promised to Abraham might come to the non-Jews. This blessing comes through Jesus Christ. Jesus died so that we could have the Spirit that God promised and receive this promise by believing.

Footnotes a3:12 "A person . . . them." Quotation from Leviticus 18:5. b3:13 **displayed on a tree** Deuteronomy 21:22-23 says that when a person was killed for doing wrong, his body was hung on a tree to show shame. Paul means that the cross of Jesus was like that.

1-Genesis 2, Amplified Bible

The Creation of Man and Woman

¹ So the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts (inhabitants). ² And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested (ceased) on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it [as His own, that is, set it apart as holy from other days], because in it He rested from all His work which He had created and done.

⁴ This is the history of [the origin of] the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day [that is, days of creation] that the ^[a]LORD God made the earth and the heavens— ⁵ no shrub *or* plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to ^[b]cultivate the ground, ⁶ but a ^[c]mist (fog, dew, vapor) used to rise from the land and water the entire surface of the ground— ⁷ then the LORD God ^[d]formed [that is, created the body of] man from the ^[e]dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being [an individual complete in body and spirit]. ⁸ And the LORD God ^[f]planted a garden (oasis) in the east, in Eden (delight, land of happiness); and He put the man whom He had formed (created) there. ⁹ And [in that garden] the LORD God caused to grow from the ground every tree that is desirable *and* pleasing to the sight and good (suitable, pleasant) for food; the tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the [experiential] knowledge (recognition) of [the difference between] good and evil.

¹⁰ Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four [branching] rivers. ¹¹ The first [river] is named Pishon; it flows around the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² The gold of that land is good; bdellium (a fragrant, valuable resin) and

the ^[a]onyx stone are found there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the entire land of Cush [in Mesopotamia]. ¹⁴ The third river is named Hiddekel (Tigris); it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ So the LORD God took the man [He had made] and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may freely (unconditionally) eat [the fruit] from every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but [only] from the tree of the knowledge (recognition) of good and evil you shall not eat, otherwise on the day that you eat from it, you shall most certainly ^[h]die [because of your disobedience]."

¹⁸ Now the LORD God said, "It is not good (beneficial) for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [one who balances him—a counterpart who is] ^[i]suitable *and* complementary for him." ¹⁹ So the LORD God formed out of the ground every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ And the man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper [that was] suitable (a companion) for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² And the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man He made (fashioned, formed) into a woman, and He brought her *and* presented her to the man. ²³ Then Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed *or* embarrassed.

Footnotes

- a. Genesis 2:4 Heb YHWH (*Yahweh*), the Hebrew name of God which traditionally is not pronounced by the Jews, usually rendered LORD. See front material, *Principles of Translation*.
- b. Genesis 2:5 Lit *work*.
- c. Genesis 2:6 Or *flow of water*.
- d. Genesis 2:7 The word is "formed" (Heb *yatsar*), but in 1:26, 27 the action is described with the Hebrew word "created" (Heb *bara*).
- e. Genesis 2:7 The essential chemical elements found in soil are also found in humans and animals. This scientific fact was not discovered until recent times, but God is displaying it here.
- f. Genesis 2:8 This is a reference, not to the creation of plant life in general, but to the planting of specific plants in the Garden of Eden (2:8, 9).
- g. Genesis 2:12 It is often difficult to match the names or descriptions of ancient gems and other materials with their contemporary equivalents. Modern research indicates this may instead be carnelian, a red gemstone.
- h. Genesis 2:17 Both spiritually and physically, physical death in the sense of becoming mortal; they were created immortal.
- i. Genesis 2:18 Lit *like his opposite*.

2-Genesis 3, Amplified Bible

The Fall of Man

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the LORD God had made. And ^[a]the serpent (satan) said to the woman, "Can it really be that God has said, 'You shall not eat from ^[b]any tree of the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You shall not eat from it nor touch it, otherwise you will die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die! ⁵ For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened [that is, you will have greater awareness], and you will be like God, knowing [the difference between] good and evil." ⁶ And

when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise *and* insightful, she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband ^[c]with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of the two of them were opened [that is, their awareness increased], and they knew that they were naked; and they fastened fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool [afternoon breeze] of the day, so the man and his wife hid *and* kept themselves hidden from the ^[d]presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to Adam, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." ¹¹ God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten [fruit] from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² And the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me—she gave me [fruit] from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled *and* deceived me, and I ate [from the forbidden tree]." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the cattle, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ "And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, and between your seed (offspring) and her ^[e]Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel." ¹⁶ To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth; In pain you will give birth to children; Yet your desire *and* longing will be for your husband, And he will rule [with authority] over you *and* be responsible for you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam the LORD God said, "Because you have listened [attentively] to the voice of your wife, and have eaten [fruit] from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it'; The ground is [now] under a curse because of you; In sorrow *and* toil you shall eat [the fruit] of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ "By the sweat of your face You will eat bread Until you return to the ground, For from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." ²⁰ The man named his wife Eve (life spring, life giver), because she was the mother of all the living. ²¹ The LORD God made tunics of [animal] skins for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), knowing [how to distinguish between] good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take from the tree of life as well, and eat [its fruit], and live [in this fallen, sinful condition] forever"—²³ therefore the LORD God sent Adam away from the Garden of Eden, to till *and* cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So God drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He [permanently] stationed the ^[f]cherubim and the sword with the flashing blade which turned round and round [in every direction] to protect *and* guard the way (entrance, access) to the tree of life.

Footnotes

- a. Genesis 3:1 The relationship between satan and the serpent is not made clear, but satan is identified with the serpent later in Rev 12:9, 14, 15, and 20:2. It seems difficult to believe that Eve would not have been suspicious of a talking creature, but at this point in time Eve probably knew next to nothing about animals; and in any case, the serpent, as it existed before the curse (v 14), was a very different creature from the reptile that is familiar to us today.
- b. Genesis 3:1 Or *every*.
- c. Genesis 3:6 This may have been sometime later. Jewish tradition said that Adam was absent at the time of Eve's conversation with the serpent (according to the Talmud).

- d. Genesis 3:8 Lit *face*.
- e. Genesis 3:15 Many consider this verse the *protevangelium*, the first announcement of the gospel. This is the first prophecy about the Messiah (Christ), who through His death on the cross and resurrection would ultimately defeat satan, the power behind the serpent, with a death blow. See Is 9:6; Matt 1:23; Luke 1:31; Rom 16:20; Gal 4:4; Rev 12:17.
- f. Genesis 3:24 Cherubim are ministering angelic beings who avenge assaults on God's holiness.

3-Deuteronomy 11, Amplified Bible

Rewards of Obedience

¹ "Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and always keep His charge, His statutes, His precepts, and His commandments [it is your obligation to Him]. ² Know this day that I am not *speaking* to your children who have not known [by personal experience] and who have not seen [firsthand] the instruction *and* discipline of the LORD your God—His greatness, His mighty hand and His outstretched arm; ³ and His signs and His works which He did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land; ⁴ and what He did to the army of Egypt, to its horses and its chariots, when He made the water of the ^[a]Red Sea engulf them as they pursued you, and how the LORD ^[b]completely destroyed them; ⁵ and what He did to you in the wilderness until you came to this place; ⁶ and what He did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben, when the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, their households, their tents, and every living thing that ^[c]followed them, in the midst of all Israel. ⁷ For your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which He did.

⁸ "Therefore, you shall keep all the commandments which I am commanding you today, so that you may be strong and go in and take possession of the land which you are crossing over [the Jordan] to possess; ⁹ so that you may live long on the land which the LORD swore (solemnly promised) to your

fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land [of great abundance,] ^[d]flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ For the land which you are entering to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered ^[e]it with your foot like a garden of vegetables. ¹¹ But the land into which you are about to cross to possess, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹² a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

¹³ “It shall come about, if you listen obediently *and* pay attention to My commandments which I command you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul [your choices, your thoughts, your whole being]— ¹⁴ that ^[f]He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early [fall] rain and the late [spring] rain, so that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your [olive] oil. ¹⁵ And ^[g]He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

¹⁶ Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away [from the LORD] and serve other gods and worship them, ¹⁷ or [else] the LORD’S anger will be kindled *and* burn against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the land will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you.

¹⁸ “Therefore, you shall impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul, and tie them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as ^[h]bands (frontals, frontlets) on your forehead. ¹⁹ You shall teach them [diligently] to your ^[i]children [impressing God’s precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths], speaking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. ²⁰ You shall write them on the ^[j]doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as ^[k]long as

the heavens are above the earth. ²² For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the LORD your God, to walk [that is, to live each and every day] in all His ways and to hold tightly to Him— ²³ then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

²⁴ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall become yours; your territory shall be from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea (the Mediterranean). ²⁵ No man will be able to stand before you; the LORD your God will lay the fear and the dread of you on all the land on which you set foot, just as He has spoken to you.

²⁶ “Behold, today I am setting before you a blessing and a curse— ²⁷ the blessing, if you listen to *and* obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today; ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not listen to *and* obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following (acknowledging, worshiping) other gods which you have not known.

²⁹ “It shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land which you are entering to possess, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. ³⁰ Are they not across the Jordan, west of the road, toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh? ³¹ For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it, ³² and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

Footnotes

- a. Deuteronomy 11:4 Lit *Sea of Reeds*.
- b. Deuteronomy 11:4 Lit *to this day*.

- c. Deuteronomy 11:6 Lit *was at their feet*.
- d. Deuteronomy 11:9 This phrase referred to the abundant fertility of the land of Canaan. Milk (typically that of goats and sheep) was associated with abundance; "honey" referred mainly to syrups made from dates or grapes and was the epitome of sweetness. Bees' honey was very rare and was considered the choicest of foods.
- e. Deuteronomy 11:10 Egyptian crops were watered by irrigation, so this may refer to a simple irrigation device that was operated by the foot, or to the practice of opening and closing small water channels with the foot.
- f. Deuteronomy 11:14 So some ancient versions; MT reads *I*.
- g. Deuteronomy 11:15 So some ancient versions; MT reads *I*.
- h. Deuteronomy 11:18 See note 6:8.
- i. Deuteronomy 11:19 Lit *sons*, also v 21.
- j. Deuteronomy 11:20 See note 6:9.
- k. Deuteronomy 11:21 Lit *the days of*.

4-Deuteronomy 28, Amplified Bible

Blessings at Gerizim

¹ "Now it shall be, if you diligently listen to *and* obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all of His commandments which I am commanding you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. ² All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you pay attention to the voice of the LORD your God.

³ "You *will be* blessed in the city, and you *will be* blessed in the field.

⁴ "The ^[a]offspring of your ^[b]body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your animals, the offspring of your herd and the young of your flock *will be* blessed.

⁵ "Your basket and your kneading bowl *will be* blessed.

⁶ "You *will be* blessed when you come in and you *will be* blessed when you go out.

⁷ "The LORD will cause the enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way, but flee before you

seven ways. ⁸ The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your storehouses and in ^[c]all that you undertake, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. ⁹ The LORD will establish you as a people holy [and set apart] to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk [that is, live your life each and every day] in His ways. ¹⁰ So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you. ¹¹ The LORD will give you great prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. ¹² The LORD will open for you His good treasure house, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. ¹³ The LORD will make you the head (leader) and not the tail (follower); and you will be above only, and you will not be beneath, if you listen *and* pay attention to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, to observe them carefully. ¹⁴ Do not turn aside from any of the words which I am commanding you today, to the right or to the left, to follow and serve other gods.

Consequences of Disobedience

¹⁵ "But it shall come about, if you do not listen to *and* obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today, then all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

¹⁶ "You *will be* cursed in the city and cursed in the field.

¹⁷ "Your basket and your kneading bowl *will be* cursed.

¹⁸ "The offspring of your body and the produce of your land, the offspring of your herd and the young of your flock *will be* cursed.

¹⁹ "You *will be* cursed when you come in and you *will be* cursed when you go out.

²⁰ “The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke in everything that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed, perishing quickly because of the evil of your deeds, because you have ^[d]turned away from Me.

²¹ The LORD will make the pestilence *and* plague cling to you until He has consumed *and* eliminated you from the land which you are entering to possess. ²² The LORD will strike you with consumption [causing you to waste away] and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew [on your crops]; and they will pursue you until you perish. ²³ The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze [giving no rain and blocking all prayers], and the earth which is under you, iron [hard to plow and yielding no produce]. ²⁴ The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it will come down on you until you are destroyed.

²⁵ “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out against them one way, but flee before them seven ways, and you will be *an example of* terror to all the kingdoms of the earth [when they see your destruction]. ²⁶ Your carcasses will be food for all the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

²⁷ “The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and the itch that you cannot heal. ²⁸ The LORD will strike you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart *and* mind;

²⁹ and you will be groping at noon [in broad daylight], just as the blind grope in the darkness, and nothing you do will prosper; but you will only be oppressed *and* exploited and robbed continually, with no one to save you. ³⁰ You will be pledged to marry a wife, but another man will be intimate with her [before you]; you will build a house, but you will not live in it; you will plant a vineyard, but you will not use its fruit. ³¹ Your ox will be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat any of it; your donkey will be torn away from you, and it will not be returned to you; your sheep will be

given to your enemies, and you will have no one to save you. ³² Your sons and daughters will be given to another people, while your eyes look on and long for them continually; but there will be nothing you can do. ³³ A people whom you do not know will eat the produce of your land and all the products of your labors, and you will never be anything but oppressed *and* exploited and crushed continually. ³⁴ You shall be driven mad by the sight of ^[e] the things you see. ³⁵ The LORD will strike you on the knees and on the legs with sore boils that you cannot heal, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. ³⁶ The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you appoint over you, to a nation which you and your fathers have never known; there you will [be forced to] serve other gods, [lifeless gods of] wood and stone. ³⁷ And you will become a horror, a proverb [a mere object lesson], and a taunt [a derisive joke] among all the people to which the LORD drives you. ³⁸ "You will bring out a great quantity of seed to the field, but you will gather in little, because the locusts will consume it. ³⁹ You will plant vineyards and cultivate them, but you will not drink the wine or gather *the grapes*, because the worm will eat them. ⁴⁰ You will have olive trees throughout your territory but you will not ^[f] anoint yourselves with the oil, because your olives will drop off. ⁴¹ You will have sons and daughters, but they will not be yours [for long], because they will go into captivity. ⁴² The cricket will take possession of all your trees and the produce of your ground. ⁴³ The stranger who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, and you will go down lower and lower. ⁴⁴ He will lend to you [out of his affluence], but you will not lend to him [because of your poverty]; he will be the head, and you the tail. ⁴⁵ "So all these curses will come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He has commanded you. ⁴⁶ They will be a sign and a wonder to you and your descendants forever. ⁴⁷ "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with a

heart full of joy and gladness for the abundance of all things [with which He blessed you], ⁴⁸ you will therefore serve your enemies whom the LORD sends against you, in hunger and in thirst, in nakedness and in lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke [of slavery] on your neck until He has destroyed you.

⁴⁹ “The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, [as swift] as the eagle swoops down [to attack], a nation whose language you will not understand, ⁵⁰ a ^[g]defiant nation who will ^[h]have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young, ⁵¹ and it will eat the offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you are destroyed, who will leave you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the offspring of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish.

⁵² They will besiege you in all your cities until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land; and they will besiege you in all your cities throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you. ⁵³ Then you will eat the offspring of your own body [to avoid starvation], the flesh of your sons and daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the misery by which your enemy will oppress you. ⁵⁴ The man who is most refined and well-bred among you ^[i]will be cruel *and* hostile toward his brother and toward ^[j]the wife he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain, ⁵⁵ so that he will not give *even* one of them any of the flesh of his children ^[k]which he will eat, ^[l]because he has nothing else left, during the siege and the misery by which your enemy will oppress you in all your cities. ⁵⁶ The most refined and well-bred woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and pampered, ^[m]will be cruel *and* hostile toward ^[n]the husband she cherishes and toward her son and daughter, ⁵⁷ and toward her afterbirth that comes from between her legs and toward the children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for

lack of anything else, during the siege and the misery by which your enemy will oppress you in your cities.

⁵⁸ “If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, to fear *and* honor with reverence this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God, ⁵⁹ then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses. ⁶⁰ Moreover, He will bring on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you. ⁶¹ Also the LORD will bring on you every sickness and every plague which is not written in this book of this law, until you are destroyed. ⁶² Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, you who were as numerous as the stars of heaven shall be left few in number. ⁶³ It shall come about that just as the LORD delighted over you to make you prosper and multiply, so the LORD will delight over you to bring you to ruin and destruction; and you will be ^[o]uprooted [violently] from the land which you are entering to possess. ⁶⁴ And the LORD will scatter you among all the nations, from one end of the earth to the other; and there you will [be forced to] serve other gods, [lifeless gods of] wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. ⁶⁵ Among those nations you will find no peace (rest), and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and a despairing soul. ⁶⁶ Your life will hang in doubt before you; night and day you will be filled with anxiety and have no assurance of living. ⁶⁷ In the morning you will say, ‘I wish it were evening!’ and in the evening you will say, ‘I wish it were morning!’—because of the dread in your heart with which you tremble, and because of the sight of your eyes which you will see. ⁶⁸ The LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I said to you, ‘You will never see it again!’ And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no one to buy you.

Footnotes

- a. Deuteronomy 28:4 Lit *fruit* and so throughout.
- b. Deuteronomy 28:4 Lit *womb*.
- c. Deuteronomy 28:8 Lit *all to which you set your hand*.
- d. Deuteronomy 28:20 Lit *forsaken*.
- e. Deuteronomy 28:34 Lit *your eyes which you*.
- f. Deuteronomy 28:40 Olive oil was commonly used like a cosmetic to soften the skin, and as a hair dressing.
- g. Deuteronomy 28:50 Lit *strong of face*. Assyria and Babylonia have been suggested as prophetic fulfillments for this *nation*, and prophecy often has more than one fulfillment.
- h. Deuteronomy 28:50 Lit *not lift up the face of*.
- i. Deuteronomy 28:54 Lit *his eye will be evil toward*.
- j. Deuteronomy 28:54 Lit *the wife of his bosom*.
- k. Deuteronomy 28:55 The horror of the situation is understated: this self-absorbed father begins killing some of his children to feed himself. The rest of the family, also starving under the brutal conditions, probably want some of the macabre meal but the father keeps it all for himself.
- l. Deuteronomy 28:55 The implication is that under ordinary conditions, such a person would undoubtedly gag at eating perfectly good food that might be slightly stale or otherwise unappealing to him.
- m. Deuteronomy 28:56 Lit *her eye will be evil toward*.
- n. Deuteronomy 28:56 Lit *the husband of her bosom*.
- o. Deuteronomy 28:63 There have been many “uprootings” from the land, notably those by Nebuchadnezzar (605, 587, 586 B.C.), Titus (A.D. 70), and later by the Emperor Hadrian (A.D. 135) who issued a proclamation forbidding Jews to live in Judea, or even to approach its border. In his attempt to eradicate Judaism, among other things, Hadrian renamed the Roman province of Syria Palaestina (after the Philistines).

6-Isaiah 51:1-13, Amplified Bible

Israel Exhorted

¹ "Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness (right standing with God), Who seek *and* inquire of the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut And to the excavation of the quarry from which you were dug.

² "Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; For I called him when *he was but* one, Then I blessed him and made him many." ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion [in her captivity]; He will comfort all her ruins. And He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and the voice of a melody. ⁴ "Listen carefully to Me [says the LORD], O My people, And hear Me, O My nation; For a [divine] law will go forth from Me, And I will quickly *establish* My justice as a light to the peoples. ⁵ "My righteousness (justice) is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The islands *and* coastlands will wait for Me, And they will wait with hope *and* confident expectation for My arm. ⁶ "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, Then look to the earth beneath; For the heavens will be torn to pieces *and* vanish like smoke, And the earth will wear out like a garment. And its inhabitants will die in like manner. But My salvation will be forever, And My righteousness (justice) [and faithfully fulfilled promise] will not be broken. ⁷ "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness (right standing with God), The people in whose heart is My law *and* instruction; Do not fear the reproach *and* taunting of man, Nor be distressed at their reviling. ⁸ "For the moth will eat them like a garment, And the worm will eat them like wool. But My righteousness *and* justice [faithfully promised] will exist forever, And My salvation to all generations." ⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength *and* might, O arm of the LORD; Awake as in the ancient days, as in the generations of long ago. Was it not You who cut Rahab (Egypt) in pieces, Who pierced the dragon [of Egypt]? ¹⁰ Was it not You who dried up the [Red] Sea, The waters of the great deep, Who made the depths of the sea a pathway For the redeemed to cross over? ¹¹ So the redeemed of the LORD will return And

come with joyful shouting to Zion; Everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away. ¹²“I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of man who dies And of a son of man who is made [as destructible] as grass, ¹³That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth, That you continually tremble with fear all day long because of the rage of the oppressor, As he takes aim to destroy? And where is the rage of the oppressor?

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Amplified Bible

Choose Life

¹⁵“Listen closely, I have set before you today life and prosperity (good), and death and adversity (evil); ¹⁶in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk [that is, to live each and every day] in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments (precepts), so that you will live and multiply, and that the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you will not hear *and* obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you will certainly perish. You will not live long in the land which you cross the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding closely to Him; for He is your life [your good life, your abundant life, your fulfillment] and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD promised (swore) to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”