

## Deuteronomy 11

Verses 1 – 7

“You shall therefore love the Lord your God, and always keep His directive, His statutes, His ordinances, and His commandments. <sup>2</sup> Know this day that *I am not speaking* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of the Lord your God—His greatness, His mighty hand, His outstretched arm, <sup>3</sup> 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; <sup>4</sup> and what He did to Egypt’s army, to its horses and its chariots, when He made the water of the Red Sea engulf them while they were pursuing you, and the Lord completely eliminated them; <sup>5</sup> and what He did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; <sup>6</sup> 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 followed them, among all Israel— <sup>7</sup> but your own eyes have seen all the great work of the Lord which He did.

**<sup>2</sup> Know this day that *I am not speaking* with your sons who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of the Lord your God**

Moses recalls 4 events in verses 3 thru 6

See pic 1105

Exodus time line			
Exodus	Event	Year	Place
7-11	The 10 Plagues	1447	Egypt
Exodus	Event	Year 1 - 1446	Place
12:37	The Exodus from Egypt	1-15-01	Rameses
14:21-22	Crossing of the Red Sea		Read Sea
34	New stone tablets	Month 6 or 7	The Desert of Sinai
Numbers time line			
Numbers	Event	Years 3 - 39	Place
16	The Korah rebellion	1444 - 1408	Unknown

This event took place sometime during this time frame

Moses says he is not speaking to those who have not seen the discipline of the Lord and references the 4 events in chart 1105.

So who is Moses not speaking to?

See chart 1110

Group	Age at the Exodus	Age in Book of Deuteronomy
1	51 Plus	all have died*
2	21 to 50	all have died*
3	Newborn to 20	40 to 60 years old
4		Their kids are 10 to 30 years old
5		Grandkids are Newborn to 10

\* except for Moses, Joshua & Caleb

For those who were between the ages of Newborn up to 20 years of age at the Exodus, some of them would remember those events and others would have been too young to remember or understand what was going on.

However, none of the kids and grandkids of this group would have seen these events.

It is interesting that Moses says “know this day”

Previously, Moses did not make the distinction concerning who he was talking to.

The following is a summary of those moments:

Deut. 1:26, 32, 37, 41, 45

Deut. 4:11

Deut. 9:7, 8, 23

Maybe Moses assumed the people understood who he was referring to and didn't see the need to make this distinction, but the word got back to him that there was a misunderstanding by some so Moses clarified exactly who he was talking to.

Verses 8 – 12

**“You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may be strong and go in and take possession of the land into which you are about to cross to possess it; <sup>9</sup> and so that you may prolong *your* days on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it by your foot like a vegetable garden. <sup>11</sup> But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.**

**<sup>10</sup> For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came**

In Egypt, agriculture depended on irrigation from the Nile River.

See Map 1115



**<sup>11</sup> But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven.**

See Map 1120



When you look at the Middle East on Google Earth it really is quite shocking.

Canaan is one of the few areas that get enough rainfall to keep the region fairly green.

Verses 13 – 17

**<sup>13</sup> “And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, <sup>14</sup> that He will provide rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, so that you may gather your grain, your new wine, and your oil. <sup>15</sup> He will also provide grass in your field for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. <sup>16</sup> Beware that your hearts are not easily deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods, and worship them. <sup>17</sup> Otherwise, the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the sky so that there will be no rain, and the ground will not yield its produce; then you will quickly perish from the good land which the Lord is giving you.**

**<sup>13</sup> if you listen obediently to my commandments <sup>14</sup> He will provide rain for your land in its season**

Remaining in the land of Canaan was dependent on them keeping the law.

Being blessed with rain at the proper time was dependent on the same condition.

Obey God and He will provide the rain your crops need.

This was not rocket science.

**Beware that your hearts are not easily deceived and that you do not turn away and serve other gods, and worship them.**

The people of Canaan gave Baal the credit for the good land and rain and that mistake has led to their current demise.

Unfortunately, many in Israel will believe the same lie and they will lose their land.

It is amazing how easily the hearts of people can be deceived.

This is why Moses keeps warning them about being diligent in keeping the law.

Verses 18 – 25

**<sup>18</sup> “You shall therefore take these words of mine to heart and to soul; and you shall tie them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead. <sup>19</sup> You shall also teach them to your sons, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your sons may be increased on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. <sup>22</sup> For if you are careful to keep all of this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and cling to Him, <sup>23</sup> then the Lord will dispossess all these nations from you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. <sup>24</sup> Every place on which the sole of your footsteps shall be yours; your border will be from the wilderness to Lebanon, *and* from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea. <sup>25</sup> No one will *be able to* stand against you; the Lord your God will instill the dread of you and the fear of you in all the land on which you set foot, just as He has spoken to you.**

**<sup>18</sup> “You shall therefore take these words of mine to heart and to soul; and you shall tie them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead.**

We just covered this in chapter 6 of Deuteronomy.

**You shall also teach them to your sons, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up**

God wanted every Jewish family to pass on the law to their kids.

This was done by living it in their lives every hour of the day.

**And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your sons may be increased**

We also covered this in chapter 6.

**For if you are careful to keep all of this commandment <sup>23</sup> then the Lord will dispossess all these nations from you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.**

The operative words here are **IF and THEN**

The blessings of the covenant were conditional.

If anyone doesn't believe that the blessings were conditional, based on them keeping the law, they should read The Book of Judges.

During the 300 years of Jewish history that this book covers, there was one very simple lesson to be learned.

When Israel followed the law the people were triumphant over their enemies and when they forgot the Lord their God they were controlled by their enemies.

**Your border will be from the wilderness to Lebanon, *and* from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea.**

We covered this in chapter 1 of Deuteronomy.

Verses 26 - 32

**<sup>26</sup> “See, I am placing before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today; <sup>28</sup> and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known. <sup>29</sup> “And it shall come about, when the Lord your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. <sup>30</sup> 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? <sup>31</sup> For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it, <sup>32</sup> and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am placing before you today.**

**<sup>26</sup> “See, I am placing before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today; <sup>28</sup> and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.**

Here we can see the importance of the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment.

If you love God and keep his commandments you will be blessed.

If you turn aside to other gods you will be cursed.

**<sup>29</sup> “And it shall come about, when the Lord your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.**

Gerizim and Ebal were two mounts in central Palestine about 3,000 feet in elevation.

With the town of Shechem located in-between the two peaks

The blessings were placed on Mount Gerizim and the curses were placed on Mount Ebal

See map 1125 and 1130



## A NATURAL AMPHITHEATER

This Valley formed a Natural Amphitheater.  
 A speaker's voice could be heard on both hillsides.  
 Likewise, the shouts of a crowd on Gerizim could be heard  
 on Ebal, and vice versa.

Mt. Gerizim

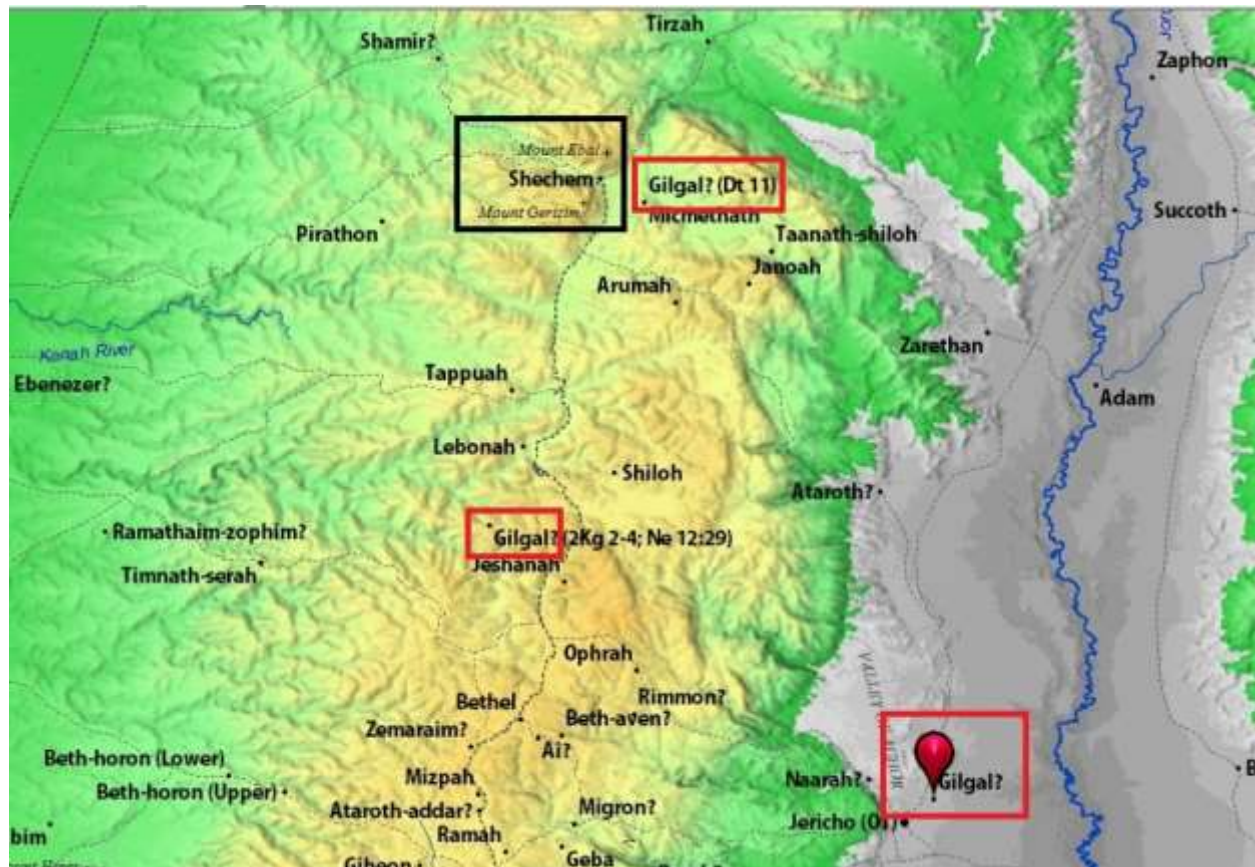
Mt. Ebal





Are they not across the Jordan, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

See Map 1135



There were at least 3 towns called Gilgal but this is a reference to the one close to Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim.