

Deuteronomy 26

Verses 1 – 11

“Then it shall be, when you enter the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and live in it, ² that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground which you bring in from your land that the Lord your God gives you, and you shall put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to establish His name. ³ And you shall go to the priest who is *in office* at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord my God that I have entered the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ And you shall respond and say before the Lord your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down to Egypt and resided there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty, and populous nation. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us badly and oppressed us, and imposed hard labor on us. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our wretched condition, our trouble, and our oppression; ⁸ and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, Lord have given me.’ Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God; ¹¹ and you, the Levite, and the stranger who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household.

When you enter the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and live in it

They will enter Canaan in two months.

The year will be 1406 BC

Then it will take 7 years to conquer major portions of the land.

After that it will take another 7 years to divide the land up between the tribes and families within each tribe.

See chart 2605

Joshua time line

Chapter	Event	Year	Other
3	Crossing the Jordan		
4	12 stones at Gilgal	1-10-1406	
5	Passover	1-14-1406	
6	Fall of Jericho	1406	
10	Sothern cities conquered	1406 - 1400	
11	Northern Kings defeated	1406 - 1400	
13	Still a lot of land to be taken over	1400	Joshua is very old
14	Hebron given to Caleb	1400	Caleb is 85
14 - 19	Land allotted in Canaan	1400 - 1393	Took 7 years
20	Cities of Refuge	1392	
21	Towns for Levites	1392	
22	Eastern tribes return home	1392	14 years from home
23	Joshua's farewell	1375	vs 1 - a long time had passed
24	Joshua dies	1375	110 years old

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God established his name wherever the tabernacle was stationed.

See chart 2610

Where the Tabernacle was located after the Israelites crossed the Jordan River

Scripture	Place	Began	Ended	Years
Joshua 5:10	Gilgal	1406	1396	10
Joshua 18:1	Shiloh	1396	1070	326
Jeremiah 7:14	Shiloh destroyed	1070		
	Not sure	1070	1020	50
I Sam 21	Nob	1020	1010	10
I Chron. 16:39-40	Gibeon	1010	960	50
I Kings 8:3-4	Temple	960		

During the conquest of Canaan (7 years) and for the first 3 years of the 7 years it took to divide up the land the Tabernacle was at Gilgal.

Then it was moved to Shiloh (after 10 years) and remained there for 326 years.

This is where they presented the first-fruits of the land.

And you shall go to the priest who is *in office* at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord my God that I have entered the land which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us

The people were to acknowledge that God had fulfilled His promise.

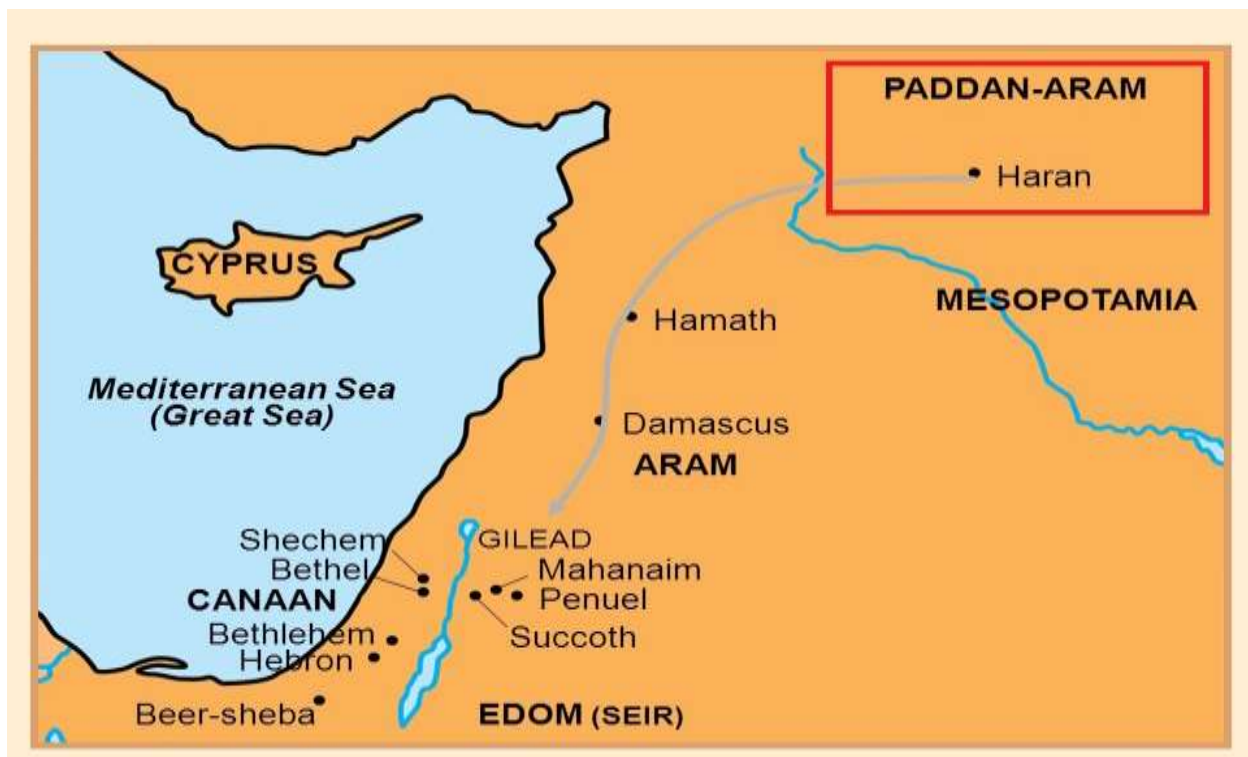
When they said our fathers, they were referring to the promise made to Abraham?

That promise was made about 500 years in the past.

My Father was a wandering Aramean

The patriarchs were Aramean geographically.

See map 2620



Abraham lived in Haran for a while on his journey to Canaan

Jacob had a long stay in Paddan-Aram when he worked for Laban

See Genesis 31:17 – 18

And he went down to Egypt and resided there, few in number; but there he became a great, mighty, and populous nation. ⁶ And the Egyptians treated us badly and oppressed us, and imposed hard labor on us. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our wretched condition, our trouble, and our oppression; ⁸ and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand, an outstretched arm, and with great terror, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and He has brought us to this place, and has given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey

Moses just summarized 300 years of history in 5 sentences.

1. They grew from 75 people to a nation of 2.5 million.
2. They were slaves for 160 years.
3. The exodus came about by Gods signs and wonders.
4. God gave Israel the land of Canaan.

And now behold, I have brought the first of the produce of the ground which You, Lord have given me.’ Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God; ¹¹ and you, the Levite, and the stranger who is among you shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household.

It was God’s plan that Israel would be blessed and that they would understand that the blessings came from Him.

See Joshua 24:

³¹ Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known every deed of the Lord which He had done for Israel.

Every individual and generation must experience God working in their lives and acknowledge His blessings.

Verses 12 - 15

¹² “When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the stranger, to the orphan, and to the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.

¹³ And you shall say before the Lord your God, ‘I have removed the sacred *portion* from *my* house, and have also given it to the Levite, the stranger, the orphan, and the widow, in accordance with all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not violated or forgotten any of Your commandments. ¹⁴ I have not eaten of it while mourning, nor have I removed any of it while I was unclean, nor offered any of it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God; I have acted in accordance with everything that You have commanded me. ¹⁵ Look down from Your holy dwelling place, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel, and the ground which You have given us, a land flowing with milk and honey just as You swore to our fathers.’

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This was cover in great detail in Deut. 14:22-29.

Considering the fact that this is seldom talked about in most churches it might be a good idea to review this so that the full scope of this subject is understood.

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The tithe was to be eaten in joyful feasting, not for the dead or other purposes.

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The blessing of a good crop came from God, not from Baal or other pagan gods that promised such things.

Many Americans are blessed by living in this country but never give God the credit for our overwhelming blessings.

Verses 16 - 19

¹⁶ “This day the Lord your God commands you to perform these statutes and ordinances. Therefore you shall be careful to perform them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷ Today you have declared the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His ordinances, and listen to His voice. ¹⁸ And the Lord has today declared you to be His people, *His* personal possession, just as He promised you, and that you are to keep all His commandments; ¹⁹ and that He will put you high above all the nations which He has made, for glory, fame, and honor; and that you shall be a consecrated people to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.”

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The covenant was ratified in year 1, but that generation refused to enter Canaan and they all died in the wilderness. The new generation was about to cross over the Jordan and God wanted them to know that the covenant was now between Him and this new generation.

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The story for Israel was that of a Ferris wheel.

There would be a lot of ups and downs depending on the faithfulness of the people.

The reign of David and Solomon were filled with glory, fame and honor.

But most of their history fell far short of God’s will for Israel.

God judged northern Israel and delivered them to the Assyrians and the southern kingdom was taken captive by the Babylonians.

The blessings of the covenant were conditional based on them keeping the law.