

Deuteronomy 30

Verses 1 – 5

“So it will be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have placed before you, and you call *them* to mind in all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you, ² and you return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul in accordance with everything that I am commanding you today, you and your sons, ³ then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. ⁴ If any of your scattered *countrymen* are at the ends of the earth, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. ⁵ The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will be good to you and make you more numerous than your fathers.

So it will be when all of these things have come upon you

These verses should be seen as a prophesy.

Israel will break the covenant and they will be taken into captivity.

And you return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul

Then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity

Here we see another IF – THEN statement.

If they repent, then the Lord will bring them back to Palestine

And the Lord will bless them and make them numerous

And He will be good to you and make you more numerous than your fathers.

Israel was deported to Babylon in 586 BC. And about 50,000 returned to Israel under the direction of Zerubbabel after 70 years of captivity.

By the time of Christ, the population had grown to 4 or 5 million.

Verses 6 - 10

⁶ “Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the hearts of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, so that you may live. ⁷ And the Lord your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. ⁸ And you will again obey the Lord, and follow all His commandments which I am commanding you today. ⁹ Then the Lord your God will prosper you abundantly in every work of your hand, in the children of your womb, the offspring of your cattle, and in the produce of your ground, for the Lord will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; ¹⁰ if you obey the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

⁶ Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart

⁷ And the Lord your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies

⁸ And you will again obey the Lord, and follow all His commandments

⁹ **Then** the Lord your God will prosper you abundantly

¹⁰ **If** you obey the Lord your God to keep His commandments

Here we have another IF – THEN statement.

The circumcision of their hearts and their enemies being cursed was based on the condition that the Jews would follow the law.

Verses 11 - 14

¹¹ “For this commandment which I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you could say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us, and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’ ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, that you could say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and get it for us and proclaim it to us, so that we may follow it?’ ¹⁴ On the contrary, the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may follow it.

God's laws were not too hard for the people of Israel to follow; they just needed the will to do it.

See Romans 10:5 - 13

Verses 15 – 20

¹⁵ “**See, I have placed before you today life and happiness, and death and adversity,** ¹⁶ **in that I am commanding you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, so that you may live and become numerous, and that the Lord your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to take possession of it.** ¹⁷ **But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but allow yourself to be led astray and you worship other gods and serve them,** ¹⁸ **I declare to you today that you will certainly perish. You will not prolong *your* days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and take possession of it.** ¹⁹ **I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have placed before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,** ²⁰ **by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding close to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, so that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”**

See, I have placed before you today life and happiness, and death and adversity,

Life and Happiness vs Death and adversity

Is that a difficult choice?

I am commanding you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, so that you may live and become numerous

God’s laws were designed to be a blessing to every person that chose to love and serve Him and to be a blessing to the Jewish nation as a whole. And the blessing of Israel would become a blessing to every nation.

But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but allow yourself to be led astray and you worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ **I declare to you today that you will certainly perish.**

Turning away from God does not happen by chance, it is a choice that people make.

And that choice has consequences that will affect them for eternity.