

Deuteronomy 7: 1-26

v1 – possess	(verb)	to own; to have
v2 – treaty	(noun)	an agreement or contract
v2 – mercy	(noun)	undeserved kindness; not harming someone you have power over
v3 – intermarry	(verb)	getting married to people of different nations, religions, races etc.
v5 – altars	(noun, pl.)	raised places where sacrifices are offered and religious ceremonies are performed
v5 – sacred	(adjective)	used in religious ceremonies
v5 – Asherah	(proper noun)	fertility goddess of the Caananites
v5 – idols	(noun, pl.)	objects that are worshipped like gods
v7 – affection	(noun)	a feeling of attachment or warmth towards another
v7 – numerous	(adjective)	being many; being present in large numbers
v7 – fewest	(adjective)	being present in a small number
v8 – oath	(noun)	a solemn pronouncement of truth, or promise to act
v8 – forefathers	(noun, pl.)	male ancestors
v8 – slavery	(adjective)	the situation where someone has total control over you and you must do what they tell you
v8 – Pharaoh	(person)	the leader/ ruler of Egypt
v9 – covenant	(noun)	a binding agreement or contract; a promise
v9 – commands	(noun, pl.)	orders; instructions
v10 – repay	(verb)	make a return for (something); pay back
v11 – decrees	(noun, pl.)	laws or rules made by someone with authority
v13 – womb	(noun)	the part inside a woman’s body where a baby grows before it is born
v13 - calves	(noun, pl.)	young cattle (cows, buffalo etc)
v13 – herds	(noun, pl.)	groups of cattle living and feeding together
v13 – lambs	(noun, pl.)	young sheep
v13 – flocks	(noun, pl.)	groups of sheep living together
v14 – childless	(adjective)	not having any children

v14 – livestock	(noun)	animals such as horses and cattle kept for use not as pets e.g. on a farm
v15 – disease	(noun)	an illness or sickness
v19 – trials	(noun, pl.)	difficulties; sufferings; hard times
v19 – outstretched	(adjective)	extended or expanded out
v20 – moreover	(conjunctive)	in addition; furthermore
v20 – hornet	(noun)	a large wasp (see image)
v20 – perished	(verb)	been destroyed; died
v22 – eliminate	(verb)	completely remove; get rid of
v22 – multiply	(verb)	increase in number
v24 – wipe out	(verb)	completely destroy; get rid of
v25 – covet	(verb)	wish for, long for or crave for; strongly want something
v25 – detestable	(adjective)	disliked very much
v26 – utterly	(adverb)	completely; totally
v26 – abhor	(verb)	reject; strongly dislike



1 Peter 2:9-12

v9 – priesthood	(noun)	group of priests
v11 – aliens	(noun, pl.)	foreigners; unfamiliar/strange person
v11 – abstain	(verb)	refrain from doing something
v12 – accuse	(verb)	charge someone with fault or a crime; blame someone
v12 – glorify	(verb)	give honour or praise to

Deuteronomy 7:1-26 (New International Reader's Version)

The LORD your God will bring you into the land. You are going to enter it and take it as your own. He'll drive out many nations to make room for you. He'll drive out the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. Those seven nations are larger and stronger than you are. ²The LORD your God will hand them over to you. You will win the battle over them. You must completely destroy them. Don't make a peace treaty with them. Don't show them any mercy. ³Don't marry any of their people. Don't give your daughters to their sons. And don't take their daughters for your sons. ⁴If you do, those people will turn your children away from serving the LORD. Then your children will serve other gods. The LORD will be very angry with you. He will quickly destroy you. ⁵So here is what you must do to those people. Break down their altars. Smash their sacred stones. Cut down the poles they use to worship the female god named Asherah. Burn the statues of their gods in the fire. ⁶You are a holy nation. The LORD your God has set you apart for himself. He has chosen you to be his special treasure. He chose you out of all the nations on the face of the earth to be his people. ⁷The LORD chose you because he loved you very much. He didn't choose you because you had more people than other nations. In fact, you had the smallest number of all. ⁸The LORD chose you because he loved you. He wanted to keep the promise he had made to your people of long ago. That's why he used his mighty hand to bring you out of Egypt. He bought you back from the land where you were slaves. He set you free from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. ⁹So I want you to realize that the LORD your God is God. He is the faithful God. He keeps his covenant for all time to come. He keeps it with those who love him and obey his commandments. He shows them his love. ¹⁰But he will pay back those who hate him. He'll destroy them. He'll quickly pay back those who hate him. ¹¹So be careful to obey the commands, rules and laws I'm giving you today. ¹²Pay attention to the laws of the LORD your God. Be careful to obey them. Then he will keep his covenant of love with you. That's what he promised to your people of long ago. ¹³The LORD will love you and bless you. He'll cause there to be many of you. He'll give you many children. He'll bless the crops of your land. He'll give you plenty of grain, olive oil and fresh wine. He'll bless your herds with many calves. He'll give your flocks many lambs. He'll do all these things for you in the land of Canaan. It's the land he promised your people of long ago that he would give you. ¹⁴He will bless you more than any other nation. All your men and women will have children. All your livestock will have little ones. ¹⁵The LORD will keep you from getting sick. He won't send on you any of the horrible sicknesses you saw all around you in Egypt. But he'll send them on everyone who hates you. ¹⁶You must destroy all the nations the LORD your God hands over to you. Don't feel sorry for them. Don't serve their gods. If you do, they will be a trap for you. ¹⁷You might say to yourselves, "These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?" ¹⁸But don't be afraid of them. Be sure to remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians. ¹⁹With your own eyes you saw what the LORD did to them. You saw the signs and amazing things he did. He reached out his mighty hand and powerful arm. The LORD your God used all those things to bring you out. You are now afraid of the nations that are in the land the LORD promised you. But the LORD your God will do to them the same things he did to Egypt. ²⁰The LORD your God will also send hornets among those nations. Some of the people left alive will hide from you. But even they will die. ²¹So don't be terrified by them. The LORD your God is with you. He is a great and wonderful God. ²²The LORD your God will drive out those nations to make room for you. But he will do it little by little. You won't be allowed to get rid of them all at once. If you did, wild animals would multiply all around you. ²³But the LORD your God will hand those nations over to you. He will throw them into a panic until they are destroyed. ²⁴He will hand their kings over to you. You will wipe out their names from the earth. No one will be able to stand up against you. You will destroy them. ²⁵Burn the statues of their gods in the fire. Don't wish for the silver and gold on those statues. Don't take it for yourselves. If you do, it will be a trap for you. The LORD your God hates it. ²⁶Don't bring anything he hates into your house. If you do, you will be completely destroyed along with it. So hate it with all your heart. It is set apart to be destroyed.

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⁹But God chose you to be his people. You are royal priests. You are a holy nation. You are God's special treasure. You are all these things so that you can give him praise. God brought you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people. But now you are the people of God. Once you had not received mercy. But now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, you are outsiders and those who wander in this world. So I'm asking you not to give in to your sinful desires. They fight against your soul. ¹²People who don't believe might say you are doing wrong. But lead good lives among them. Then they will see your good deeds. And they will give glory to God on the day he comes to judge.

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