

Covenant Curses (Exile & Return 4)

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Deuteronomy 28:15-51, 58-68

I. What It Means to Be in a Covenant

- A. A relationship with terms and consequences
- B. The commands of God: "Hear, O Israel!"
- C. Blessings for obedience
- D. Curses for disobedience

II. The Curses of Deuteronomy

- A. Body (21, 22, 26, 27, 35, 59, 60)
- B. Food (17, 31, 33)
- C. Agriculture, trade (16, 18, 22, 24, 31, 38, 39, 40)
- D. Marriage, family, and home (18, 30, 32, 41)
- E. Anguish (19, 20, 29, 33, 34)
- F. Warfare, servitude, debt, and captivity (25, 36, 37, 43, 44, 48, 49-51, 64-66)

III. Give the People What They Want

- A. Why would God do this?
- B. God removes the blessings of creation from those who forget their Creator (1 Timothy 4:4; Colossians 3:5)
- C. God gives us what we love, and gives us *to* what we love
- D. The experience of curse (Romans 1:18-25)

IV. What to Do

- A. Be vigilant in peaceful times (1 John 2:16)
- B. Be courageous in dangerous times (Revelation 7:14)
- C. Be thankful at all times
- D. Pursue holiness
- E. Repent of sin (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 1:9)