

"Bar-None"
Deuteronomy 4: 21 - 22
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God Has Revealed Himself So That It Would Be Clear That There Is None Equal; Bar-None, (vs. 35)

- Bar-None; There Is No Rival That Can Adequately Stand Against God's Sovereign Decree, (vs. 21 - 24)
 - *Since purity must be modeled, God places a high premium on the purity of leaders, (vs. 21a)*
 - *Since purity is the ultimate expression of faith, God places a high premium on belief, (vs. 21b)*
- God will not allow rebellion to go unpunished, (vs. 22)
 - Rebellion against God's commands brings death, (vs. 22a)
 - ✚ "Must die" / "Must not go over," (Act.Part); Hebrew: literally a dying one / a "non-crossing" one - (Num 20: 8 - 11)
 1. God's commands for His people are based on His authority - *"TAKE the staff, and ASSEMBLE the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and TELL the rock before their eyes to YIELD its water.*
 2. God's promises for His people are based on His word - *So you shall bring water OUT of the rock for them and give DRINK to the congregation and their cattle."*
 3. God's provision for His people is orchestrated through ordained obedience - *And Moses TOOK the staff from before the Lord, as he COMMANDED him.*
 4. Rebellion before the Lord begins when I see myself as sovereign - *Then Moses and Aaron GATHERED the assembly together before the rock, and he SAID to them, "HEAR now, you rebels:*
 5. Rebellion before the Lord begins when I operate out of my power - *shall we BRING water for you out of this rock?"*
 6. Rebellion before the Lord begins when I enact my plans, not God's - *And Moses LIFTED up his hand and STRUCK the rock with his staff twice,*
 7. Rebellion before the Lord cannot be gauged by God's giving provision - *and water came OUT abundantly, and the congregation DRANK, and their livestock." (Numbers 20:8-11)*
 - God's sovereign grace brings life, (vs. 22b)
 - ✚ "Shall go over," (Act.Part); Hebrew literally, a going over one - (1 Chronicles 28: 9 - 10)
 1. God's sovereign grace is family oriented - *"And you, Solomon my son, KNOW the God of your father*
 2. God's sovereign grace is all consuming - *and SERVE him with a whole heart and with a willing mind,*
 3. God's sovereign grace is the result of God's decrees - *for the Lord SEARCHES all hearts and UNDERSTANDS every plan and thought.*
 4. God's sovereign grace is made available to those who seek God - *If you SEEK him, he will be FOUND by you,*
 5. God's sovereign grace is withheld from those who reject God - *but if you FORSAKE him, he will CAST you off forever.*
 6. God's sovereign grace is bestowed upon those God has chosen - *Be CAREFUL now, for the Lord has CHOSEN you to build a house for the sanctuary;*
 7. God's sovereign grace will come to completion - *be STRONG and DO it." (1 Chronicles 28:9-10)*
- God will not permit any substitutes to be offered, (vs. 23)
 - God's grace is based upon solely upon our relationship with Him, (vs. 23a)
 - God's relationship with His people does not allow for any other affections, (vs. 23b)
- God will not tolerate any rivals to His nature, (vs. 24)