

Timeline of Truth: God Sets a Choice before Israel (Deuteronomy 4)

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<p>Deuteronomy 4:1-2 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. ² "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.</p>	<p>1. The _____ from Moses</p> <p>a. Listen to what Moses is teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So that they may live • So that they may possess the land <p>b. Do not change what is given</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep God's commands as they are given.
<p>³ "Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor. ⁴ "But you who held fast to the LORD your God <i>are</i> alive today, every one of you.</p>	<p>2. The _____ of God's Judgment</p> <p>a. God destroyed those who worshipped Baal (Num. 25)</p> <p>b. God saved those who were faithful</p>
<p>⁵ "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according <i>to them</i> in the land which you go to possess. ⁶ "Therefore be careful to observe <i>them</i>; for this <i>is</i> your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation <i>is</i> a wise and understanding people.' ⁷ "For what great nation <i>is there</i> that has God <i>so</i> near to it, as the LORD our God <i>is</i> to us, for whatever <i>reason</i> we may call upon Him? ⁸ "And what great nation <i>is there</i> that has <i>such</i> statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day?</p>	<p>3. The _____ of the Nation</p> <p>a. Moses had taught everything God commanded</p> <p>b. The people were to observe what God commanded.</p> <p>c. Their obedience would be a testimony to others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of their wisdom and understanding <p>d. God is with Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They may call upon God • They have a unique law
<p>⁹ " Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren, ¹⁰ "<i>especially concerning</i> the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and <i>that</i> they may teach their children.' ¹¹ "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. ¹² "And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, but saw no form; <i>you</i> only <i>heard</i> a voice. ¹³ "So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He</p>	<p>4. The _____ of the Law Given</p> <p>a. Israel is to be careful to remember God's law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take heed and diligently keep yourselves - שָׁמַר - <i>shamar</i> - keep, watch, preserve • So that they don't depart from your heart • Teach them to the next generations <p>b. Israel was to remember what happened at Horeb</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They heard the words of God • They saw the mountain burning with fire • They heard the Lord speak • They had the covenant written in stone <p>c. The purpose of all of this was to teach Israel the commandments of God so that they would observe them in the promised land.</p>

<p>wrote them on two tablets of stone. ¹⁴ "And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess.</p>	
<p>¹⁵ " Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, ¹⁶ "lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷ "the likeness of any animal that <i>is</i> on the earth or the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, ¹⁸ "the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground or the likeness of any fish that <i>is</i> in the water beneath the earth. ¹⁹ "And <i>take heed</i>, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and <i>when</i> you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.</p>	<p>5. The _____ Concerning Idolatry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Israel saw no form of God Therefore... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They should not make any image to worship Act corruptly - שָׁחַת – <i>sachat</i> - go to ruin They should not worship heavenly bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God has given these to all people As a heritage is not in the original text.
<p>²⁰ "But the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day.</p>	<p>6. The _____ of Israel from Egypt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> God has rescued his people God has made them an inheritance
<p>²¹ "Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. ²² "But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but you shall cross over and possess that good land.</p>	<p>7. The _____ of Moses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moses will not enter the land Moses is to die (soon) on this side of the Jordan
<p>²³ "Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ "For the LORD your God <i>is</i> a consuming fire, a jealous God. ²⁵ " When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke Him to anger, ²⁶ "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong <i>your</i> days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. ²⁷ "And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. ²⁸ "And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell.</p>	<p>8. The _____ of Disobedience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moses warns again against idolatry Moses appeals to the nature of God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is a consuming fire He is a jealous God When Israel turns from god to worship idols: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They will soon perish from the land They will be utterly destroyed God will scatter those who few who are left among the other nations They will serve other gods They will be forced to labor for these other nations
<p>²⁹ "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find <i>Him</i> if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ³⁰ "When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice ³¹ '(for the LORD your God <i>is</i> a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.</p>	<p>9. The _____ of Mercy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They will seek God when they end up in this situation. God promises they will find Him They are to turn to God and obey His voice Moses appeals to the nature of God: He is merciful. God promises to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not forsake them Not destroy them Not forget the covenant He swore to their fathers.
<p>³² " For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and <i>ask</i> from one end of heaven to the other, whether <i>any great thing</i></p>	<p>10. The _____ of God's People</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Moses explains that what God is doing with Israel has never happened before.

<p>like this has happened, or <i>anything</i> like it has been heard. ³³ "Did <i>any</i> people <i>ever</i> hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live? ³⁴ "Or did God <i>ever</i> try to go <i>and</i> take for Himself a nation from the midst of <i>another</i> nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ "To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself <i>is</i> God; <i>there is</i> none other besides Him. ³⁶ "Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷ "And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them; and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence, with His mighty power, ³⁸ "driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land <i>as</i> an inheritance, as <i>it is</i> this day.</p>	<p>b. What has happened:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God has spoken to a nation (and the nation live to tell about it) • God has rescued a nation • God has shown great signs and wonders • God has defeated mightier nations than Israel • God is giving them a land <p>c. The purpose of God's rescue of Israel is that they might know that He is God</p> <p>d. The reason He chose them is because He loved (made a choice) their fathers</p>
<p>³⁹ "Therefore know this day, and consider <i>it</i> in your heart, that the LORD Himself <i>is</i> God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; <i>there is</i> no other. ⁴⁰ "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong <i>your</i> days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time."</p>	<p>11. The _____ to Israel</p> <p>a. The challenge is for the people to know that the Lord is God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both in heaven and on the earth • There is no other god. <p>b. Because of this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God commands them to obey • God promises blessing if they obey • God promises to prolong their days if they obey.
<p>⁴¹ Then Moses set apart three cities on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, ⁴² that the manslayer might flee there, who kills his neighbor unintentionally, without having hated him in time past, and that by fleeing to one of these cities he might live: ⁴³ Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for the Manassites.</p>	<p>12. The _____ of Refuge</p>
<p>⁴⁴ Now this <i>is</i> the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. ⁴⁵ These <i>are</i> the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came out of Egypt, ⁴⁶ on this side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel defeated after they came out of Egypt. ⁴⁷ And they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, who <i>were</i> on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, ⁴⁸ from Aroer, which <i>is</i> on the bank of the River Arnon, even to Mount Sion (that is, Hermon), ⁴⁹ and all the plain on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, below the slopes of Pisgah.</p>	<p>13. The _____ of Israel</p>