

Timeline of Truth – God Instructs Israel to Worship in the Land (Deuteronomy 26)

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Deuteronomy 26:1 "And it shall be, when you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, ² "that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide. ³ "And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴ "Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

1. Israel Is to Bring _____ Firstfruit Offering

- a. When?
 - When they come into the land
 - The very first year the land produces
- b. What?
 - They shall bring some produce to the priest
 - They shall acknowledge God's hand in bringing them into the land.
- c. Who?
 - The priest will place the bread before the altar.

⁵ "And you shall answer and say before the LORD your God: 'My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ 'But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. ⁷ 'Then we cried out to the LORD God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. ⁸ 'So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ 'He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land flowing with milk and honey"; ¹⁰ 'and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.' Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹ "So you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who *is* among you.

2. Israel is to _____ What God Has Done

- a. Their forefathers went to Egypt, because they had no food (Gen 42-46)
 - b. The Egyptians mistreated them (Exodus 1)
 - c. They cried out to God and He heard
Exodus 3:7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.
Psalms 34:17 ¹⁷ *The righteous* cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.
 - d. God brought them out of Egypt
 - e. God gave them this land
 - f. Because of this:
 - They are bringing the offering
 - They are worshipping
 - They are to rejoice in every good thing
 - They themselves
 - Their house
 - The Levite
 - The stranger who is among them
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

<p>¹² " When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year -- the year of tithing -- and have given <i>it</i> to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled, ¹³ "then you shall say before the LORD your God: 'I have removed the holy <i>tithe</i> from <i>my</i> house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten <i>them</i>. ¹⁴ 'I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed <i>any</i> of it for an unclean <i>use</i>, nor given <i>any</i> of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me. ¹⁵ 'Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey." '</p>	<p>3. Israel Is to Bring a _____ the Third Year</p> <p>a. They are to bring a tithe off their increase to help those in need Deuteronomy 14:28-29 ²⁸ " At the end of <i>every</i> third year you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store <i>it</i> up within your gates. ²⁹ "And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who <i>are</i> within your gates, may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.</p> <p>b. They shall acknowledge that they are obeying God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They shall proclaim they obeyed • They shall proclaim they obeyed fully <p>c. They shall ask for Gods blessing</p>
<p>¹⁶ " This day the LORD your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷ "Today you have proclaimed the LORD to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice.</p>	<p>4. God Commands Israel to _____</p> <p>a. God commands Israel to observe them Observe - טָוָה – <i>tsavah</i> - Pi. lay charge (upon), give charge (to), charge</p> <p>b. Israel is to be careful to obey Be careful - שָׁמַר - <i>shamar</i> - keep, watch, preserve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With all your heart and soul <p>c. They have proclaimed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification – The Lord to be their God • Intent – That they would obey
<p>¹⁸ "Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that <i>you</i> should keep all His commandments, ¹⁹ "and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken."</p>	<p>5. God _____ to Israel a Special Place</p> <p>a. God has proclaimed Israel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be His special people • To Keep His commandments • To set them high above the other nations • To be a holy people <p>b. This is in accord with what He has promise to them.</p>