

## Deuteronomy 27:1-8 **Altar on Mount Ebal – Altar of Testimony**

### Keep the Commandments

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: "Keep all the commandments which I command you today.

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<sup>2</sup> And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. <sup>3</sup> You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD your God is giving you, 'a land flowing with milk and honey,' just as the LORD God of your fathers promised you.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore it shall be, when you have crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount Ebal you shall set up these stones, which I command you today, and you shall whitewash them with lime. <sup>5</sup> And there you shall build an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones; you shall not use an iron tool on them. <sup>6</sup> You shall build with whole stones the altar of the LORD your God, and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God. <sup>7</sup> You shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> And you shall write very plainly on the stones all the words of this law." NKJV

### Facts Revealed:

#### Keep the Commandments [Deuteronomy 27:1]

- ✧ Looking into the future, knowing the tendency of mankind to drift away from the knowledge of God and into his own humanistic thought patterns and self gratifying practices, which are an abomination to God;
- ✧ Moses, with the elders of Israel command the people again to **keep all the commandments** Moses is delivering to them today, just as he has commanded them so many times before. [Genesis 18:19, 26:1-5, Exodus 15:26, 20:6, Leviticus 18:5, 24-30, 19:37, 20:8, 22-26, 22:31, 25:18, 26:3, Deuteronomy 4:2, 40, 5:1, 10, 29, 6:1-3, 17, 11:32, 16-25, 7:9-11, 8:6, 10:12-13, 11:1, 8, 22, 32, 13:4, 26:16-18, 27:1, 28:9-10, 30:15-16]
- ✧ Repetition is required many times in order for the people to remember. Even then, as time goes by, as now in our time, the people will begin to deny the authority of the original law, and change the law to satisfy themselves, until the original spirit and intent of the law is totally lost and buried by human concepts which defile the land and the people, until the Wrath and Judgment of God is unleashed on the earth to purge away the resulting wickedness. [Isaiah 1:24-26, Ezekiel 20:33-38, Malachi 3:2-3, Matthew 13:41-42]

#### When you cross over Jordan [Deuteronomy 27:2-8]

- ✧ Large stones, whitewashed, with the Law written plainly on them.
- ✧ On the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which Yehowah Eloheyk is giving you.
  - ◇ Set up for yourself large stones and whitewash them with lime.
  - ◇ Write on the stones all the words of this law, when you have crossed over.
  - ◇ That you may enter the land which Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God) is giving you, a land flowing with Milk and Honey, just as Yehowah Elohey aboteyka (the Lord God of your fathers) has promised you.

#### Altar on Mount Ebal [Deuteronomy 27:2-8, 11:29-30, 27:11-13, Joshua 8:30-35]

- ✧ On Mount Ebal;
  - ◇ Set up these stones, whitewash them with lime.

- ✧ Write plainly on the stones all the words of this law.
- ✧ Build an altar to Yehowah Eloheyk of unhewn whole stones.
- ✧ Do not use any tool on them.
- ✧ Offer Burnt Offerings on it to Yehowah Eloheyk.
- ✧ Offer Peace Offerings.
- ✧ Eat there, and rejoice before Yehowah Eloheyk.
- ✧ The Law written on the stones became a monument of Testimony and Witness to Israel, reminding them of their arrival in the Promised Land and God's great work in bringing them into the Land.
- ✧ It also reminds them that the Laws are given them from of old at the commandment of God.
- ✧ The stones and altar on Mount Ebal is witness and testimony to all future generations that the story is true.