# Deuteronomy 28:15-68 Curses for Failure to Obey Commandments of God

Failure to Obey the Commandments of God will bring on the Curses of God

15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

# Curses for Failure to Obey the Commandments of God

- 16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.
- 17 Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.
- 19 Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.
- <sup>20</sup> "The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me.
- 21 The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.
- 22 The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish.

# Impact on the rain and ground

- 23 And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.
- 24 The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

# Defeat by the enemies

- 25 The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.
- <sup>26</sup> Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away.

### **Additional Plagues**

- <sup>27</sup> The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
- 28 The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.
- <sup>29</sup> And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.
- 30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes.
- 31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them.
- Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand.

- 33 A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually.
- 34 So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see.
- 35 The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head.
- 36 The LORD will bring you and the king whom you set over you to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods--wood and stone.
- 37 And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you.
- 38 You shall carry much seed out to the field and gather but little in, for the locust shall consume it.
- 39 You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.
- <sup>40</sup> You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off.
- 41 You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity.
- 42 Locusts shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land.
- 43 The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.
- 44 He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.
- <sup>45</sup> Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.
- 46 And they shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever.

# Because you did not serve Yehowah Eloheyk with joy and gladness for the blessings

- <sup>47</sup> "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything,
- 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

### The Siege

- <sup>49</sup> The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, <sup>50</sup> a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young.
- 51 And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed; they shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you.
- 52 They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you.
- 53 You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you.
- 54 The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, 57 her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

# Extraordinary Plagues for Disobedience to the Commandments of God

- <sup>58</sup> "If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,
- 59 then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues--great and prolonged plagues--and serious and prolonged sicknesses.
- 60 Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- 61 Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.
- 62 You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
- 63 And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.

# Dispersion among the Nations

- <sup>64</sup> "Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known--wood and stone.
- 65 And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.
- 66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.
- 67 In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see. 68 And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall never see it again.' And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you." NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

- **❖** Failure to Obey all the Commandments of God will result in long term devastating curses.
- **♥** God has revealed the seriousness with which He demands that His people obey His Laws.
- ❖ Knowing the terrifying effect should have kept God's people faithful, especially after they experienced all the blessings He had promised for their obedience.
- ❖ However, today, we see that all that God had promised, He has done, both the blessing for obedience, and the curses for disobedience. Today it has all been fulfilled to the letter.
- ☼ The promised blessing and curse served to keep Israel walking in their own land for one thousand and forty four years before the final overthrow to the Babylonians.
- ❖ Today in a little over 200 years we find that with "Freedom of Religion" in the United States of America, the nation has fallen to a point far exceeding the depravity of Israel that caused God to destroy Israel and send them into exile from their land.
- ★ Today we are rapidly approaching the day when the entire earth will be so fallen into depravity, that God will very soon bring about all the prophesies that describe the End Time,

culminating in the Great Tribulation and the Battle of Armageddon, followed by the Kingdom of God.

# Curses for Failure to Obey the Commandments of God

- ☼ If you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you. [Deuteronomy 28:15, 11:26-28, 27:11-26]
- Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. [Deuteronomy 28:16]
   ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:3]
- ♦ Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. [Deuteronomy 28:17]
  - ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:5]
- □ Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle
   and the offspring of your flocks. [Deuteronomy 28:18]
  - ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:4]
- - ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:6]

### Extended Curses [Deuteronomy 28:20-22]

- ❖ Yehowah will send on you cursing, confusion, rebuke, in all you set your hand to do.
  - ♦ To the extent that you are destroyed and perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Yehowah. [Deuteronomy 28:20]
  - ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:8]
- Yehowah will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land.

   [Deuteronomy 28:21, 4:26, 11:16-17, 28:21, 63, 29:14-29]
  - This reverses all the promises of longevity in the land. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 40, 5:33, 6:3, 18, 24, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 12:28, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]
  - ♦ Yehowah will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. [Deuteronomy 28:22]

Curse against the ground and the rain [Deuteronomy 28:23-24]

- **☼** The heavens will be brass and the earth iron.
  - ♦ The rains will be changed to powder and dust.

# Defeat by the enemies [Deuteronomy 28:25-26]

- **♦** Yehowah will give you over to your enemies,
  - ♦ you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them.
  - ♦ You will become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.
    (This promise has been true from the falling away to Babylon until today).
  - ♦ Your carcasses shall be food for the birds and beasts with no one to chase them away.
  - ♦ This reverses the blessing of [Deuteronomy 28:7], and all the promises of security. [Genesis 14:19-20, 22:15-17, Exodus 23:22, Leviticus 26:3-8, Deuteronomy 6:16-19, 20:1-4, 23:14]

#### **Additional Plagues**

- ★ Yehowah will strike you with: [Deuteronomy 28:27-46]
  - ♦ Boils of Egypt, tumors, scab, itch from which you cannot be healed. [Deuteronomy 28:27]
  - ♦ Madness, blindness, and confusion of heart. [Deuteronomy 28:28]
  - ♦ You will grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness. [Deuteronomy 28:29]
  - ♦ You shall not prosper in your ways. [Deuteronomy 28:29]
  - ♦ You shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you.

    [Deuteronomy 28:29]
  - ♦ You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her. [Deuteronomy 28:30]

- ♦ You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. [Deuteronomy 28:30]
- ♦ You shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. [Deuteronomy 28:30]
- ♦ Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it. [Deuteronomy 28:31]
- ♦ Your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you. [Deuteronomy 28:31]
- ♦ Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them.

  [Deuteronomy 28:31]
- ♦ Your sons and daughters shall be given to another people. [Deuteronomy 28:32]
- ♦ Your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long, and there shall be no strength in your hand. [Deuteronomy 28:32]
- ♦ A nation you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor.
  [Deuteronomy 28:33]
- ♦ You shall be oppressed and crushed continually. [Deuteronomy 28:33]
- ♦ You shall be driven mad because of the sight your eyes see. [Deuteronomy 28:34]
- ♦ Yehowah will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head. [Deuteronomy 28:35]
- ♦ Yehowah will bring you and your king, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you will serve other gods of wood and stone. [Deuteronomy 28:36]
- ♦ You will become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where Yehowah shall drive you. [Deuteronomy 28:37]
- ♦ You will sow much seed in your field, but harvest little, for the locust shall consume it.

  [Deuteronomy 28:38]
- ♦ You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worms shall eat them. [Deuteronomy 28:39]
- ♦ You shall have olive trees, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off. [Deuteronomy 28:40]
- ♦ You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity. [Deuteronomy 28:41]
- ♦ Locust shall consume all your trees and the produce of your land. [Deuteronomy 28:42]
- ♦ The alien living among you shall rise higher and higher above you. [Deuteronomy 28:43]
- ♦ You shall come down lower and lower. [Deuteronomy 28:43]
- ♦ The alien shall loan to you, but you shall not lend to him. [Deuteronomy 28:44]
- ♦ He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. [Deuteronomy 28:44]
- ☆ All these curses shall come upon you, pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed.

  [Deuteronomy 28:45]
  - ♦ Because you did not obey the voice of Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God), to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. [Deuteronomy 28:45]
  - → They shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder, and on your descendants forever.

    [Deuteronomy 28:46]

### Because you did not serve Yehowah Eloheyk with joy and gladness for the blessings

- ⇒ Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything. [Deuteronomy 28:47]
  - ♦ You shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything. [Deuteronomy 28:48]
- ♦ He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. [Deuteronomy 28:48] The coming Siege
  - ❖ Yehowah will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. [Deuteronomy 28:49-50]

- → They shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed. [Deuteronomy 28:51]
- → They shall not leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the increase of your cattle or the
  offspring of your flocks, until they have destroyed you. [Deuteronomy 28:51]
- → They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you
  trust, come down throughout all your land. [Deuteronomy 28:52]
- → They shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. [Deuteronomy 28:52]
- ❖ You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. [Deuteronomy 28:53]
- ♦ The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. [Deuteronomy 28:54-55]
- ♦ The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. [Deuteronomy 28:56-57]

# Extraordinary Plagues for Disobedience of the Commandments of God

- □ If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, Yehowah Eloheyk (THE LORD YOUR GOD).

  [Deuteronomy 28:58]
  - ♦ Yehowah will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues--great and prolonged plagues--and serious and prolonged sicknesses. [Deuteronomy 28:59]
  - ♦ Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. [Deuteronomy 28:60]
  - ♦ Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, Yehowah (the LORD) will bring upon you until you are destroyed. [Deuteronomy 28:61]
  - ❖ You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God. [Deuteronomy 28:62]
  - ♦ Just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will
    rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from
    off the land which you go to possess. [Deuteronomy 28:63]

# Dispersion among the Nations

- ❖ Yehowah will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other.

  - ♦ Among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. [Deuteronomy 28:65]
  - ♦ Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. [Deuteronomy 28:66]
  - ♦ In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' [Deuteronomy 28:67]

- ♦ And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see. [Deuteronomy 28:67]
- ♦ Yehowah will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall never see it again.' [Deuteronomy 28:68]
- ♦ There you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you. [Deuteronomy 28:68]
- **♦** All of these curses have been fulfilled.
- **☼** The curses are as much a part of God's covenant with Israel as were the blessings.
- **♥** God has never failed to keep His covenant with the Children of Israel, the Jews.
- ♦ Even today, God has faithfully kept a remnant of the Children of Israel just as He promised.
- ☼ The people of Israel are today back in the land, not fulfilling God's promise of His restoration of Israel when they will all know Him, but to set the stage for the fulfillment of all End-Time Prophesies.
- ☆ After the Great Tribulation, God will re-gather all of Israel to the land of Israel and at that time All Israel will be saved, and they will all know Yehowah, from the least of them to the greatest of them. [Hebrews 8:7-13, Isaiah 10:20-23, 11:10-12, 14:1-2, 27:2-13, 41:1-20, 44:21-23, 49:1-26, 55:1-5, 61:4-9, 66:20-22, Jeremiah 3:14-19, 16:14-18, 23:3-8, 30:1-3, 30:8-24, 31:1-40, 32:36-41, 33:6-16, 46:27-28, Ezekiel 11:14-21, 20:39-44, 39:25-29, 28:25-26, 34:11-31, 36:1-38, 37:1-28, Hosea 3:1-5, Amos 9:11-15, Zephaniah 3:9-20, Zechariah 9:9-17, 10:1-12]
- ❖ That re-gathering will be at the start of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ★ The world will at that time, enjoy a thousand years of universal peace between man and animals. [Isaiah 11:6-9, 65:25]
- ☆ They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. [Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3]
- Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they study war any more. [Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3]
- The lion will lay down with the lamb, the bear and the cow will feed together, and a little child will lead them. [Isaiah 11:6-9, 65:25]
- **❖** We eagerly await that Great and Glorious Day.