Leviticus 26:14-39 Disobedience to the Laws of God - Brings the Curse

Condition - Disobedience toward the Commandments of God

¹⁴ 'But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, ¹⁵ and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant,

Warning Curse

¹⁶ I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷ I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.

Continuing Disobedience - Growing Curse

¹⁸ 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.
¹⁹ I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. ²⁰ And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.

Continuing Disobedience - Growing Curse

²¹ 'Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins. ²² I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.

Continuing Disobedience - Growing Curse

²³ 'And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me, ²⁴ then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins. ²⁵ And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶ When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

Continuing Disobedience - Growing Curse

²⁷ 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, ²⁸ then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. ²⁹ You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. ³⁰ I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. ³¹ I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. ³² I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. ³³ I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. ³⁴ Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. ³⁵ As long as it lies desolate it shall rest--for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

Continuing Punishing Curse

³⁶ 'And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee; they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues. ³⁷ They shall stumble over one another, as it were before a sword, when no one pursues; and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. ³⁸ You shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. ³⁹ And those of you who are left shall waste away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in their fathers' iniquities, which are with them, they shall waste away. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ☆ Disobedience demonstrates the attitude of the heart that **despises** and **abhors** the commandments, statutes, and judgments of God, and **rejects the accompanying blessings**.
- \Rightarrow **Disobedience** to the Commandments and Laws of God brings a <u>Warning Curse</u>.
 - ♦ Terror
 - \diamond Wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart.
 - \diamond You shall sow your seed in vain, and the enemy will eat it.
 - \diamond God will set His face against you and you will be defeated by your enemies.
 - \diamond Those who hate you shall rule over you.
 - \diamond You shall flee when no one pursues you.

Continuing Disobedience brings a Growing Curse.

- \diamond Seven times more punishment for your sins.
- \diamond I will break the pride of your power.
- \diamond Make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.
- \diamond Your strength shall be spent in vain.
- \diamond Your land shall not yield its produce.
- \diamond The trees of your land shall not yield their fruit.

Continuing Disobedience brings a Growing Curse.

- \diamond Seven times more punishment for your sins.
- \diamond Plagues.
- \diamond Wild beasts to rob you of your children.
- \diamond Destroy your livestock.
- \diamond Make you few in number.
- \diamond Your highways shall be desolate.

Continuing Disobedience brings a <u>Growing Curse</u>.

- \diamond Seven times more punishment for your sins.
- ♦ The Sword of the vengeance of My Covenant.
- \diamond Pestilence in your cities.
- \diamond You shall be driven from your land.
- \diamond You will be delivered into the hand of your enemies.
- \diamond Cut off the supply of your bread.
- \diamond Hunger of famine.

Continuing Disobedience brings a <u>Growing Curse</u>.

- \diamond Seven times more punishment for your sins.
- \diamond I will walk contrary to you in fury.
- \diamond You shall eat the flesh of your sons and your daughters.

- ♦ I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols.
- \diamond My soul shall abhor you.
- \diamond I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation.
- \diamond I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.
- \diamond I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.
- \diamond I will scatter you among the nations and the devouring sword will follow you.
- \diamond Your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

☆ The land shall recover its Sabbaths

- \diamond When the land lies desolate and you are in your enemies lands;
- \diamond Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths and rest as long as it is desolate.
- \diamond This will make up for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

☆ Those who survive in the land of their enemies

- \diamond I will send faintness into their hearts in the land of their enemies.
- \diamond They will flee at the sound of a shaken leaf.
- \diamond They shall flee as from a sword and they shall fall when no one pursues them.
- \diamond They will stumble over one another when no one pursues them.
- \diamond They will have no power to stand before their enemies.
- \diamond You shall perish among the nations and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.
- ☆ In your enemies land, you shall waste away in your iniquity and in the iniquity of your fathers.

☆ These curses represent the VENGEANCE of My COVENANT

- So here we learn that the <u>Covenant of God</u> includes both the <u>blessing</u> for obedience, and the <u>destroying punishment of the curse</u> for disobedience, and it will follow the descendants of Children of Israel in all the lands of their enemies.
- ☆ The ultimate fulfillment of this curse was demonstrated in the Holocaust of the second world war that triggered the return of the Jews to the land of Israel.
- ☆ This curse will end after the Great Tribulation when God sets up His kingdom and Jesus returns to rule the world for the thousand years of righteousness and peace.
- ☆ At that time He will re-gather all Israel to their own land, and they will all know and serve Him in spirit and in truth. We are praying for that time to come soon.