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How to Study Your Bible

Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1994/ 2010

The New Inductive Study Bible—English Standard Version

Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2013

Hebrew Word Study Tools

RECOMMENDED COMMENTARIES

GAEBELEIN, FRANK E., ED.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 4

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishers, 1990

HOUSE, P. R.

The New American Commentary, Volume 8

Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1995

KEIL, C. F.; DELITZSCH, F.

Commentary on the Old Testament

Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers Inc. 1996

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Wheaton, Illinois: Victor Books, 1983-c1985

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN WE WANT YOU TO KNOW . . .

We are so thrilled that you have chosen to study *The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*, the last in our ten-course series of the Kings and Prophets. It will be such a blessing to your life because the Old Testament places a tremendous emphasis on the holy character and works of God that anticipate fulfillment in the person of Christ in the New Testament. In essence, it lays the groundwork for the only salvation possible—the salvation God provides in His Son “by which we must be saved.” The Bible is a progressive revelation—all sixty-six parts are essential to understanding the whole counsel of God.

As you begin this series, it’s vital to understand the importance of a study like this and some of the differences between studying (primarily historical) Old Testament books and (primarily doctrinal) New Testament epistles.

- In the Old Testament we come to know God—who He is and how He works in the affairs of mankind—and we develop a godly fear of His awesome majesty, holy character, and works.
- The nation that is in the front and center of all God’s dealings is Israel. So as you study Kings and Chronicles, you find yourself immersed in Israel’s history, studying events surrounding the reigns of her kings in an effort to get the *big picture*—to understand how these events affect her relationship to God and how God responds to His covenant people. It’s much like looking at the history of your country through the lives of its leaders, what the times were like under each, the direction each led the country, and how each impacted its future.
- As you observe the texts of Kings and Chronicles, remember observing history is different from observing doctrine. If you’ve done New Testament Precept courses, you’ll find doing Observation Worksheets on historical books is much different from doing one on a doctrinal epistle. You don’t want to get bogged down with details; rather, you want to get a general understanding of the times and God’s dealings. Also, your focus on key words will not be as strong as when you’re observing doctrine.
- It’s not important to remember every detail of a king’s life as long as you understand the essence of it—how lessons from his life and leadership can apply to your life and walk with the Lord.
- If you study the entire series (we pray that you will), you will also hear and understand God’s message to His people through the voices of His prophets during those times.
- According to 1 Corinthians 10:11 and Romans 15:4, what God chose to preserve in the Old Testament is for our example and instruction, “on whom the end of the ages has come” (1 Corinthians 10:11). The application, the encouragement, and the hope from these historical studies are distinctive.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Welcome to Precept Upon Precept Inductive Bible studies. We're excited that you'll be studying with us! Inductive Bible study draws you into personal interaction with God through His Word so that your beliefs are based on a prayerful observation and understanding of the Scriptures—truth that will transform your life. Studying this way is summed up in the words of the psalmist: “for you have taught me” (Psalm 119:102). May the Lord bless you richly as you delve into the treasures of His Word.

The following will be helpful to you as you begin your studies:

OBSERVING THE TEXT

In the lessons that follow, you'll be asked to mark key words or phrases on a particular passage using Observation Worksheets.

- Key words or phrases unlock your understanding of the text. Marking them distinctively with colors or symbols helps you quickly locate the word or phrase, see how it's used and how often.
- It's advantageous to keep markings simple; colors and color combinations are easier and less cluttering.
- You'll find suggestions on the back cover of your Precept book; however, colors and symbols are your choice.
- When you have several words or phrases to mark, it's helpful to read the chapter more than once, marking a couple of words each time.
- It's also helpful to make a bookmark (e.g., an index card) and list all the key words, marking them the way you want to mark them in the text.

FILLING IN THE AT A GLANCE CHART

As you finish observing a chapter, you'll be asked to record its theme (main subject) on an **At a Glance** chart specifically designed for the book you're studying. This chart provides space to list each chapter's theme and places for recording other pertinent information on the book. When completed, this chart provides a synopsis of the book at a glance.

We have three sources that will show you how to do the above and more (all available at www.precept.org or by calling 800-763-8280):

How to Study Your Bible by Kay Arthur: Chapter 2, “Getting the Big Picture.”

The New Inductive Study Bible (NISB). See “How to Use the Inductive Study Approach” and “A System for Marking Key Words . . . Throughout Your Bible.”

Discover the Bible for Yourself by Kay Arthur, “Observation.”



WORD STUDIES

You'll find out how to do word studies by reading the chapter, "It's All Greek to Me," in *How to Study Your Bible*.

There are many helpful computer programs. We highly recommend Logos Bible Software's wide range of products.

We're so thankful you've joined us. You're about to join hundreds of thousands in an exciting adventure that will help you discover truth for yourself in a way you've never done before. Your life will be transformed and strengthened through the Word of God.

However, we want you to remember that it takes time and practice to make these study skills "second nature." And it does not come without spiritual warfare. The only offensive weapon the child of God has is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. You need to sharpen this sword and not let anyone or anything discourage you. Precept is not difficult; it simply takes time and discipline, but that's what discipleship is about!

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, call your Precept Leader for help. We are sure he/she will help you or connect you with another student who can. We also want to urge you to take our training workshops. They will teach you basic inductive study skills and give you an opportunity to practice them. There are also workshops to help prepare you to lead Precept should God so direct. You can find out more about the training workshops by going online to www.precept.org.

Blessings, Beloved. Welcome to the Precept family.

Remember, you too can say with the psalmist, "I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me."



IMPORTANT NOTE TO PRECEPT LEADERS

We have included “The Who’s Who Optional Review” after the last lesson for you and your students to help review the kings studied in this course.

Here are some suggestions of how this optional assignment can be used:

- In scheduling this course, plan an extra week at the end and have your students complete the optional assignment for that week. You can encourage them to be creative by preparing a song, poem, skit, etc. and/or sharing some of their completed sketches. This is a great way to review the kings of Israel and Judah and some of the main events of their reign. Allow time for students to tell how God spoke to them through His Word in this course. You may also have a time of fellowship with snacks or a luncheon.
- If you’re completing this course and then breaking for the summer, you can assign students to complete the optional assignment during the break. Use letters, phone calls, or emails to remind them to review what they’ve done before your first meeting in the fall. At your first meeting, briefly review the kings to help new students understand the context. Let students show some of their sketches. Then help all students get started on their first lesson, making sure the new ones know how to do the assignments.



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LESSON ONE

2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Deuteronomy 28–30
Observation Worksheet of 2 Kings 21
“2 Kings 21–25 at a Glance”
Observation Worksheet of 2 Chronicles 33
“2 Chronicles 33–36 at a Glance”
“The Kings of Israel and Judah”
Cross-references

Sometimes we miss God in the events of life because we do not understand His full counsel. We want to know and be assured of His love, experience His kindness—to present Him to the world as merciful and compassionate, which He truly is.

Yet because He is holy, righteous, and just, He deals severely with His chosen people, Israel, and the nations of this world when they spurn Him.

We pray, Beloved, that God will use this seven-week study to help you understand more clearly God’s kindness and severity—kindness to those who continue in His kindness, severity to those who do not believe and obey.

DAY
ONE
AND
DAY
TWO

We have come to the last of the Kings and Prophets Series. If you have been with us all the way, you know what a great accomplishment this is. We are so very proud of you in the Lord for your diligence and discipline. Thank you for studying to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

Before we study the final chapters of Kings and Chronicles, we thought it would be profitable to go back and review God’s Word to His chosen people in Deuteronomy. What did God want His people to remember and do as He prepared to take them into the land He promised by covenant to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants forever?



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Deuteronomy is often referred to as the “second giving of the Law.” After wandering in the wilderness for forty years there was a new generation, who, in preparation for entering the promised land, needed to be fully aware of the Lord’s statutes and precepts and how they were to live.

May we remind you again, faithful student, you are about to study the very words of God. Hear in your heart the words of Psalm 119:102-104. By the way, if you are new to Precept, make sure you read the instructions for newcomers in the front of this book.

I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

1. We are going to begin by observing Deuteronomy 28. In preparation for this, you’ll find it beneficial to read Deuteronomy 26:16-19.
 - a. Catch the immediacy in Moses’ voice when he says, “Today”! Summarize what God commands His people to do (as few words as possible).

 - b. Don’t miss what He is going to do *for* His people. You may want to summarize this too.

 - c. What will Israel’s relationship to the nations be? You may have already noted this, but write it out again. Repetition will make it memorable.



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2. Now, let's pause for a moment and think about these things.
 - a. If this is what God expects from His covenant people, do you think He expects less of those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? Explain your answer.

 - b. Read John 14:15 and 21. How do Jesus' words compare with the Father's in Deuteronomy 26:16-19?

3. Now we're ready. You will find an Observation Worksheet on Deuteronomy 28 in the Appendix. This chapter is part of Moses' charge to the people as they camp near Mount Nebo east of the Jordan River. Mark the following words but not the synonyms and pronouns, unless you want to. The purpose of this Observation Worksheet is to familiarize you with what will happen if Israel does not obey.
 - a. *obey*
 - b. *blessing (blessed)*
 - c. *cursed*
 - d. *the land*
 - e. *besiege (siege)*
 - f. *until you are destroyed*
 - g. Using a pencil, put a check in the margin next to verses that describe Israel's captivity. (The word *captivity* is used only once in this chapter.)



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What you learned about captivity, Moses taught the people about 1405 B.C. Stand on tiptoe—you're about to see its fulfillment.

7. As you bring this assignment to a close, spend time in prayer. What do you need to talk to the Father about? What is on your heart?

DAY
THREE

1. In Deuteronomy 29 Moses begins another address to the children of Israel. The address ends with Deuteronomy 30:20. As you observe these chapters, focus on the following key words:
 - a. *covenant*
 - b. *time phrases—important—don't miss them*
 - c. *heart*
 - d. *anger of the Lord*
 - e. *love*
 - f. *command, commandments*
2. When you finish your observations, reflect on what you learned from marking the key words.
3. Did you see any references to being taken captive? If so, put a check in the margin as you did in Deuteronomy 28. On the following page, list additional things you learn about the captivity.



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4. Now, from all you learned these past three days, what was necessary for the children of Israel to remain in their land?

5. What did you learn about God? Meditate on these truths, remembering that He never changes. The God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament. The God who inaugurated the Old Covenant of Law also brought into being the New Covenant of Grace.

6. Finally, read Deuteronomy 31:9-13 carefully. Record what God instructed the children of Israel to do and for how long.

Well done, faithful one. Until tomorrow . . .



DAY
FOUR

1. Today, we turn our attention to the final chapters of 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles, which we will study one chapter at a time. After prayer, read 2 Kings 21.
 - a. Note who is sitting on the throne of Judah as the chapter begins and the name of his father.

 - b. By way of review, take a few minutes and read 2 Kings 18:1-12.
 - 1) Note what kind of king Manasseh's father was.

 - 2) What happened to the Northern Kingdom during Hezekiah's reign?

 - c. It will also help to read 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, which will give you insight into Hezekiah's character and reign. Record what you learn.

2. In light of this background, observe 2 Kings 21. Mark the following words and phrases including references to time and geographical location. Many of the words will be used just once in this chapter; however, you will see the significance of marking them as we proceed through the study. You'll find it helpful to list these words on a card and mark them as you would in the text. Then use the card as a bookmark for the rest of this study.



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- a. *doing evil in the sight of the Lord*
 - b. *sin*
 - c. *the house* (the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem)
 - d. *prophets*
 - e. *disaster*
 - f. *remnant*
 - g. *anger*
 - h. *blood*
 - i. *nations*
3. When you finish, reflect on Manasseh's reign. Look at the words you marked and see what you learn. List the evil Manasseh did and how God defines it.
4. Do you see information in this chapter that parallels what you observed in Deuteronomy? List parallel items.



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5. Finally, compare the days of Manasseh with our days. What do you see? What can you learn?

DAY
FIVE

If you are not familiar with Manasseh's story, you're in for a surprise today as we observe a parallel account of Manasseh recorded in 2 Chronicles 33.

1. Begin your study time in prayer, asking our Father to show you how you can use what you learn to minister to others. Remember, what we are studying was recorded "for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4) Watch for "hope."
2. Observe 2 Chronicles 33. Use the bookmark of key words you began yesterday. Add the following:
 - a. *prayer, prayed*
 - b. *Babylon*
3. Now, what did you learn about Manasseh that wasn't recorded in 2 Kings?



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4. What do you learn from Manasseh's life about judgment—the severity of a sovereign God? What about the kindness of the Lord?

5. Have you ever tried to spare a person from the consequences of sin? How have you done it? Did you realize you were contributing to more sin by sparing them from consequences? Take time to think about this. What does God want you to learn?

6. Do you see how Manasseh's life can be used to give others hope? How? Ask God to use what you've learned, then continue in prayer until you see Him use you. What you're learning is not just for you—it's to equip you to teach others. God is going to use you, faithful one.

7. Now record the themes of 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33 on the appropriate At a Glance charts. Then record what you learned about Manasseh and Amon on the chart "The Kings of Israel and Judah" in the Appendix. On the same chart, find the column "Prophets to Judah." To the left of Manasseh's name, you'll see "The prophets." Record a brief summary of their messages given in 2 Kings 21:10-15. Now move to the left one more column and record Manasseh's enemy from 2 Chronicles 33:11. From his name draw an arrow pointing toward Manasseh.

It's been quite a week, hasn't it? Once again, we all thank you for your determination to honor God by studying His Word, knowing man lives by every word which proceeds out of the mouth of God. Don't let anything rob you or deter you in your pursuit of God.

You're loved . . .



2 KINGS 21

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah.

- 2 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.
- 3 For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, as Ahab king of Israel had done, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.
- 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem will I put my name."
- 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.
- 6 And he burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.
- 7 And the carved image of Asherah that he had made he set in the house of which the LORD said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.
- 8 "And I will not cause the feet of Israel to wander anymore out of the land that I gave to their fathers, if only they will be careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the Law that my servant Moses commanded them."
- 9 But they did not listen, and Manasseh led them astray to do more evil than the nations had done whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.
- 10 And the LORD said by his servants the prophets,
- 11 "Because Manasseh king of Judah has committed these abominations and has done things more evil than all that the Amorites did, who were before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols,



- 12 therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing upon Jerusalem and Judah such disaster that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.
- 13 “And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria, and the plumb line of the house of Ahab, and I will wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.
- 14 “And I will forsake the remnant of my heritage and give them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies,
- 15 because they have done what is evil in my sight and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.”
- 16 Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.
- 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did, and the sin that he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
- 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son reigned in his place.
- 19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.
- 20 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done.
- 21 He walked in all the way in which his father walked and served the idols that his father served and worshiped them.
- 22 He abandoned the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.
- 23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his house.
- 24 But the people of the land struck down all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.
- 25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?
- 26 And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son reigned in his place.



2 CHRONICLES 33

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

- 2 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel.
- 3 For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.
- 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem shall my name be forever."
- 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.
- 6 And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger.
- 7 And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever,
- 8 and I will no more remove the foot of Israel from the land that I appointed for your fathers, if only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them, all the law, the statutes, and the rules given through Moses."
- 9 Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.
- 10** The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention.
- 11 Therefore the LORD brought upon them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria, who captured Manasseh with hooks and bound him with chains of bronze and brought him to Babylon.



- 12 And when he was in distress, he entreated the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.
- 13 He prayed to him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.
- 14 Afterward he built an outer wall for the city of David west of Gihon, in the valley, and for the entrance into the Fish Gate, and carried it around Ophel, and raised it to a very great height. He also put commanders of the army in all the fortified cities in Judah.
- 15 And he took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw them outside of the city.
- 16 He also restored the altar of the LORD and offered on it sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and he commanded Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel.
- 17 Nevertheless, the people still sacrificed at the high places, but only to the LORD their God.
- 18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, behold, they are in the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel.
- 19 And his prayer, and how God was moved by his entreaty, and all his sin and his faithlessness, and the sites on which he built high places and set up the Asherim and the images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the Chronicles of the Seers.
- 20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his house, and Amon his son reigned in his place.
- 21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.
- 22 And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done. Amon sacrificed to all the images that Manasseh his father had made, and served them.
- 23 And he did not humble himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself, but this Amon incurred guilt more and more.
- 24 And his servants conspired against him and put him to death in his house.
- 25 But the people of the land struck down all those who had conspired against King Amon. And the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.



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2 CHRONICLES 33–36 AT A GLANCE

Chapter Themes

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DEUTERONOMY 28

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- “AND if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.
- 2 “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.
- 3 “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.
- 4 “Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.
- 5 “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 6 “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.
- 7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.
- 8 “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
- 9 “The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways.
- 10 “And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.
- 11 “And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.



- 12 “The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.
- 13 “And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them,
- 14 and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.
- 15 “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.
- 16 “Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.
- 17 “Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.
- 18 “Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.
- 19 “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.
- 20 “The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.
- 21 “The LORD will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
- 22 “The LORD will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish.
- 23 “And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron.
- 24 “The LORD will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed.



- 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 be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.
- 26 “And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.
- 27 “The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed.
- 28 “The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind,
- 29 and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.
- 30 “You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit.
- 31 “Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey shall be seized before your face, but shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, but there shall be no one to help you.
- 32 “Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless.
- 33 “A nation that you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your ground and of all your labors, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually,
- 34 so that you are driven mad by the sights that your eyes see.
- 35 “The LORD will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.
- 36 “The LORD will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone.



- 37 “And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the LORD will lead you away.
- 38 “You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it.
- 39 “You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them.
- 40 “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 father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.
- 42 “The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground.
- 43 “The sojourner 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, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.
- 45 “All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you.
- 46 “They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever.
- 47 “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,
- 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.
- 49 “The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand,
- 50 a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young.



- 51 “It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; it also shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.
- 52 “They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the LORD your God has given you.
- 53 “And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you.
- 54 “The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left,
- 55 so that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns.
- 56 “The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter,
- 57 her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns.
- 58 “If you are not careful to do 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 on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting.



- 60 “And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- 61 “Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the LORD will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.
- 62 “Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
- 63 “And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
- 64 “And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.
- 65 “And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul.
- 66 “Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.
- 67 “In the morning you shall say, ‘If only it were evening!’ and at evening you shall say, ‘If only it were morning!’ because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see.
- 68 “And the LORD will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer.”



DEUTERONOMY 29

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THESE are the words of the covenant that the LORD commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.

- 2 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them: “You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,
- 3 the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.
- 4 “But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.
- 5 “I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn off your feet.
- 6 “You have not eaten bread, and you have not drunk wine or strong drink, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.
- 7 “And when you came to this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us to battle, but we defeated them.
- 8 “We took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of the Manassites.
- 9 “Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.
- 10 “You are standing today all of you before the LORD your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel,
- 11 your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water,
- 12 so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today,



- 13 that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
- 14 “It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant,
- 15 but with whoever is standing here with us today before the LORD our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.
- 16 “You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed.
- 17 “And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them.
- 18 “Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit,
- 19 one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, ‘I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.’ This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike.
- 20 “The LORD will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of the LORD and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon him, and the LORD will blot out his name from under heaven.
- 21 “And the LORD will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.
- 22 “And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which the LORD has made it sick—



- 23 the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger and wrath—
- 24 all the nations will say, ‘Why has the LORD done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?’
- 25 “Then people will say, ‘It is because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt,
- 26 and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them.
- 27 ‘Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book,
- 28 and the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.’
- 29 “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.



DEUTERONOMY 30

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- “AND when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you,
- 2 and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul,
 - 3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.
 - 4 “If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.
 - 5 “And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers.
 - 6 “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.
 - 7 “And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.
 - 8 “And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today.
 - 9 “The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,



- 10 when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 11 “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.
- 12 “It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’
- 13 “Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’
- 14 “But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.
- 15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.
- 16 “If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.
- 17 “But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,
- 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.
- 19 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,
- 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”






The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
The Kings of Israel and Judah

B.C.	Kings of Israel	Prophets to Israel	Enemies	Prophets to Judah	Kings of Judah	B.C.
980					David 1011-971 Son of: Jesse Man after God's own heart. Lord appointed as king & made covenant—D. Will not lack a man on Israel's throne. Repentant when sinned. God gave him pattern for Temple.	980
970					Solomon 971-931 Son of:	970
960						960
950						950



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B.C.	Kings of Israel	Prophets to Israel	Enemies	Prophets to Judah	Kings of Judah	B.C.
940						940
930	 Jeroboam 931-910 Son of:	Ahijah 931-906 Man of God from Judah Iddo 921-902	Egypt →	Shemaiah 931-901	 Rehoboam 931-913 Son of:	930
920					 Abijah or Abijah 913-911 Son of:	920

