

**DEUTERONOMY**  
**Lesson 4**  
**ON THE PLAINS OF MOAB**

*Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Deuteronomy 4:1 NIV*

The Hebrew verb “to hear” is used more than \_\_\_\_\_ times in Deuteronomy.

**R\_\_\_\_\_ GOD’S COMMANDS**

*Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you. Deuteronomy 4:2 NIV*

*18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll. Revelation 22:19-20 NIV*

**Obedience Is for Your Own W\_\_\_\_\_**

*3 You saw with your own eyes what the Lord did at Baal Peor. The Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, 4 but all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today. Deuteronomy 4:3-4 NIV*

**Obedience Is a W\_\_\_\_\_ To Other Nations**

*6 Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” 7 What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? 8 And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Deuteronomy 4:6-8 NIV*

**Obedience Helps Build Godly H\_\_\_\_\_**

*9 Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. 10 Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.” Deuteronomy 4:9-10 NIV*

*Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time. Deuteronomy 4:40 NIV*

## SHUN IDOLATRY – THE P \_\_\_\_\_ CANNOT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ETERNAL

*15 You saw no form of any kind the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully, 16 so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman, 17 or like any animal on earth or any bird that flies in the air, 18 or like any creature that moves along the ground or any fish in the waters below. 19 And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the Lord your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. Deuteronomy 4:15-19 NIV*

What are t \_\_\_\_\_ idols?

## REMEMBER YOUR D \_\_\_\_\_

*But as for you, the Lord took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are. Deuteronomy 4:20 NIV*

- *The church did the most for the world when the church was the least l \_\_\_\_\_ the world.*  
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## THERE ARE C \_\_\_\_\_ TO DISOBEDIENCE

*21 The Lord was angry with me because of you, and he solemnly swore that I would not cross the Jordan and enter the good land the Lord your God is giving you as your inheritance. 22 I will die in this land; I will not cross the Jordan; but you are about to cross over and take possession of that good land. 23 Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. 24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. Deuteronomy 4:21-24 NIV*

## CONCLUSION: A P \_\_\_\_\_

This follows the next \_\_\_\_\_ years of Hebrew History.

### **Tendency to succumb to idolatry**

*25 After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the Lord your God and arousing his anger, 26 I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed. Deuteronomy 4:25-26 NIV*

### **Scattering and S \_\_\_\_\_**

*The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the Lord will drive you. 28 There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. Deuteronomy 4:27 NIV*

Loss of the northern 10 tribes of Israel in \_\_\_\_\_ BC

The two southern tribes were exiled to Babylon in \_\_\_\_\_ BC

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

*29 But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. 31 For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath. Deuteronomy 4:29-31 NIV*

**CONCLUSION: A M** \_\_\_\_\_

*32 Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other.*

*Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? Has any other people heard the voice of God[a] speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? Deuteronomy 4:32-34 NIV*

Why would God go to such great and unmerited care? \_\_\_\_\_!

*37 Because he loved your ancestors and chose their descendants after them, he brought you out of Egypt by his Presence and his great strength, 38 to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today. Deuteronomy 4:37 NIV*

- *Oh yes you can....w \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ h \_\_\_\_\_!*