

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 28

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Deuteronomy twenty-eight records God's good intentions in blessing the new nation of Israel. He promises if they are diligent to obey His voice that He will bless them where they live, both in the cities and in the countryside. He would bless them with children and harvests of crops in abundance. He would bless their herds and flocks and all they owned of animals. He would even bless them with flour from the grains so they could make blessed bread to eat. He vowed protection over them when they left their house and as they came back home again. When enemies, not if, but when enemies rose up against them, they would not be able to conquer them, but rather would be conquered. Their storehouses would be full and blessed, so that in times of shortage and drought that would surely come they would not be hungry and could provide for their families.

The LORD promised to make them a special treasure as a nation and give them fame and stature. The nation would be a light and blessing to others and would be held in high esteem because of the blessing of heaven that would be

obviously on them. He would make them a "Holy" people. The word holy is the word to separate out by itself and be special. This is the word for sanctify or sanctification in the New Testament sense of the word. Separated from the world and dedicated for God's purposes. God warned them again in this chapter that disobedience would not be tolerated and would only bring discipline and if discipline was unheeded, then sure disaster. God even warned them that the same plagues that came upon the Egyptians would come upon them if they took for granted God's blessings and turned away from Him in disobedience. Finally, God says if the people persisted in disobedience that God would scatter them among the nations of the earth and the people would become a people of ridicule.

Prayer and Action Steps

Pause and think through what you have just read. Truly God set before the people a way of life and blessing and a way of disobedience and death. We have the same choice today.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

