



Deuteronomy Chapter 4c And 5 Life Versus Death

This week as we turn back to the book of Deuteronomy, we're going to be examining what is known as the milk of God's word.

What we are going to be examining here in the book of Deuteronomy today has everything to do with blessings and curses and life versus death.

Deuteronomy chapter 5 has everything to do with what the church calls the 10 Commandments. But I would submit to you that these commandments are much more than just commands. These 10 utterances spoken by Yehovah God personally are better known as his testimony. **(scrn 1)**

Testimony (Dictionary.com)

[tes-tuh-moh-nee, or, especially British, -muh-nee]SHOW IPA

1. Law. the statement or declaration of a witness under oath or affirmation, usually in court.
2. evidence in support of a fact or statement; proof
3. open declaration or profession, as of faith
4. Usually testimonies. the precepts of God
5. the Decalogue as inscribed on the two tablets of the law, or the ark in which the tablets were kept. **Exodus 16:34; 25:16.**
6. Archaic. a declaration of disapproval; protest.



As we can see in our first slide here from dictionary.com, the word “testimony” better fits what we know as the 10 Commandments.

A testimony has to do with a law, or with the statement or declaration of a witness under oath or affirmation.

It could well be said that when Yehovah God spoke his testimony to his people... court was in session. And what Yehovah God was providing was evidence in support of his statement... his word... that would prove to be an open declaration or profession of faith. This very testimony of Yehovah God would prove to be a matter of life versus death, blessings versus curses.

This testimony is indeed Yehovah God’s precepts... being handed down from God the Father to his children. But... they are not only his precepts... they are part and parcel of a covenant agreement that Yehovah God has made with those who willfully and intentionally choose to be... his children. And back in Exodus chapter 16, Moses calls these 10 Commandments not 10 commandments... but God’s testimony.

(scrn 2)

Exo 16:33 And Moses said to Aaron, “Take a jar, and put aomer of manna in it, and place it before the LORD to be kept throughout your generations.”

Exo 16:34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the **testimony (eduth)** to be kept.

Exo 25:14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark by them.

Exo 25:15 The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

Exo 25:16 And you shall put into the ark the **testimony (eduth)** that I shall give you.



The Hebrew word for “Testimony” is “eduth”. (scrn 3)

“Testimony” H5715

עֲדוּת

Testimony = 'êduṯh

BDB Definition:

1) **testimony**

Part of Speech: noun feminine

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You see this testimony that Yehovah God has given is a testimony that proclaims life. It is a testimony that proclaims blessings. It is a testimony that proclaims who his true children are. It is a testimony that condemns the wicked as being wicked and shows the righteous as righteous.

And so now that we better understand exactly why these 10 Commandments should be understood as God's testimony... let's now go read the last paragraph of **Deuteronomy chapter 4 and Deuteronomy chapter 5; E1**

Deu 4:44 This is the law that Moses set before the people of Israel.

Deu 4:45 These are the testimonies, the statutes, and the rules, which Moses spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt,

Deu 4:46 beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the people of Israel defeated when they came out of Egypt.

Deu 4:47 And they took possession of his land and the land of Og, the king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan;

Deu 4:48 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, as far as Mount Sirion (that is, Hermon),

Deu 4:49 together with all the Arabah on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah. **E2**

The Ten Commandments

Deu 5:1 And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them."

Deu 5:2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

Deu 5:3 Not with our fathers did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today.

Deu 5:4 The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire,

Deu 5:5 while I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD. For you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up into the mountain. He said:

Deu 5:6 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

Deu 5:7 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Deu 5:8 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Deu 5:9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Deu 5:10 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Deu 5:11 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Deu 5:12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

Deu 5:13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

Deu 5:14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.

Deu 5:15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Deu 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deu 5:17 "You shall not murder.

Deu 5:18 "And you shall not commit adultery.

Deu 5:19 "And you shall not steal.

Deu 5:20 "And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Deu 5:21 "And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

Deu 5:22 "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Deu 5:23 And as soon as you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.

Deu 5:24 And you said, 'Behold, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen God speak with man, and man still live.

Deu 5:25 Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, we shall die.

Deu 5:26 For who is there of all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived?

Deu 5:27 Go near and hear all that the LORD our God will say, and speak to us all that the LORD our God will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

Deu 5:28 "And the LORD heard your words, when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.

Deu 5:29 Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Deu 5:30 Go and say to them, "Return to your tents."

Deu 5:31 But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.'

Deu 5:32 You shall be careful therefore to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

Deu 5:33 You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

The first thing that we see in Deuteronomy chapter 4 verse 44 is that this testimony of Yehovah God is called and I quote, "testimonies, statutes, and rules."

In the very first verse of Deuteronomy chapter 5 Moses says, and I quote, "Hear oh Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today and you shall learn them and be careful to do them."

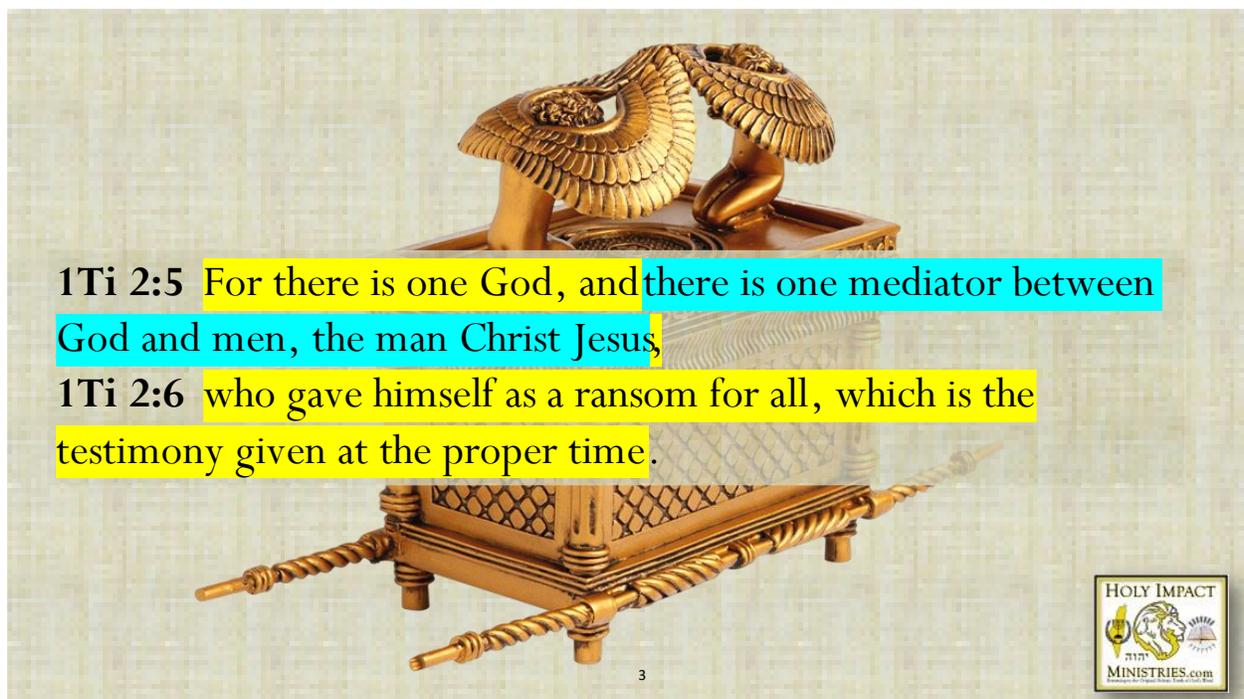
And so, this testimony of Yehovah God is to be learned. And it is to be understood as his statutes and his rules for his children.

And Moses goes on in verse two to once again remind the house of Israel that Yehovah had made this covenant with them at Horeb which is

the Hebrew name for the mountain of Sinai which resides on the Arabian Peninsula and not where Constantine's mother has wrongly proclaimed.

And it was at this mountain that Moses became the one mediator between God and man. And Moses once again reminds us all that it was the house of Israel that made Moses the mediator between God and man. And God agreed with the house of Israel that Moses should be the one mediator between himself and man. And Moses gives the house of Israel a reminder in Deuteronomy chapter 5 verses 27 and 28 that he is the mediator between God and man.

And what's important to understand about Moses being the mediator between God and man is who the mediator between God and man is today. **(screen 4)**

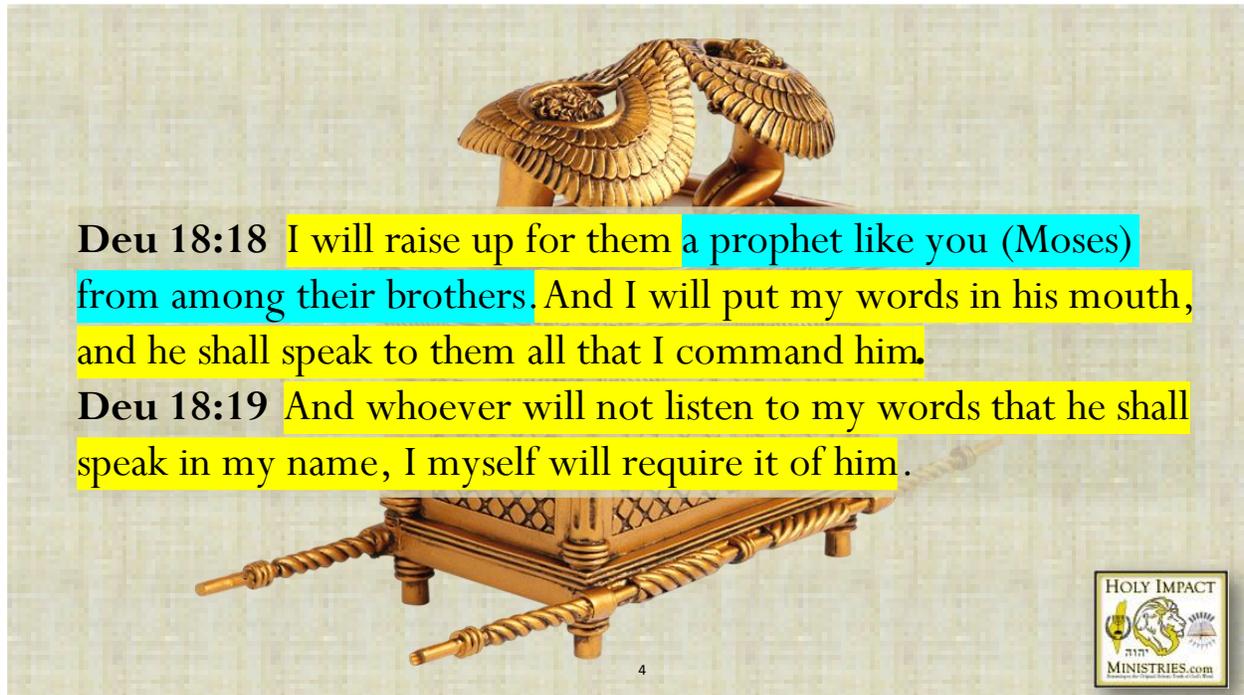


1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

1Ti 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

The first thing that we need to notice here in first Timothy chapter 2 verse five is that the apostle Paul tells us in his letter to Timothy that the Messiah Yeshua is a man. Paul says and I quote, “There is one mediator between God and man the man the Messiah Yeshua”.

The second thing that we need to make note of is where this “man” who is our Messiah came from according to **Deuteronomy chapter 18; (scrn 5)**

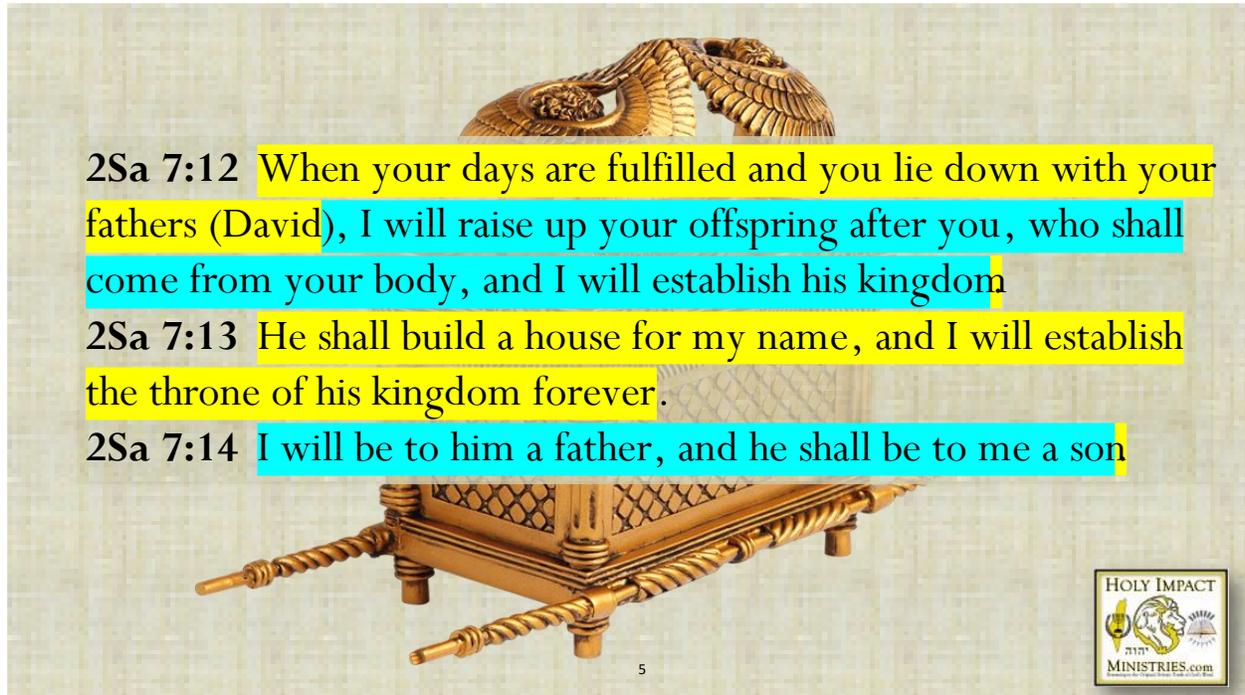


Deu 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Deu 18:19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

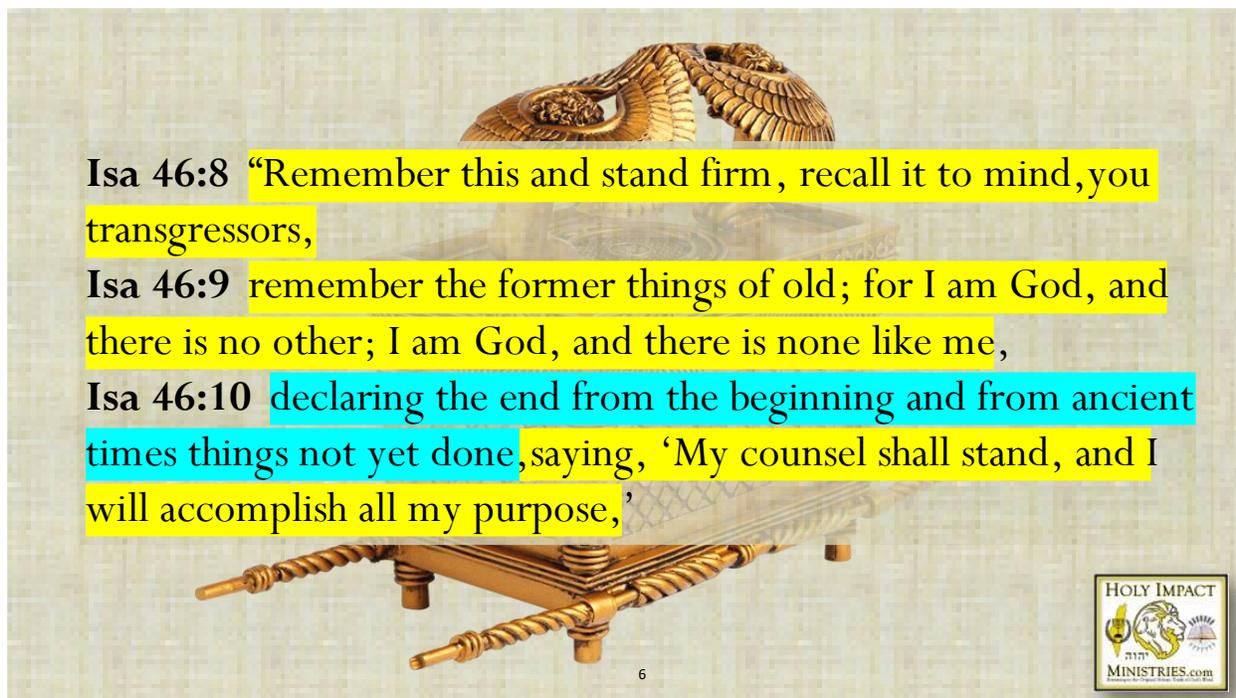
Once again, Yehovah God himself had already prophesied that the coming Messiah would be like Moses. Furthermore... right here in Deuteronomy chapter 18, Yehovah God calls Yeshua his only “begotten son” Jesus a prophet. Furthermore... Yehovah God tells us very clearly that he is going to raise up this profit from among the brothers of the house of Israel.

And my friends, there is only one profit that can be likened unto Moses who is the one mediator between God and man and that is Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) who indeed was a man that God had created from the body of David his faithful servant according to **second Samuel chapter 7 verse 12; (scrn 6)**



And so, there is actually an abundance of information here in Deuteronomy chapter 5 that is often times hidden from today's modern-day professing Christian who has shamefully been taught that they don't have to be bothered with the first half of the Bible because it's all been done away with.

Once again, you cannot understand the back half of the Bible without first understanding the beginning of the Bible. Once again, is written that our Father in heaven proclaims the end from the beginning. **(scrn 7)**



Isa 46:8 “Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors,

Isa 46:9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,

Isa 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’

And therefore, if we do not understand the beginning of the Bible, we will never properly understand the end of the Bible.

To say that it is impossible to understand the New Testament without first understanding the Old Testament is an understatement. And the church today would do well to sit up and take note of that biblical fact.

Keeping all of this in mind, I would like for us to know read Deuteronomy chapter 6 so that we can know which one of these commandments is the greatest commandment. And therefore, let us now turn to Deuteronomy chapter 6 and let’s read it for ourselves so that we can know exactly what it does say and just as importantly what it does not say. **Deuteronomy chapter 6 E3**

The Greatest Commandment

Deu 6:1 “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it,

Deu 6:2 that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I

command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

Deu 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Deu 6:5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deu 6:10 "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build,

Deu 6:11 and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full,

Deu 6:12 then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Deu 6:13 It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

Deu 6:14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—

Deu 6:15 for the LORD your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Deu 6:16 "You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

Deu 6:17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you.

Deu 6:18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers

Deu 6:19 by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has promised.

Deu 6:20 "When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the LORD our God has commanded you?'

Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Deu 6:22 And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes.

Deu 6:23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as we are this day.

Deu 6:25 And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us.'

The very first thing that we need to make note of here in Deuteronomy chapter 6 is what the greatest commandment actually is. And so, what is the greatest commandment... exactly? (**scrn 8 show**)

The Greatest Commandment

Mat 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

Mat 22:35 And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

Mat 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

Mat 22:37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Mat 22:38 This is the great and first commandment.

Mat 22:39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Mat 22:40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."



According to our Messiah in Matthew chapter 22, the greatest commandment is that you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And exactly where

was it that our Messiah got this greatest commandment from? Did he just make up this commandment from off the top of his head? No!

Our Messiah took this commandment directly from Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse five where it is written and I quote, “You shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.”

And so, right here in Matthew chapter 22 we once again find our Messiah quoting from the book of Deuteronomy giving the book of Deuteronomy legitimacy and credence concerning the spoken word of his Father.

And once again, it should be noted that when the devil took our Messiah up to the high mountain to tempt him after he had fasted for 40 days and 40 nights... our Messiah fought that spiritual battle with the devil one-on-one in a very specific fashion. And he won that spiritual battle by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy.

Nothing that our Messiah said to the devil during that battle on the top of that mountain had to do with our Messiah’s own words.

Our Messiah did not use his own words to defeat the devil that day. Our Messiah used the words of his Father that came directly from the book of Deuteronomy. Each and every response that our Messiah gave to the devil came from the book of Deuteronomy.

And therefore, there should be no doubt in our minds that the book of Deuteronomy in of itself is indeed one of the greatest weapons that can be used against the devil and his minions.

And our Messiah even goes so far as to say that the greatest commandment of all is once again found right here in Deuteronomy chapter 6 which is... “You shall love Yehovah your God with all your

heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

But I would also like to also point out another biblical fact that the book of Deuteronomy proclaims as well.

What is the verse that we find right before “You shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might?

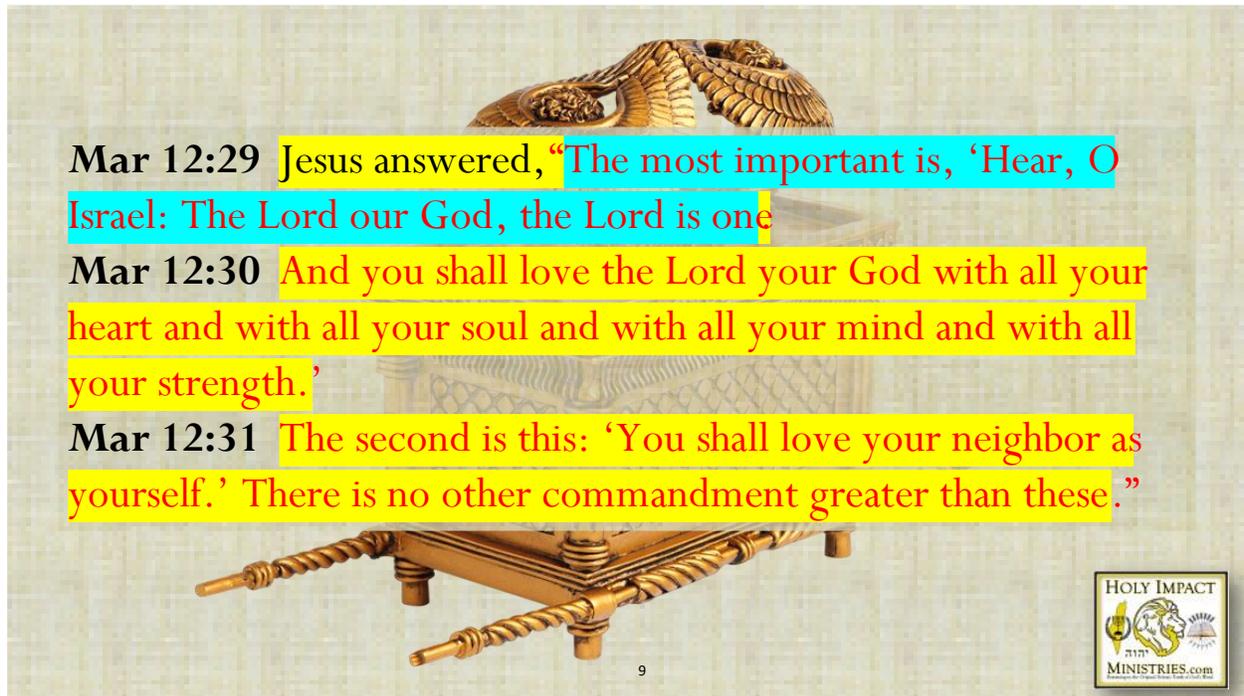
You shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might is found in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse five. But... what does **Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse four say? (scrn 9)**



I ask you plainly, is it important that we know that God is one and not three, or 7, or any other multiple?

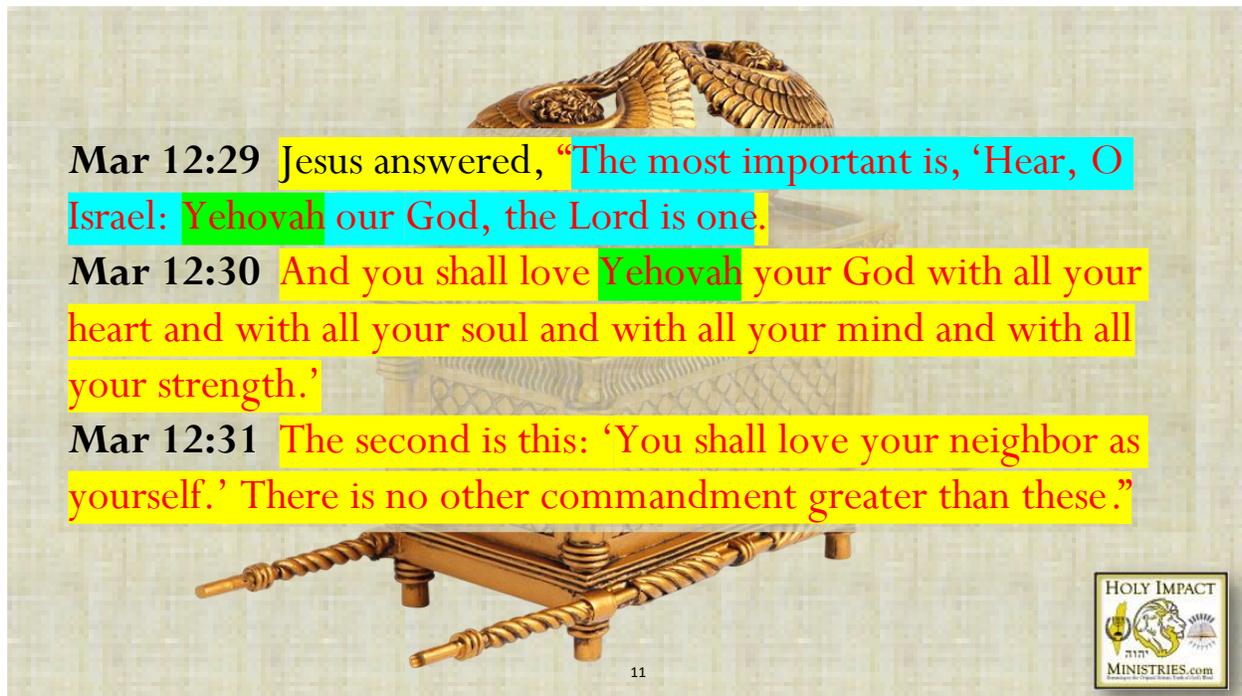
I would submit to you that the story that we are reading about in Matthew chapter 22 concerning the greatest commandment is told again by the apostle Mark in the book of Mark chapter 12. And the apostle

Mark gives us a little bit more information than the apostle Matthew has given us in Matthew chapter 22. And therefore, I would like us to also go read Mark's account of this very same conversation between our Messiah and this Scribe. **Mark chapter 12 verses 29 through 31 (scrn 10)**



And once again it does not say “The Lord our God is one”. Our Messiah is quoting directly from the book of Deuteronomy chapter 6 where the actual name of God is given as “Yehovah” and not “Lord”. **(show them the name Yehovah in Deut 6:4)**

And therefore... what our Messiah is actually telling us here in Mark 12:29-31 is this: (scrn 11)



Mar 12:29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: Yehovah our God, the Lord is one.

Mar 12:30 And you shall love Yehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

Mar 12:31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

And so... right here in Mark chapter 12 verse 29, we have our Messiah proclaiming that the most important commandment is to know that Yehovah our God is one.

Now... I would like to stop here for just a moment and ask... how important do you think it is to know and to understand that Yehovah God is one and not three or 7 or any other multiple? How important do you think it is to know and to understand that there is no other Elohim like the One True Most High Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

Was our Messiah just joking here in Mark chapter 12 verse 29? Did our Messiah just have a little too much wine that day? Was our Messiah blatantly lying to us when he told us that the most important commandment was to know that God is one?

I would submit to you that you cannot love a pagan triune God and at the same time love the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It is clearly written that we are to have no other gods before the One

True Most High God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And therefore, if we are enamored with worshiping a Roman Catholic-created pagan triune god rather than the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... I ask you plainly... are we not then putting a false Roman Catholic-created pagan triune god before the one true Most High God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Because they simply cannot be the same according to Scripture and according to the red letter words of our Messiah.

I would submit to you that this Roman Catholic-created triune god is indeed a pagan god. A pagan god that commands a pagan first day of the week Sunday Sabbath to be kept... a pagan god that has established a Roman Catholic created Good Friday instead of God's commanded Passover day which is the true anniversary of the death of our Messiah... a pagan god that has established a Roman Catholic created pagan Easter Sunday morning instead of God's commanded First Fruits which is the actual day that our Messiah was resurrected so that he could wave the sheave offering as our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek before our Father in heaven signaling the new incoming harvest that is... you and I.

And I would submit to you that it is indeed this false Roman Catholic-created triune pagan god that has also made a mockery of the birth of our Messiah through the divination of flying reindeer and magical Krampus elves and an immortal toy god who comes out of the fireplace to grant our children all the desires of their hearts. As long as they bow down before the pagan evergreen tree to receive their gifts. **(play Blasphemous clip here)**

And we could go on and on and on with the many blasphemies and abominations that have been drug into the church by the beast that Daniel told us long ago would think to change the times and the laws of God.

But I digress... for the moment...

My friends, the book of Deuteronomy is indeed a sharp-edged sword. The book of Deuteronomy is an integral part of the full armor of God spoken of by the apostle Paul in the New Testament.

We have clearly seen our Messiah use the book of Deuteronomy as a sharp-edged sword in his battle against the devil. And we have seen our Messiah use this sharp-edged sword to proclaim the greatest commandment which is to know that God is one and to love that one God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your might.

We have seen the book of Deuteronomy being used as a sharp-edged sword, to throw Roman Catholicism and her triune pagan god to the ground. And we will continue to see the book of Deuteronomy being used as a sharp-edged sword that is more than capable of doing battle with darkness.

I would submit to you that when the apostle Paul tells us to put on the belt of truth or to put on the breastplate of righteousness and the readiness of the gospel of peace and to take up the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit which is the word of God... Paul is telling us to put on the book of Deuteronomy. For it is the book of Deuteronomy that is the conclusion of the Torah. It is the book of Deuteronomy that encapsulates the spoken word of God. And it is indeed the book of Deuteronomy that proclaims the greatest commandment which is to know that our Elohim is one Most High Elohim and there is no other, and that we are to love that one Most High Elohim with all of our hearts, with all of our strength, and with all of our might.

If we understand nothing else about the book of Deuteronomy, let us understand that the book of Deuteronomy encapsulates the rest of the Torah which is the spoken word of the One True Most High God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The world can proclaim what it wants... for the moment. The world can

do what it wants... for the moment. Just like the house of Israel did what it wanted... for the moment.

But in the end... the word of Yehovah God which is the definition of "truth" will not return to Yehovah God empty. His word and his will and his desire will indeed be done. And let there be no mistake about it... the end has been proclaimed from the beginning and the world along with the apostate church is going to soon discover that abomination does indeed require... desolation.

Stand fast my friends, stay the course, and see to it that no one deceives you. For I tell you the truth... it is indeed time to look up... for our redemption is indeed near.

And with that being said, I will once again ask everyone within the sound of my voice to please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.