



Preparing to Cross:

Numbers 26 – Deuteronomy 30

Lesson 45 Visuals

- **In Numbers, the first census was done after the Israelites had been in the desert wilderness for nearly two years. The second census was done 38 years later.**
- **Israel's population did not go up in those 38 years like most populations because so many died. They died because they had disobeyed the Lord.**
- **The book of Deuteronomy is a series of final speeches by Moses to a new generation of Israelites.**
- **The adults who had crossed the Red Sea all died in the desert wilderness. (Except Joshua and Caleb)**
- **Moses was talking to the children of those adults who died in the desert.**



- **Moses repeated the 10 Commandments and other laws. Moses then told the Israelites that he was teaching them so they could teach their children and their children after them.**
- **These instructions needed to be passed down to future generations so they may fear the Lord by keeping all God's commands.**
- **Shema is translated as "Hear" but really means "Listen and Obey."**
- **The command to love God is what should listen to and obey.**
- **We are not to love God just part way. Rather, we are to love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our strength.**
- **In Deuteronomy 28, Moses urged the Israelites to obey the Lord because the Lord will bless them if they obey the Lord's commands.**



- **Moses warned them that they would be cursed if they disobeyed the Lord's commands.**
- **Moses knew that eventually the Israelites would be exiles in a foreign land.**
- **They would be taken captive and taken to a foreign land because they will turn away from the Lord and disobey Him.**
- **If the Israelites living in a foreign land returned to the Lord, the Lord would help them.**
- **Our hearts follow after who or what we love. (Not the heart that beats in our chests but the part of us that loves and goes after what we want.)**
- **The only way you can stop going after sin and start going after the Lord God, is to allow God to give you a new heart.**



- **When you repent of your sin, believe in Jesus and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, Jesus gives you a new heart.**
- **That new heart that Jesus gives does not want to sin. Rather, it wants to listen and obey God.**
- **Deuteronomy 30:19 says, “I have set before you today life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life.**
- **According to that same verse, the Lord is your life.**



Key Verses:

Deuteronomy 6:4-6, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts."

Deuteronomy 30:19 "I have set before you today life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice and hold fast to Him. For the LORD is your life!"