

Deuteronomy 7:1-2 (NLT)

“When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are about to enter and occupy, he will clear away many nations ahead of you... These seven nations are greater and more numerous than you. [2] When the Lord your God hands these nations over to you and you conquer them, you must completely destroy them. Make no treaties with them and show them no mercy.

Deuteronomy 7:3-5 (NLT)

You must not intermarry with them. Do not let your daughters and sons marry their sons and daughters, [4] for they will lead your children away from me to worship other gods. Then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and he will quickly destroy you. [5] This is what you must do. You must break down their pagan altars and shatter their sacred pillars. Cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 (NLT)

For you are a holy people, who belong to the Lord your God. Of all the people on earth, the Lord your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure. [7] “The Lord did not set his heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! [8] Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you, and he was keeping the oath he had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:9-11 (NLT)

Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands. [10] But he does not hesitate to punish and destroy those who reject him. [11] Therefore, you must obey all these commands, decrees, and regulations I am giving you today.

Costly Commitment

Nehemiah 9:38-10:39



The 84 who Signed Agreement:

- **Nehemiah**
- **22 Priests**
- **17 Levites**
- **44 Leaders**

Blessings of God - Deut. 28:1-14

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV)

[1] If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. [2] All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

Curses of God - Deut. 28:15-68

Deuteronomy 28:15-18 (NIV)

[15] However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: [16] You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country. [17] Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed. [18] The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.

Curses of God - Deut. 28:15-68

Deuteronomy 28:24-25 (NIV)

...[24] The LORD will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed. [25] The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies

Curses of God - Deut. 28:15-68

Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (NIV)

[47] Because you did not serve the LORD your God joyfully and gladly in the time of prosperity, [48] therefore in hunger and thirst, in nakedness and dire poverty, you will serve the enemies the LORD sends against you. He will put an iron yoke on your neck until he has destroyed you.

Exodus 24:3-4 (NIV)

When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do." [4] Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel

Exodus 24:7 (NIV)

...[7] Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do **EVERYTHING** the LORD has said; we will **OBEY.**"

Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV)

Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness.

Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15] But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. **But as for me and my household,
we WILL serve the LORD.**

**→ It is our job to pass along that
Faith to the next Generation...
...so that they will EMBRACE the
Lord Jesus as their LORD**

THEY MADE A COMMITMENT... (R. Steadman)

- **Not to Marry unbelievers**
- **to Obey Seventh Day Rest**
- **to Obey the Seventh Year**
 - **rest the land (Ex. 23:10-11)**
 - **free all Jewish slaves (Ex. 21:2-6)**
 - **cancel all debts to Israelites (Deut. 15:1-2)**
- **to Pay temple tax**
- **to Provide wood for the Temple**
- **to Bring the first fruits of their sons, crops, and flocks**
- **to Pay 10% of all their income**
- **Not to NEGLECT the house of God**

Their Commitment to God Impacted Their...

- **Relationships**
- **Use of Time**
- **Use of Economic Resources**

**→ Commitment is Costly...
we pay the Price in Steps of
Obedience over a Life Time**