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## Deuteronomy 7 and Exodus 23:20-33

	Exodus 23:20–33		Deuteronomy 7:1–26
20	“Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.	1	“When the LORD your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it,
21	Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him.		
22	But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.		
23	“When my angel goes before you and brings you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites, and I blot them out,		and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than yourselves,
24	you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces.	5	But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and chop down their Asherim and burn their carved images with fire.
25	You shall serve the LORD your God,  and he will bless your bread and your water,  and I will take sickness away from among you.	12	“And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you.
		13	He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. And the LORD will take away from you all sickness,
		15	and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you.
26	None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.	14	You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock.
27	I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.	23	But the LORD your God will give them over to you and throw them into great confusion, until they are destroyed.
28	And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you.	20	Moreover, the LORD your God will send hornets among them, until those who are left and hide themselves from you are destroyed.
29	I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. Little by little I will drive them out from before you,	22	The LORD your God will clear away these nations before you little by little. You may not make an end of them at once, lest the wild beasts grow too numerous for you.
30	until you have increased and possess the land.		
31	And I will set your border from the Red Sea to the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates, for I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you.	2	and when the LORD your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction.
32	You shall make no covenant with them and their gods.		You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them.
33	They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.”	3	You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons,
		4	for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly.
		25	The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it.
		26	You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

