

**No Other Gods**  
**Deuteronomy 12:29-13:18**

**Veritas Class**  
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**A. Characteristics of this Text:**

1. It consists of two parts:
  - a. Thesis statement (12:29-32)
  - b. Three part exposition (13:1-18)
2. Each of the four parts begins with “When/If . . . then you.” (12:29; 13:1; 13:6; 13:12)
3. It is punctuated by sermonic charges: (12:32; 13:4; 13:18)
4. It is laced with motive clauses:
  - Positive: 12:31; 13:3, 5, 10, 18.
  - Negative: 12:30
  - Other: 13:11
5. In each segment Moses introduces a hypothetical interlocutor: (12:30; 13:2, 6, 13).
6. Moses appeals to the people’s hearts by reminding them repeatedly of their special relationship with YHWH.

**B. The General Warning against Spiritual Defection (12:29-32)**

1. The Context of the Problem (vv. 29-30a)
2. The Nature of the Problem (v. 30b)
3. The Prescribed Response to the Problem (vv. 30-32)
  - a. The Particular Response (v. 31a)
  - b. The Grounds for the Response (vv. 31b)
  - c. The Seriousness of the Response (v. 32)

**C. The Specific Warnings against Spiritual Defection (13:1-18)**

1. The Ancient Near Eastern Treaty Background to this Passage
2. The Three-fold Structure of the Account (over)