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## LESSONS FROM THE PAGES OF DEUTERONOMY

*“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.”*

- Deuteronomy 6:23 (ESV)

### INTRODUCTION:

Deuteronomy 12:1 introduces a portion of the book that marches across every page until it comes to its powerful closure in 26:15: “These are the \_\_\_\_\_ statutes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rules \_\_\_\_\_...” We will sample the first course and the last course of the segment as a way of tasting the contents in between.

### PART ONE: Deuteronomy 12

Read Deuteronomy 12:4-18. Note the connection with Deuteronomy 8:8-10 in our previous lesson.

- In God’s Deuteronomy-economy, a \_\_\_\_\_ meal \_\_\_\_\_ is more than \_\_\_\_\_ eating \_\_\_\_\_.
- In God’s Deuteronomy-economy, to be \_\_\_\_\_ mindful \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thankful \_\_\_\_\_ is to be \_\_\_\_\_ joyful \_\_\_\_\_.

Seven times within the “statutes and rules” we find the words “\_you\_ \_shall\_ \_rejoice\_.” (Deuteronomy 12:7, Deuteronomy 12:12, Deuteronomy 12:18, Deuteronomy 14:26, Deuteronomy 16:11, Deuteronomy 16:14, and Deuteronomy 26:11)

- Glance down verses 20-27. In God’s Deuteronomy-economy, the most prominent \_\_\_\_\_ prohibition \_\_\_\_\_ at the table was the \_\_\_\_\_ blood \_\_\_\_\_.

## PART TWO: Deuteronomy 26

- The \_\_\_\_\_ basket \_\_\_\_\_: Vv.1-4
- The \_\_\_\_\_ response \_\_\_\_\_: Vv.5-11 Excerpt by Dr. Walter Brueggemann: “The rhetoric works so that the speaker who is a belated rememberer of an old event becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ present-tense \_\_\_\_\_ participate \_\_\_\_\_ in that old event. In ‘\_\_\_\_\_ liturgical \_\_\_\_\_ time \_\_\_\_\_,’ the \_\_\_\_\_ gap \_\_\_\_\_ between past time and present time is overcome, and present-tense characters \_\_\_\_\_ become \_\_\_\_\_ involved \_\_\_\_\_ in remembered events.” (*Deuteronomy*, p.247) The segment in verses 5-10 “lines out Israel’s most treasured \_\_\_\_\_ memory \_\_\_\_\_ that decisively defines Israel’s \_\_\_\_\_ present-tense \_\_\_\_\_ life \_\_\_\_\_.” (p.246)
- The \_\_\_\_\_ poor-tithe \_\_\_\_\_: Vv.12-15 (Also called the 3rd Year Tithe)

As we start wrapping up our lesson, take a careful look at the cohesion of these 15 chapters by comparing Deuteronomy 26:16 back to Deuteronomy 12:1. In conclusion, reflect on the exchange of words in Deuteronomy 26:17-19.

