

The Years in the Desert (Exodus-Deuteronomy)

THE OLD TESTAMENT * Week 12 * Opening Collect: Proper 15, BCP 232

- I. The Pattern: God leads and the People complain and rebel
- A. (Exodus 20) – (Exodus 32-33)
 - B. (Exodus 32) – (Numbers 12, 16, 17)
 - C. (Exodus 16) – (Numbers 11)
 - D. (Genesis 12ff) – (Numbers 13-14)
- II. God starts over 40 years later.
- A. First Census (603,550 in Numbers 1:46)
 - B. Second Census (601,730 in Numbers 26:51)
 - C. God's grace: Numbers 21:4-9 –
- III. Numbers 22-25; 31:8 – Balaam
- IV. Moses regives the Law – Deuteronomy
- A. Deuteronomy 6 – You and God
 - 1. Deuteronomy 6:4 – The *Shema*: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.
 - 2. Deuteronomy 6:5 – First and great commandment: Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
 - 3. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 – Children, conversation, life: These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.
 - a) Deuteronomy 6:6-9 – *Tefillin* (te-FILL-in) (called *phylacteries* in Greek...and that ticks off Jewish folks!)
 - a) *Mezuza* (muh-ZOO-zah) with 2 scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (the *Shema*) and 11:13-21 (because both include the command to “write them on the doorposts of your houses and your gates”)
 - (1) Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (from above)
 - (2) Deuteronomy 11:13-21
¹³ If you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— ¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. ¹⁵ I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.
 - b) ¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and

worship other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷ Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. ¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

2. Deuteronomy 6:10-12 –

3. Deuteronomy 6:20-24 –

B. Deuteronomy 7 – You and other nations

1. Deuteronomy 7:1-6 –

2. Deuteronomy 7:7-10 –

3. Deuteronomy 7:11-15 –

4. Deuteronomy 7:22 –

5. Deuteronomy 7:26 –

V. Deuteronomy 28 – Blessings and Curses

VI. Deuteronomy 30:11-20 – The Choice: Life or Death?

VII. Moses dies and hands off the people to Joshua (The Lord saves!)

Preparation for next week: Read Joshua

Closing Collect: 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, BCP 215