

Blessings and Curses

Leviticus 26:3-39

Blessings:

1.) Plenty

Leviticus 26:5, "*Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing...*"

2.) Peace

Leviticus 26:8 NKJV - *8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you.*

3.) Population

Leviticus 26:10 NKJV - *10 You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new.*

4.) Presence

Curses:

1.) The Plenty Promised is Removed

2.) The Peace Promised is Removed

3.) The Population Promised is Removed

4.) The Presence Promised is Removed.

Focus:

1.) Corporate, Not Individual

A.) Your Day-to-Day Experiences of the Blessings of God are Impacted by the Sin of Others

B.) Your Sin is Never a Private Affair

2.) Faithfulness, Not Perfection

A.) Our Relationship with God, Since the Fall, has Always Been Dependent on Faith and Repentance, Not Self-Righteousness and Perfect Obedience

B.) Faith and Repentance Has Always Been the Means of Salvation.

3.) Discipline, Not Vengeance

Leviticus 26:18 "*...then I will punish you seven times more...*"

Leviticus 26:23 '*And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but...*'

A.) The Lord Still Disciplines Those Whom He Loves

4.) Broad, Not Narrow

Ezekiel 4:16, "*Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, surely I will cut off the supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall drink water by measure and with dread,"*

Leviticus 26:26 NKJV - 26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

Ezekiel 5:10, "*Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers...*"

Leviticus 26:29 NKJV - 29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.

Ezekiel 6:1-5 NKJV - I Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 "and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: "Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 "Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 "And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars.

Ezekiel 34:25-27 NKJV - 25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

Ezekiel 36:26-35 NKJV - 26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28 "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. 29 "I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30 "And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 "Not for your sake do I do this," says the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!" 33 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the

ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 "The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 "So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

Galatians 3:13-14 NKJV - 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Revelation 22:1-5 NKJV - 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.