

THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

Part 13

“There’s a Bomb on your Bus!”

Deuteronomy 30

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Every good parent warns their children. There are dangers we must be prepared for, “schemes” we must be aware of, and actions (of the sort that go from cute...to gross) that must be changed. However, the warning that is most feared by both parent and child is the one attached to this ultimatum, “If you _____ you will no longer be welcome in our home!” This discussion is rarely taken up without reason. We often refer to this moment as laying down the law! The hope is that a right decision would follow.

The book of Deuteronomy finds God giving just such a “pep talk” to His people as they prepare to enter the land. This is their 2nd attempt, His 2nd restatement of the law. In Deuteronomy, we see that God comes with a promise and a surprising prediction.

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BACKGROUND

- Deuteronomy is written as a **covenant**.
- These discourses were given at the **edge** of the Promise Land.
- God gives them a thumbnail sketch of recent history and of the next 1000 years. He then gives them this prophetic promise...They would **fail!**

WHY TALK?

- We must remember...
 1. **Man** is not the focus of Scripture, **God** is.
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2. In every age faithfulness is **rewarded**, unfaithfulness is **punished**.

Key: *Their **relationship** to the land was at stake...not their **status** as God's **people**.

***Faith** or **repentance** would always bring **restoration**.

3. One day God will take **charge** of faith.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 37:24-28; Hebrews 8:8

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4. God's desire is not a **mystery**.

✓ He calls for a **choice**.

✓ Our **choices** are being **witnessed**.

WRAP UP