DEUTERONOMY 7

GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE… (*3 THINGS*)
ANG PINILI NGA KATAWHAN SANG DIOS… (*3 KA BUTANG*)

- **1ST - CHOSEN TO BE HOLY… VS. 1-6** Read: Deuteronomy 7:1-6
- **1ST - PINILI NGA MANGIN BALAAN… VS. 1-6** Basaha: Deuteronomio 7:1-6
  - 1st - Israel was to conquer seven nations - each mightier than they were...
  - 1st – sakupon sang Israelinhon ang pito ka nasyon – mas mabaskog sang sa ila…
    - In other words - they were heading into a HUGE fight - and they were outmatched...
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  - If Israel tried to fight the coming war on their own - they did not stand a chance...
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  - They were going in as - sheep among wolves - **Matthew 10:16**...
  - Pareho sila sa mga – karnero nga nagtalang - **Mateo 10:16**...
  - A picture meant to show us they had better not go out in their own strength...
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    - As we step out to follow Jesus - we step into a VERY hostile world...
    - Kon mag step out kita sa pagsunod kay Jesus -
  - As we live for Jesus we are sheep in a world that is full of hungry wolves...
  - Sa pagkabuhi kay Jesus pareho kita sa karnero sa kalibutan nga puno sang mga mabangis nga ido…
  - People would like nothing more than to devour us – with hurtful words…
  - Wala na sing iban nga himuon sang mga tawo kundi ang ubuson kita – sang ila mga masakit nga ginahambal…
  - They would love to make fun of us – belittle us – make us look foolish…
  - Namian sila nga tawaan kita – apihon kita – himuon kita nga daw sa buang buang…
  - Sad that we can be involved in almost an kind of activity and people don't care…
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  - But if we choose to live and stand for Jesus – we are a target for ridicule...
  - Pero kon pilion naton nga magkabuhi kag magtindog para kay Jesus – target kita sa mga pagpakahuya…
  - The only way we can stand is to completely and totally depend on Jesus!
  - Ang isa lang ka paagi nga kita magtindoh amo ang pag depende kay Jesus!
  - 2nd - Israel was not to make any treaties with them...
  - 2nd – indi maghimo sang kasugtanan ang mga katawhan sang Israel sa ila…
    - Israel was to completely destroy these nations - they were not to compromise...
    - Pagagub-on sang Israel ang ini nga mga nasyon -
  - Looking at the battle ahead - it would have been easy to want an easy way out...
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  - Rather than 'destroy' the nations - a peace treaty might seem a better solution...
  - Imbes na 'gub-on' ang nasyon -

- But these nations had only one purpose - to destroy the faith of God's people!
- Pero ini nga mga nasyon may isa lang ka katuyuan – nga gub-on ang pagtuo sang katawhan sang Ginoo!
  - There is no compromising with our enemy...
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- There may be days we are tired of fighting the war with our flesh / satan...
- May ara mga adlaw nga kapoy na kita sa pagpakig-away sa aton lawas / satanas…
- Thinking perhaps if we just compromise - it might make things easier...
- Magapinsar nga kon mag kompromiso lang kita – mangin mahapos ang mga butang…
- We must remember satan had only one goal - to kill and destroy us - **John 10:10**...
- Dumdumon naton nga isa lang ang goal ni satanas – patyon kag gub-on kita - **Juan 10:10**...
- If we try and 'compromise' with our flesh - give in to our sinful desires...
- Kon testingan naton kag 'mag kompromiso' sa aton lawas – magpadala sa aton makasasala nga handom…
- That 'one drink' that could not possibly hurt - which leads to another...
- Sa 'isa ka inom'
- The one little 'white' lie we tell - which will lead to more and more lies...
- Sa isa ka gamay 'white' lie nga aton ihambal –
- When we give in to the flesh - the flesh desires more - and then more...
- Kon magpadala kita sa lawas -
- We end up on a slippery slope that quickly draws us away from the Lord!
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  - 3rd - Israel was never to marry any of them...
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    - Under no circumstances were they allowed to marry these nations - son or daughter...
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- The danger was if they married into these nations - they would worship their gods...
- Just as with Solomon - **I Kings 11:14** - they would turn away from the Lord...
  - Do not be unequally yoked...
- *** II Corinto 6:14** – "Indi gid kamo magpakighiusa sa mga wala nagatuo kay Cristo. Kay subong nga ang kasanag indi makaupod sa kadulom, ang maayo indi man makaupod sa malain."
- If someone is 'religious' and knows 'about Jesus' does not mean they are saved...
- Kon may tawo nga 'reliyuso' kag nakabalo 'parte kay Jesus' indi buot silingon nga maluwas na sila…
- Don't marry someone just because they are cute - marry one who loves the Lord...
- Indi magpangasawa sang tawo tungod lang kay sila cute – magpangasawa sang tawo nga nagahigugma sa Ginoo…
- Be very careful whom you choose to be your spouse - it is a permanent decision...
- Mag andam kon sin-o pilion mo nga bana/asawa – permanenti nana nga desisyon…
- Find a man/woman who loves the Lord - not just in words - but also in actions...
- Magpangita sang lalaki/babayi nga nagahigugma sa Ginoo – indi lang sa hambal – kundi pati sa buhat…
- Otherwise they might end up drawing you away from your walk with Jesus...
- Basi sa ulihi sila pa magapalayo sa imo sa imo pagpanglakaton kay Jesus…

- 4th - Israel was to destroy the Canaanite's altars / pillars / wooden images...
- 4th – pagagub-on sang Israelinhon ang halaran sang Canaanhon / handumanan nga mga bato / huluhaligi nga simbolo sang ila dios dios…
  - Israel was to be a holy nation - they were not to follow the gods of these nations...
  - Mangin balaan nga nasyon ang Israel – indi sila magsunod sa mga dios dios sang sini nga mga nasyon…

- **Leviticus 19:2** – "Magkabuhi kamo nga balaan kay ako, ang Ginoo nga inyo Dios, balaan.
- Israel was to be set apart - they were not to look or act like the world...
- Dapat mangin pa-in ang Israelinhon – indi sila dapat makita kag maghimo nga pareho sang kalibutan…
- Instead they were to be a representative of God to a lost and dying world!
- Imbes sila mangin representative sang Ginoo sa nadulman nga kalibutan!
  - God calls us to be Holy - we are called to be saints...
  - Gintawag kita mangin Balaan – ginatawag kita mangin santo…
- The NT word saints – *hagios* – means to be holy – set apart...
- Ang NT santo – *hagios* – buot silingon mangin balaan – magpa-in…
- We are called saints – it means we are to be set apart from the world for God!
- Ginatawag kita nga mga santo - buot silingon dapat maglain kita sa kalibutan para sa Ginoo!
- The NT word for church - *ekklesia* - mean to be called out - of the world...
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- If we as Christians look and act just like those who do not know Jesus...
- Kon kita bilang Kristohanon magtan-aw kag maghimo sang pareho sa mga tawo nga wala nakakilala kay Jesus…
- Why would anyone want to hear about Jesus - come to church...
- Ngaa gusto sang iban makabati sang parte kay Jesus – magkadto sa simbahan…
- It is only as we are HOLY - that we are able to shine and point others to Christ!
- Kon kita BALAAN – matudlo naton si Cristo sa iban nga tawo!

- **2ND - CHOSEN BY GOD... VS. 7-16** Read: Deuteronomy 7:7-16
- **2ND – GINPILI SANG GINOO… VS. 7-16** Basaha: Deuteronomio 7:7-16
  - 1st - Chosen - because you were the least of all nations...
  - 1st – Pinili – tungod you are the least of all nations…
    - God choose Israel to be His special treasure - but not cause they were the best...
    - Ginpili sang Ginoo ang Israel nga mangin Iya espesyal nga manggad – pero indi tungod nga sila maayo…
- In fact for just the opposite reason - because they were the least!
- Sa pagkamatuod for just the opposite reason – tungod sila pa gani ang pinakadiutay sa tanan!
- No one credited Israel for destroying the armies of Egypt…
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- Israel was a nation of slaves – all the credit went to God alone!
- Ang Israel ang nasyon sang mga suluguon – ang tanan nga credit sa Ginoo lang gid naghalin!
  - God does not look at our qualification to see if we can be saved…
  - Ang Ginoo wala nagatulok sa aton qualifications para makita kion kita maluwas…
- God does not pick just the brightest – beautiful – wealthy – **I Corinthians 1:27**

- Wala ginpili sang Ginoo ang mga maalam – matahom – manggaranon - **I Corinto 1:27**
- In fact those are the exceptions – God tends to choose the 'foolish' of the world...
- Sa matuod those are the exceptions – ginapili sang Ginoo ang 'indi maalam'…
- God picks us – the foolish (*morons*) because then the world sees God in us!
- Ginpili kita sang Ginoo – ang indi maalam kay para makita sang Ginoo nga ara sa aton ang Ginoo!
- Then the world knows that God can save/use anyone – **I Timothy 1:16**
- Dayon mahibaluan sang kalibutan nga maluwas sang Ginoo/ magamit ang bisan sin-o - **I Timoteo 1:16**
  - God choose Israel - to be the people through whom the Messiah would come...
  - Ginpili sang Ginoo ang Israel – para mangin katawhan sa pag-abot sang manluluwas…
- Jesus was an Israelite (*on His mothers side*) - **Romans 9:5**
- Si Jesus Israelinhon (sa side sang Iya iloy) - **Roma 9:5**
- It would be through Israel that Jesus would be given to a lost and dying world…
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- God chooses us for the same reason – to give Jesus to the world…
- Ginpili kita sang Ginoo sa pareho nga rason – sa paghatag kay Jesus sa kalibutan…
  - 2nd - Chosen because God is faithful to His Word...
  - 2nd – pinili tungod matutom ang Ginoo sa Iya Pulong…
    - If God says something it happens - if He makes a promise He fulfills it!
    - Kon magsiling ang Ginoo matabo ini – kon Siya magpromisa tumanon Niya ini!
- God promised to bless Abraham/Isaac/Jacob - God had been faithful to His Word...
- Nagpromisa ang Ginoo nga bugayan si Abraham/Isaac/Jacob – ang Ginoo matutom sa Iya Ginasiling…
- **Genesis 22:17** – "Padamuon ko gid ang imo mga kaliwat nga daw pareho kadamo sa mga bituon sa langit kag sa mga balas sa baybayon."
- Israel came to Egypt with 70 - 400 years later - they left with 3 to 5 million!
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- God keeps His promise - even if it takes 1000 generations!
- Ginatuman sang Ginoo ang Iya promisa – bisan malab-ot pa sa 1000 nga henerasyon!
  - God cannot lie - **Hebrew 6:18** - and God will not change his mind...
  - Ang Ginoo indi makabutig – **Hebreo 6:18** – kag wala nagabag-o ang paminsaron sang Ginoo…
- **II Corinto 1:20** – "Paagi sa iya, ang tanan nga ginpromisa sang Dios natuman. Gani makasiling kita nga masaligan gid ang Dios, kag ini nagahatag sang pagdayaw sa iya."
- God will always be faithful to His Word - if God says something - count on it!
- Ang Ginoo matutom gid sa Iya Pulong – kon magsiling ang Ginoo – matabo ini!
- Attempt to count the promises of God in the Bible - between 3000-7000!
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- Our challenge is to get to know God's Word - so we know what He has promised!
- Ang challenge sa aton amo hibaluon ang Pulong sang Ginoo – agod mabal-an kon ano ang Iya ginpromisa!

- 3rd - Chosen to obey all God's commands...
- 3rd - Pinili nga magtuman sang tanan nga sugo sang Ginoo…
  - God does not hesitative to punish and destroy those who hate Him...
  - Ang Ginoo wala nagaduhaduha sa pagsilot kag paguba sa mga nagakainit sa Iya…
- As displayed by God's command to completely destroy the 7 Canaanite nations...
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- There is a VERY real consequence to hating God - judgment is certain...
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- You might think - 'I don't hate God' - but the line is VERY black and white...
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- **Mateo 12:30** – "Ang wala nagaapin sa akon, kontra sa akon. Kag ang wala nagabulig sa akon sa pagtipon sang mga tawo sa Dios nagapalapta lang."
- Often people think that they can stand in the grey area…
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- They don't want to believe in Jesus – live for Jesus – but they aren't against him...
- Indi nila gusto magpati kay Jesus – magkabuhi para kay Jesus – pero wala sila nagakontra sa iya…
- If you are not for Jesus – then you are against Him – you 'Hate' God...
- Kon indi ka kay Jesus – kontra mo Siya – 'Ginakainitan' mo ang Ginoo…
- And God has a VERY real eternal judgment waiting for that person
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  - Therefore obey His commands and laws...
  - Gani magtuman sa Iya sugo kag layi…
- The way Israel could be sure they loved God - obey His commands...
- Ang pamaagi nga sigurado nga ginahigugma sang Israel ang Ginoo – tumanon ang Iya sugo…
- **I Juan 5:3** – "Kay nagahigugma kita sa Dios kon nagatuman kita sang iya mga sugo. Kag ang iya mga sugo indi man mabudlay tumanon."
- To say we Love God - but not obey His Word - means we are lying to ourselves...
- Magsiling nga ginahigugma naton ang Ginoo – pero wala nagatuman sa Iya Pulong – buot silingon ginabutigan natin ang aton kaugalingon…
- Not that we are saved by obeying the commands of God - **Ephesians 2:8-9**...
- Indi lang kita maluwas paagi sa pagtuman sang sugo sang Ginoo - **Efeso 2:8-9**...
- But if we are saved - Love God - it will show through our fruit - **James 2:18**...
- Kundi kon naluwas kita – Higugmaa ang Ginoo – makita ini sa aton bunga - **Santiago 2:18**...
- Our love for God is revealed through our changed life - obedience to His Word!
- Makita ang paghigugma sa Ginoo paagi sa pag bag-o sang aton kabuhi – pagtuman sa Iya Pulong!
  - If you listen and obey - you will be blessed...
  - Kon mamati ka kag magtuman – pakamaayuhon ka…
- God will give you many kids - there won't be one family without children...

- Hatagan ka sang Ginoo sang madamo nga kabataan – wala sang isa ka pamilya kon wala kabataan…
- God will bless the crops in your fields - and multiply your animals...
- Pakamaayuhon sang Ginoo ang produkto sang inyo duta – kag padamuon ang inyo mga kasapatan…
- God will protect you from sickness - from all the plagues of Egypt...
- Protektaran kamo sang Ginoo sa tanan nga balatian – sa mga kalalat-an sa Egipto…
- You will be blessed above all the nations on the earth...
- Pakamaayuhon kamo labaw sa tanan nga nasyon sa kalibutan…
- There is every reason to Love the Lord - be obedient to His Word...
- May ara mga rason nga higugmaom ang Ginoo – mangin matinumanon sa Iya Pulong…
- It means we will have a blessed/abundant life here on earth...
- Buot silingon pakamaayuhon kita/ mangin mahamungayaon ang aron kabuhi diri sa kalibutan…
- As well as eternal life with Jesus forever in heaven!
- Kag kabuhi nga wala sing katapusan kaupod si Jesus sa langit!

- **3RD - CHOSEN TO BE VICTORIOUS... VS. 17-26** Read: Deuteronomy 7:17-26
- **3RD – PINILI MANGIN MADINALAG-ON… VS. 17-26** Basaha: Deuteronomio 7:17-26
  - 1st - Do not be afraid - God fights for you...
  - 1st – Indi kamo magkahadlok – ang Ginoo ang magpakig-away para sa inyo…
    - Israel was bound to ask - how can we fight nations mightier than we are...
    - Basi magsiling ang mga Israelinhon – paano kami magpakig-away sa mga nasyon nga mas mabaskog sang sa amon…
  - God reminded them of what He did to Egypt - the superpower of the day...
  - Pero ginpadumdom sang Ginoo sa ila kon ano ang Iya ginhimo sa Egipto – ang puwerte nga gahom…
  - 10 increasingly devastating plagues - topped off by parting an ocean!
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  - God would use the same mighty power against the nations in the Land...
  - Magamit ang Ginoo sang pareho nga gahom batok sa mga nasyon…
  - Stop the sun in the sky for a day - rain down hail from heaven - **Joshua 10:12-13**
  - Magapundo ang adlaw – magaulan halin sa langit - **Josue 10:12-13**
  - With God on their side - 1 could defeat 1,000 / 2 - 10,000 - **Deuteronomy 32:30**
  - Ginoo kaupod nila – pierdihon sang 1 ang 1000 / 2 – 10,000 - **Deuteronomio 32:30**
    - God still fights for Israel...
    - Ang Ginoo magpakig-away gihapon para sa Israelinhon…
  - God promised to send hornets to attack their enemies... vs. 20
  - Nagpromisa ang Ginoo nga magapadala siya sang alingayo sa pag atake sa ila mga kaaway… vs. 20
  - In the 1967 '6 Day War' of Israel - Israel was outnumbered 10 to 1...
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  - The 5 attacking Arab nations easily outgunned Israel in tanks and weapons...
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- There is one story where honey bees - attacked a column of Egyptian tanks...
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- Driving them out of their tanks so that Israel could come and confiscate them!
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- If God is the one fighting for us - who can possibly stand against us!
- Kon ang Ginoo ang nagapakig away para sa aton – wala sang makahalit sa aton!
- **Roma 8:31** – "Karon, kon hunahunaon naton ta ini nga mga butang, makasiling kita nga ang Dios nagaapin gid sa aton, kag wala sing may makahalit sa aton."
- As we learn to depend on the Lord - we are absolutely assured of our victory...
- Kon matun-an naton mag depende sa Ginoo – mangin madinalag-on kita…
- Sin / satan / the flesh don't stand a chance - God will overcome them all!
- Sala / satanas / ang aton lawas indi makasarang – pierdihon sila tanan sang Ginoo!
- He will complete the work of salvation He began in our lives - **Philippians 1:6**
- Siya magapadayon sang Iya ginhimo sa aton kabuhi - **Filipos 1:6**
  - 2nd - God will not defeat them all at once...
  - 2nd - Amat amat nga pierdihon sila sang Ginoo…
    - God would not defeat all of the nations at once - victory would take time...
    - Amat amatin pierdi sang Ginoo ang tanan nga nasyon -
- The Israelites were too few to inhabit the whole of the Land...
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- If they conquered all the nations - the land would be empty - full of wild animals...
- Kon pierdihon nila tanan nga nasyon – the land would be empty – magadamo ang talunon nga mga sapat…
- Israel had to be patient - God would give them TOTAL victory...
- Kinahanglan maghulat ang mga Israelihon – ihatag sa ila sang Ginoo ang kadalag an…
  - The Christian walk takes time - we are not perfect in a day...
  - The Christian walk takes time – indi kita perpekto…
- Just as an athlete does not happen by accident - and they don't happen overnight...
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- They have to get up early every day and practice - and it takes years of training...
- Kinahanglan nila mag bugtaw aga kada adlaw kag mag practice – kag malab ot ini tinuig nga training…
- In the same way we as believers need to train - work hard...
- Pareho man sina kita bilang believers kinahanglan naton mag training – magpangabudlay…
- Living for Jesus is a daily choice - and it takes work and commitment on our part...
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- We choose to take the time to get into God's Word - set-aside time to pray...
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- We make the time to attend Bible studies - grow in our faith...
- We need to avoid those temptations in life that would distract us...
- Not that we will be perfected in a day - we will be perfect the day we see Jesus!
  - 3rd - Do not follow in their footsteps...
  - 3rd – Indi magsunod sa ila footsteps…
    - God warned Israel - i f they began to follow the pagan practices - thorn in their side...
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- Which is exactly what happened - Israel did not wipe out all the nations...
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- * **Santiago 2:2-3** – "Halimbawa, may duha ka tawo nga magkadto sa inyo pagtilipon: ang isa manggaranon nga may bulawan nga mga singsing kag may malahalon nga bayo, kag ang isa imol nga gisi ang iya bayo. Kon palabihon ninyo ang tawo nga nagabayo sang malahalon kag hatagan ninyo sing maayo nga pulungkuan, pero ang imol patindugon lang ninyo, ukon papungkuon lang sa salog."
  - When we open ourselves up to sin - we create a thorn in our side...
  - Kon tugutan naton ang aton kaugalingon sa sala -
- Someone who has never taken drugs - is not very tempted by drugs...
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- But to a recovering addict - there is a constant battle to stay clean...
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- When we choose to give in to sin - we open ourselves up to repeated temptation...
- Kon magpili kita nga magpakasala – ginabuksan natin ang atin kaugalingon nga magpatemptar…
- Choose to be victorious - choose to depend wholly on Jesus...
- Magpili mangin madinalag-in – magpili nga magdepende sa kay Jesus…
- Choose to HOLY - set apart from the world - dedicated the Lord!
- Magpili mangin BALAAN – magpa-in sa kalibutan – magdedikar sa Ginoo!