

2. Specific stipulations (12-26)

- i. 1st specific stipulation: When they go into the land, they are to destroy all the places of worship of the Canaanites, all their gods, and when God chooses a place to set his name, they are to worship God only in that place."
 - a. See 12:4-6
 - b. If they don't do this, they will be put to death.
- ii. These stipulations go all the way through chapter 26.

D. Aspects of the covenant ceremony (27-30)

1. Blessings and curses (27-28)

- i. In chapter 27, he spells out in more detail what is to happen when the blessings and curses are spoken.
 - a. They are to go to Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal.
 - b. At Mt. Ebal, they are to pile up stones and they are to cover their stones with ~~white~~ plaster and the law of God is to be written on those stones. ^{write}
 - 1) That is the standard by which they are to live.
 - 2) Then they are to build an altar and they are to offer burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to the Lord.
 - c. Then we are told in Joshua that the ark of the Lord is going to be right here between Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal.
 - 1) The Levites will be there.
 - d. Half the tribes are going to be lined up on Mt. Gerizim and the other half on Mt. Ebal and with the Levites in the middle, they are going to turn to Mt. Gerizim and they are to proclaim a blessing and the people there on Mt. Gerizim are to respond along with the people of Mt. Ebal, "Amen."
 - 1) What they mean by "Amen" is that "we are taking this blessing to ourselves if we obey the law of God."
 - e. Then the Levites are to turn to Mt. Ebal and proclaim a curse and then all the people on both mountains say, "Amen."
 - 1) What they mean by "Amen" is that "we are taking this curse to ourselves if we disobey the law of God."
- ii. In chapter 28, you have all of these blessings and curses that the Lord gives.
 - a. The blessings are incredible and all they have to do is obey the Lord to get the blessings.
 - b. Those curses aren't very pleasant.