

STRUCTURE

From Jen:

I. Deuteronomy 7:1-5 The Lord's plan and command

- A. What the Lord will do
 - 1. Brings you into land v.1
 - 2. Drives out nations larger & stronger than you v. 1
 - 3. Delivers nations over to you v. 2
- B. God's commands for His people to carry out in the defeat God handed them
 - 1. Destroy them totally v. 2
 - a. Break down their altars v. 5
 - b. Smash sacred stones v. 5
 - c. Cut down Asherah poles v. 5
 - d. Burn idols in fire v. 5
 - 2. Make no treaty v. 2
 - 3. Show no mercy v. 2
 - 4. Do not intermarry v. 3
 - a. For they will turn children away from me v. 4
 - b. Lord's anger would burn against you v. 4

II. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 Reminder of Israel's identity

- A. You are people holy to the Lord v. 6
 - 1. Chosen to be His treasured possession v.6
 - a. NOT because numerous - Fewest of peoples v. 7
 - b. YES Because He loved you & kept His oath to your ancestors v. 8
 - c. Redeemed from slavery - brought out with a mighty hand v. 8

III. Deuteronomy 7:9-10 Reminder of WHO GOD IS

- A. Know the Lord your God is God v. 9
 - 1. Faithful God v. 9
 - 2. To those who love Him - Keeping covenant of love v. 9
 - 3. To those who hate Him - repay to their face by destruction v. 10

IV. Deuteronomy 7:11-18 THEREFORE, IN THE LAND THAT THE LORD HAS GIVEN

- A. Follow commands, decrees, laws v. 11
 - 1. Pay attention & careful to follow them v. 12
 - a. Lord will keep covenant of love with you v. 12
 - i. love and bless and increase your numbers v. 13
 - ii. bless fruit of womb, crops of land, herds and flocks v.13
 - b. Blessed more than any other people v. 14
 - i. None childless v.14
 - ii. Free from diseases v. 15
 - c. Destroy the people the Lord gives over to you v. 16
 - i. Do not look with pity v. 16
 - ii. Do not serve their gods - that will be a snare to you v. 16
 - iii. Do not be afraid of them - Remember the works of God in Egypt v. 18

V. Deuteronomy 7:19-24 God's past and future provision

- A. Past provision
 - 1. Signs, wonders, mighty hand with which the Lord brought you out v. 19
- B. Future provision
 - 1. The Lord will do the same to all the peoples you now fear v. 19
 - 2. Do not be terrified - the Lord who is among you - is great and awesome v. 21
 - a. Drive out nations before you, little by little v. 22
 - i. So the wild animals won't multiply around you v. 22
 - 3. Lord will deliver them to you v. 23

VI. Deut 7:25-26 God's final command & warning to His people in response to His delivering the nations into their hands

- A. Burn images of gods v. 25
- B. Do not covet or take their silver or gold v. 25

Sample Responses for Deuteronomy 7 | Jen Devine and Mary Hannah

1. You will be ensnared by it v. 25
 - a. Detestable to the Lord v. 25
- C. Do not bring detestable things into your house v. 25
 1. Or you will be set apart for destruction like it v. 25
- D. Regard it as vile v. 26
 1. It is set apart for destruction v. 26

From Mary:

- **7:1–6 Destroy Canaanite Idolaters/Idolatry** | When in Canaan, you must destroy Canaanite idolaters and idolatry because you are a people holy to the LORD your God, who chose you above all peoples.
- **7:7–24 Assurances and Warnings** | The LORD has set his love on you and will keep loving those who love him, but he will justly destroy those who hate him—Canaanite or Israelite.
 - **7:7–11 ASSURANCE of God’s love in the past, with related WARNING**

- Enticement: arrogance* ■ 7–8, *Grounds of Israel’s election*: Because the LORD loves you, as he promised your fathers—not because of your (military) size—he chose you for holiness and brought you up from Egypt.
- Enticement: presuming on God’s loving election; complacency* ■ 9–10, *Warning against hating the LORD*: The LORD is the faithful Judge who keeps loving those who love him but justly destroys those who hate him
- 11, *Closing warning/command to reiterate*: So, keep all the LORD’s commands.
- **7:12–16 ASSURANCE of God’s love in future for those who love him, with related WARNING**
 - 12–15, *Promised reward for Israel’s obedience*: Your obedient holiness will result in expansive, exponential, exultant blessing from the LORD your God.
 - Enticement: compromise, idolatry* ■ 16, *Closing warning/command to reiterate*: So, wipe out the idolatrous nations and don’t worship their gods, or their gods will be a snare to you.
- **7:17–26 ASSURANCE of God’s conquering presence to destroy enemies, with relat. WARNING**
 - 17–19, *Anticipating Israel’s fear*: When you doubt due to their (military) size, remember what the LORD did to Egypt, and trust that he will do the same to the Canaanite nations.
 - 20–24, *Explaining the process of conquest*: The LORD your God in your midst fights for you and will drive out the nations incrementally.
 - Enticement: silver/gold (wealth—greed)* ■ 25–26, *Closing warning/command to reiterate*: So, destroy their carved images and don’t covet their gold, or you yourself will become an object for destruction.

UNIFYING-THEME SENTENCE

From Jen: The faithful, covenant-keeping God is the Lord God who loves His people and calls them to solidify their knowledge of Him and devotion to Him, and to pay careful attention to knowing and following His every command, trusting those commands lead to life and His provision in the land He promised their ancestors.

From Mary: Church, as God’s holy people whom he has chosen in love, unreservedly renounce every enticement that would seduce you to devote yourself to anyone or anything other than your loving Lord, lest that enticement ensnare you. (*Compare Ephesians 1:3–5; Colossians 3:5*)

AUTHOR’S-AIM SENTENCE

From Jen: Moses is laying out the clear plan and command of the Lord for His provision of life in Him for His people in this promised land He is providing for them, reminding them who God is, who they are as His own treasured possession, and what they must do to secure their devotion to Him by trusting His plan to destroy the snares that will surround them in their new land.

From Mary: Moses aims to explain one implication of Israel’s status as the LORD’s holy people to prepare them for battle against superior Canaanite armies by plainly stating *what* the Israelites must do and *why* they can and must do it with confidence in the LORD’s certain victory.