"The Pentateuch" Leviticus 26 Wednesday June 2, 2010

Leviticus 25-26 is speaking of Israel in their land. The word "land" is used 39X in these two chapters.

Leviticus 25:1-7 The Sabbatical Year:

Leviticus 25:8-55 The Year of Jubilee:

Leviticus 26 could be called, "God's Last Word" We have the blessings and the curses of God upon Israel. Ex 23:25-33; Deut 28:1-68; Josh 24:20

Lev 26:46

Covenant – 8X

1. Lev 26:1-13 Obeying His Commandments 2. Lev 26:14-39 Submitting to His Corrections 3. Lev 26:40-46 Trusting His Covenant

1. Lev 26:1-13 Obeying His Commandments:

Leviticus 26:1

Exodus 20:1-6

John 14:6

Lev 26:2

Sabbaths - (plural) refers to all the special days on the Jewish calendar and not just the seventh day of the week.

and reverence; "to be in awe of God"

Blessing #1: Verses 3-5, 10 – God Promised Rain and Fruitful Harvests:

1 Kings 17-18

Blessing #2 Verses – 6-8 Peace and Safety:

Psalm 20:7

Blessing #3 Verses 9-10 – God Would Multiply The Nation:

Blessing #4 Verses 11-12 – God's Presence With His People:

The blessings of Israel were all due to the Lord and His Presence.

Lev 26:13

9X in Leviticus the Lord reminds His people that He had delivered them out from Egypt and therefore deserved their obedience (Lev. 11:45; 19:36; 22:33; 23:43; 25:38, 42, 55; 26:13, 45)

2. Lev 26:14-39 Submitting to His Corrections:

Lev 26:14-15

reject My statutes; say no to!

abhors – (Contrary) Lev 26:21 hostility, means "a hostile meeting with the intention of fighting."

Heb 12:6

God Gives 6 Forms of Punishment for Disobedience:

Punishment 1-5 - Jehovah punishes the people in their own land:

Punishment 6 - Israel taken out of the land and dispersed among the nations:

Punishment #1 Verses 16-17 – Terror, Disease, and Enemies:

I will appoint over you a sudden terror, "means confusion of mind, the kind of terror you feel when you can't control what's going on."

Consumption and fever that shall waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; would describe "diseases that slowly wasted the body, like tuberculosis."

Punishment #2 Verses 18-20 – No Rain, No Crops:

<u>seven times</u> more for your sins. (18, 21, 24, 28) The number "seven" not literal but is speaking about "complete, perfect, sufficient." Punishment #3 Verses 21-22 – Release Wild Beasts:

Innocent children would have to suffer for the sins of their parents

Punishment #4 Verses 23-26 – War, Pestilence, and Food Shortage:

Rev 6

Punishment #5 Verses 27-31

Punishment #6 Verses 32-39 – The Final Discipline of God:

Lev 26:35

The Seventy years of Babylonian Captivity left the land to rest and "enjoy her Sabbaths" 2 Chron. 36:21; Jer. 25:11

3. Lev 26:40-46 Trusting His Covenant:

Lev 26:40

Worst situations, however, there is always hope; for the Lord. Ex. 34:6-7

Lev 26:41-42

God's covenant with His people never changes;

God may punish His people, but He will never reject them or cast them away (Rom. 11).

Lev 26:43-45

Ps. 130:4

Application:

- 1. Obeying Him 1 Sam 15:22
- 2. Submitting to Him Heb 12:5-6
- 3. Trusting Him Psalms 91:2