

Deuteronomy 30:1

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Analysis

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The phrase the blessing and the curse refers to Deuteronomy 28's detailed blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. Israel will experience both - blessing during faithful periods, curse culminating in exile during apostasy.

The call to call them to mind indicates that remembering God's word in exile will trigger repentance. When suffering consequences of disobedience, Israel must recall God's warnings and promises, leading to turning back to Him.

This pattern - sin, judgment, remembrance, repentance, restoration - characterized Israel's history in Judges, the exile, and continues spiritually in Christian experience of sin, discipline, and restoration.

Historical Context

This prophecy was fulfilled multiple times - northern kingdom exiled by Assyria (722 BC), southern kingdom by Babylon (586 BC), and Roman dispersion (AD 70). Each judgment came after sustained disobedience.

Yet each exile also saw remnant remember God's word, repent, and experience restoration - return from Babylon, modern Israel's reestablishment, and ongoing gospel gathering of Jewish believers.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does accurate prophecy of future exile teach about God's foreknowledge?
2. How does remembering God's word in suffering lead to repentance?
3. What is the pattern of sin, judgment, remembrance, repentance, and restoration?
4. How has this prophecy been fulfilled in Israel's historical exiles?
5. How does this pattern apply to Christians experiencing discipline for sin?

serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Jeremiah 8:3 (References Lord): And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

Luke 15:17 (Parallel theme): And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Ezekiel 18:28 (Sin): Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

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