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Deuteronomy 28:64-68 NIV

⁶⁴ Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods—gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known. ⁶⁵ Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the LORD will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. ⁶⁶ You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. ⁶⁷ In the morning you will say, "If only it were evening!" and in the evening, "If only it were morning!"—because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see. ⁶⁸ The LORD will send you back in ships to Egypt on a journey I said you should never make again. There you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.

I had planned to write about Deuteronomy 28 in last week's blog, but my fingers and heart ended up writing about Moses, and his last day on earth. I still feel compelled to write about this chapter, because it really hit me between the eyes like never before. Deuteronomy 28 is divided into two sections, at least for our purposes. I don't know if Moses split them as depicted in the modern versions, but it would make sense if he did. I have provided the direct link to this chapter found at BibleGateway.com. Verses 1 through 14 are titled, "Blessings for Obedience" and verses 15 through 68 are titled "Curses for Disobedience". I realize Moses is giving his speech to the children of Israel here, but as with all scriptures, they are intended for every nation, tribe, and tongue who professes Jesus Christ as Lord.

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Just as when God punished Moses and did not allow him to go into the Promised Land with those he had led for so many years, he also blessed Moses immeasurably, because God is righteous and just and does what he says he's going to do. The blessings for obedience are a delight to read because who doesn't want to be blessed? But the curses for disobedience are hard to read, especially for the unbeliever. If a person has not been filled with the discernment of the Holy Spirit, then these words of warning are downright scary. But even as parents, we do the same for our children. "Don't touch the fire!" Why? "Because you'll get burned." "Don't run into the street without looking!" Why? "Because you will get hit by a car." The same principal applies here as Moses gives the warnings to those who choose to disobey.

God is our Heavenly Father and knows us from the moment we're conceived in the womb. I dare say he also knows who among us will obey, and who will disobey, so he has generously laid out the rules of life, and it is entirely up to us to follow the rules or suffer the consequences. Why, as a society, are we surprised that our world is completely upside down? In America, from the moment we removed God from our public offices and schools, we made a choice, and we are most definitely living with the consequences. Just watch the news for half an hour and you will see the truth. We are supposed to be teaching God's commandments and his ways to our children from the moment they are born into our home.

Deuteronomy 6:8-9 And thou shalt bind them (God's laws - inserted by me) for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

You can find endless art and wall décor depicting scriptures at your nearest Hobby Lobby. Let your children see God's word in their coming in and going out of your home. But even more importantly, let them see YOU living what we have been told to do. You are their teacher, and you will be held accountable for how you led or did not lead your children.



Finally, I want to address the scriptures taken from Deuteronomy 28:64-68 above. If you read them while thinking about the condition of our world right now, it is spot on to the warnings of Moses, as instructed by God. He knew this time would come. He knew we would forget about him, just as the children of Israel did so many times. They were slaves in Egypt for four hundred years. Our country isn't even three hundred years old yet, and we have messed up big time.

When we see men trying to be women and women trying to be men, and worse, our leaders condoning and lifting it up as something to admire, what are we to expect? Children in schools are allowed to 'identify as cats' and the schools have to tolerate and even cater to this! I shared about the movie "Sound of Freedom", and how millions of God's babies are being used and abused because of the whims of demonic perverted creeps. Our own leaders are hanging from puppet strings while others are openly discussing population control and genocide. America is no longer a free country, as technology increases and infiltrates our homes through our smart phones and Alexa, who hears 'everything'. I could go on, but I know you know what I'm talking about. My God, please forgive us.

I can feel my shoulders get tense and my heart rate is increasing as I write these words. I am reminded that the purpose of the Lisa Jo blog is to remind people they are never alone. With that, I must end on a happier note. My friends, our own beloved scriptures tell us that it will become perilous in the last days, and I believe with all that I am, we are here, toeing the line. The question I pose to you is what are you going to do about it?

No, on our own, we can't change government, and we can't change what is happening behind the closed doors that God alone sees. But we can change what is within our own circle, our families and our neighborhoods. We can do our best until the Lord returns. He tells us to stay busy, keep watch, and teach our children well. We can do this. We can give our money to the foundations that are trying to fix what is broken on a larger scale. We can help our neighbors in need. We can bring our children up knowing the love of Christ, our only hope in this dying world.

What will you do when the day arrives and we are told we cannot buy or sell without the chip in our hands? It doesn't sound so far-fetched anymore, does it? Because it is here. When we know a large company is trying to push an agenda that is the opposite of our personal beliefs, we can say 'no', and not buy their product or use their services. We have seen that in large numbers, we can influence the outcome. We must continue to strive toward making a difference. No matter what, when you know Jesus, you have already won. Just read the back of the Bible, my friends. We may lose a few battles, but we will win the war. God is good, always, and you are never alone.

Blessings,

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