

For a variety of reasons, God has been leading me to really study out Deuteronomy 30:1-10. This passage uses adverbial conjunctions such as *when* and *then* to imply that there is an order to things. It's a "when this happens, then this will happen next" sort of thing.

When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever YHVH your God disperses you among the nations, 2 and **when** you and your children return to YHVH your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, 3 **then** YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. 4 Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there YHVH your God will gather you and bring you back. 5 He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors. 6 YHVH your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. 7 YHVH your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you. 8 You will again obey YHVH and follow all his commands I am giving you today. **9 Then** YHVH your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. YHVH will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, 10 if you obey YHVH your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 30:1-10, NIV)

That's the passage, but let's look at it more like a to-do list, or an ordered list of "first this, then this."

1. **When** all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever YHVH your God disperses you among the nations,
2. and **when** you and your children return to YHVH your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today,
3. **then** YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there YHVH your God will gather you and bring you back.
 - a. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors,
 - b. and you will take possession of it.
4. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors.
5. YHVH your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.
6. YHVH your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you.
7. You will again obey YHVH and follow all his commands I am giving you today.
8. **Then** YHVH your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land.

In summary:

YHVH will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, if you obey YHVH your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 30:1-10, NIV)

Now let me do it one more time, but I'll add my own notes:

1. **When** all these blessings and curses I have set before you come on you and you take them to heart wherever YHVH your God disperses you among the nations, [Note: According to Ezekiel 4:4-5 and Leviticus 26:18, the curses were to last for 390 years x 7, equaling 2730 years. Because there were multiple times when the House of Israel was removed from their land by Assyria, ranging from 740-722 BC, I personally believe there are waves of repentance and an ending to the time of curse, ranging from AD 1990-2008.]
2. and **when** you and your children return to YHVH your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, [Note: According to Ezekiel 4:13, the people of Israel would eat defiled food among the nations where YHVH had driven them, for the number of years I just mentioned. Therefore, after 2008, we should see their children suddenly *stop* eating defiled food. This is exactly what happened in our family, not counting accidental mistakes. My husband's last bite of intentional pork was Yom Kippur 2008.]
3. **then** YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there YHVH your God will gather you and bring you back. [Note: So this hasn't happened yet, right? Yes, many Jews (tribe of Judah) have been able to return to the literal land of Israel, but there have only been a few from the House of Israel to return. However, this seems like the next thing, so since we're passed 2008 (by 7 years!), shouldn't we see this starting to happen? I wouldn't think it would necessarily be fast, since Judah has been returning to the Land for almost 100 years now (since 1917). In addition, it sure seems like it will take a literal fortune for most families to move back to the land of Israel! This would have to be God's doing!]
 - a. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your ancestors,
 - b. and you will take possession of it. [Note: It never says that we must make official *aliyah* or become citizens of the Nation State of Israel. It just says He will bring us to the land and we will take possession of it.]
4. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors. [Note: In my journal, I previously made a list of "impossible things" that God has already done for our family in the past two decades. I had three more "impossible things" that I have been praying for: (1) return to the land of Israel, (2) get out of all debt, (3) own our own home. They truly feel impossible to me, simply because we have never had that kind of prosperity. It's okay. I'm content, but yet, after studying these passages, I see that the

next thing IS for all of us to return to the Land. Only financial provision would make that possible!]

5. YHVH your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. [Note: That God would circumcise the hearts of my descendants is my deepest heart's desire!!!! I also notice that this terminology is used in Ezekiel 36-37, so when I went there, I noted that the *order* of these prophesied things is identical there. In my Bible, I marked all the "I will" phrases in both chapters. Wow...]
6. YHVH your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you. [Note: I note that this is the topic of Ezekiel 38-39, again in the same order, for this happens *after* Ezekiel 36-37. I would assume that this is when ISIS and other evil, "Babylonian" forces will be defeated. Therefore, I would assume that this lines up with Revelation 17-19. Babylon will fall! And what happens before Babylon falls? "Come out of her, my people." And guess what my friend been studying this week! Zechariah... and yesterday, she wrote to me about Zechariah 2:6-7. Could this be literal, as in, move to Israel? I've been taking it as spiritual, but someday, His prophecies have to come true *literally* and *physically*, too! We have to literally leave "Babylon" and return to the Land *someday*!]
7. You will again obey YHVH and follow ***all his commands*** I am giving you today. [Note: That can't happen outside the Land and a Temple! I will not be dogmatic about whether a literal Temple will be built (even if I think so, haha), but I think it's interesting that Ezekiel 40 follows the previous chapters. At the very least, this is where I would place the return of Yeshua, based on the order of things in Zechariah 12-14, which, by the way, also matches Deuteronomy and Ezekiel. We cannot perfectly keep His commands without our Messiah Yeshua explaining to us *how* we are to do it and unifying both houses on that interpretation.]
8. ***Then*** YHVH your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. [Note: I have been feeling hopeless about healing, both for me and for Kaitlyn. But look at these verses, if you have time:
 - Deuteronomy 28:27, 35 – during the cursed years, things from which we cannot be healed
 - Deuteronomy 32:39 – "See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring life. ***I have wounded and I will heal.***"
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and ***will heal their land.***"
 - Psalm 103:2-5 – "Who heals all your diseases" (This entire Psalm is about his compassion, matching very closely with Deuteronomy 30.)
 - Isaiah 6:20 – "lest they return ***and be healed***"

- Isaiah 30:26 – in that day, “when YHVH binds up the bruises of His people and **heals the wounds** He has inflicted”
- Isaiah 57:18-19 – “I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him, and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. I have seen his ways, but **I will heal him**; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, creating praise on the lips of the mourners in Israel. Peace, peace, to those far and near, says YHVH. And **I will heal them.**”
- Isaiah 58:8 – “**Your healing will quickly appear**”
- Ezekiel 47:9-12 – A tree for the healing of the nations
- Hosea 6:1-2 – “Come, let us return to YHVH. He has torn us to pieces **but He will heal us**; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.”

Doesn't seem like it could be any clearer! Healing comes after a return to the Land.

So what am I saying in all of this?

So I thought of Ezra and Nehemiah. They knew that prophecy said how long their Babylonian exile would last (70 years), but they also knew the promises of return, because Nehemiah prayed this:

8 “Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations, 9 but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.’ (Nehemiah 1:8-9)

He obviously based this upon Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 30, same as we are. However, he did not wait for a miracle nor for a supernatural rapture. He asked for favor in the presence of the king, so that he could return to the land and rebuild it. He put action to his faith.

Faith in the validity of prophecy should result in concrete action. “Faith without works is dead.”

The wise men did the same. They knew what the prophecies of the Messiah said, and they acted in faith. They got camels and made a long trip. They took expensive gifts with them. They presented themselves before the king of Israel.

They must have looked crazy! They didn't pound their “call to action” on anyone else, yet they did act upon their beliefs.

Nehemiah and Ezra faced opposition, but they were able to respond with faith to that opposition. “The people worked with all their heart” (Nehemiah 4:6). They also prayed and posted a guard (Neh. 4:9). They spoke courage and truth over the workers (Neh. 4:14). They prayed for their hands to be strengthened (Neh. 6:9). They realized “that this work had been done with the help of our God” (Neh. 6:16).

So this morning I was brewing on all this. I was in my room praying, and the ideas were just coming so fast, and I cried out to God, "How can I get it all done? I'm not strong enough!"

Immediately, He brought a verse to my mind: "For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall" (Psalm 18:29).

For us to make an effort to return to the Land of Israel – as in, *move* there – this is an impossible thing! Some have told us that our historicist view of Revelation must be faulty, for God has not kept His Word by bringing the scattered House of Israel back to the Land.

However, what if these are false reports? What if the gates to the land of Israel stand open to us? What if we “gentiles” were allowed to move there? What if we are only still out in the Nations because we haven’t been like Nehemiah? What if we haven’t acted in faith upon the promises of prophecy? If our interpretation of Scripture is correct, then He will certainly do as He says. He “will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there YHVH your God will gather you and bring you back.”

So my brain has been GOING!!!!!!

I think He's calling us to move to Israel. Literally!!!!

Things to Do:

1. I do see that we need to learn the Hebrew language, and SOON!
2. Getting paperwork (passports, etc.) is a TOP priority.
3. I also see that military service would probably be required of our children as they come of age, so we need to see what that entails.
4. Finally, we need to determine the costs of living there and if our businesses would be sufficient to provide for that. We need to work to get out of debt, etc. (Of course, the prophecies say that God will restore our fortunes; I assume that, as in Nehemiah’s case, He will foot the bill, so this is the least of my concerns.)
5. I don’t ever want to live away from my friends again! Cry!!! But this is **not** a promise to the *my* family. This is a promise to the entire House of Israel! Therefore, I am going to assume in my heart and mind that He is planning for all of us to go together, to live near each other, and to take others with us. Right? 😊

Okay, just a few miracles needed! Impossible things! I’m so excited, I’m afraid I’ll never sleep tonight...