

The Centrality of Obedience to G-d's Directives

1. Genesis 26:4 -5 And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.
2. Deu 26:18 Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments.
3. Exo 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."
4. Deu 5:10 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
5. Deu 7:9 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;
6. Psa 103:17-18 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting On those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children, To such as keep His covenant, And to those who remember His commandments to do them.
7. Num 15:40 and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.
8. Deu 6:24-25 And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us.'

Who Is The Intended Audience ?

1. Deut 33:4 Moses commanded us a Law, and inheritance for the congregation of Jacob
2. Psa 147:19-20 He declares His word to Jacob, His statutes and His judgments to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His judgments, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!
3. Deu 26:18 Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments.
4. Deut 30:1-3 "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon YOU, the blessing and the curse which I have set before YOU, and YOU call them to mind among all the nations where the L-RD YOUR God drives YOU, and YOU return to the L-RD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command YOU today, YOU and YOUR children, with all YOUR heart and with all YOUR soul, that the L-RD your God will bring YOU back from captivity, and have compassion on YOU, and gather YOU again from all the nations where the LORD YOUR God has scattered YOU.

There Was More Than What Was Written ...

5. Deuteronomy 5:28 "But as for you, stand here (at Sinai) with Me, and I shall speak to you the entire commandment and the decrees, and the ordinances that you shall teach them and they shall perform in the Land that you shall possess."
6. Deuteronomy 1:18 Moses reminds the people: "I commanded you at that time (at Horeb) all the things that you are to do".

These conversations between God and Moses and between Moses and the people of Israel are the basis of the Law. The writing down of the Torah and transcribing parts of these conversations were only at the end of 40 years.

7. Deu 31:9 So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.

The Primary Mode of communication and transmission was an Oral/ Living transmission.

8. Exo 10:1 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Come to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD."
9. Exo 12:14 'So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.
10. Exo 12:17 So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance
11. Exo 12:24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.
12. Exo 13:6-8 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters. And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.'
13. Exo 13:14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
14. Exo 31:13 "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.
15. Exo 31:16 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

16. Lev 23:42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths,
17. Lev 23:43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' "
18. Num 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.
19. Deu 4:9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,
20. Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
21. Deu 6:20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies, the statutes, and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you?'
22. Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand;
23. Deu 6:22 and the LORD showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.
24. Deu 6:23 Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.
25. Deu 6:24 And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.
26. Deu 6:25 Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us.'
27. Deu 11:18 "Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
28. Deu 11:19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
29. Deu 32:44-45 So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people. Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel,
30. Deu 32:46 and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."
31. Psalms 78:5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children,