

wild animals would take over the land and they'll destroy you. In order that that may not happen, I am going to destroy them little by little."

- vi. Moses goes on to say, "When you get into this land and start to prosper, don't forget the Lord. When you get into the land and your herds and flocks start to increase, you start to get a lot of gold and silver and you build yourself fine homes to settle down in, don't you forget the Lord (see 8:17-18)."
 - a. He says, "Don't think that you are responsible for all the wealth that you are going to have when you get into the land."
 - b. He says, "The Lord gave you the ability to get that wealth. If he hadn't done it, you wouldn't have it."
- vii. In chapter 9, he says, "When you get into the land, don't get puffed up and say that it is on account of our righteousness that the Lord has brought us into the land. No, it is on account of the wickedness of the people in the land."
 - a. He goes onto say that they are not righteous at all.
 - b. He says that they are a stiff-necked and stubborn people and he gives them example after example of how they were such a people.
- viii. In chapter 11, he says, "If you carefully obey these commands I give you to follow, then the Lord will drive out all of these nations before you and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. All you have to do is obey the Lord. Every place where you set your foot will be yours within the boundaries so specified by the Lord. No man will be able to stand against you. You are going to have victory over all. The Lord your God will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land wherever you go."
- ix. In 11:26ff he says, "See I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God and a curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God."
 - a. 11:29ff
 - 1) He says, "When the Lord your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mt. Gerizim the blessing and on Mt. Ebal the curse."
 - 2) He says, "When you have taken over the land ^{and} are living there, be sure you obey the decrees and laws of God."
 - b. It simply boils down to this, "Here are the laws of God. If you obey them, you are going to have blessing. If you disobey them, you are going to have a curse. Now what do you want a blessing or curse? Now when you get into the land, go to Mt. Gerizim the blessing and go to Mt. Ebal to proclaim the curse. Obey to get the blessing."