

Text: Deuteronomy 4:7-14

AN APPRECIATION OF ISRAEL'S STATUS AS A NATION

1. A great nation (Deuteronomy 4:7)
 - a) This phrase "a great nation" was repeated for emphasis
 - b) "Greatness" is defined differently here
2. God is near to the nation (Deuteronomy 4:7)
3. God will hear the "call" of the nation (Deuteronomy 4:7)
4. The Law of God given to Israel (Deuteronomy 4:8)
 - a) Statutes
 - b) Righteous judgments

RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY

1. Take heed to yourself (Deuteronomy 4:9)
2. Diligently keep yourself (Deuteronomy 4:9)
3. Lest you forget the things you have seen (Deuteronomy 4:9)
4. Lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life (Deuteronomy 4:9)

TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

1. Teach them to your children (Deuteronomy 4:9)
2. And to your grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:9)

SPECIAL MEMORIES

1. The day you stood before the LORD (Deuteronomy 4:10)

2. Moses' own memory of this event

a) The LORD's word to him (Deuteronomy 4:10)

- i) Gather the people to Me
- ii) And I will let them hear My words
- iii) That they may learn to fear Me (always)
- iv) That they may teach their children

b) The people drawing near (Deuteronomy 4:11)

- i) You came near and stood at the mountain
- ii) Mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven
- iii) With darkness, cloud and thick darkness

c) And the LORD spoke to you (Deuteronomy 4:12)

- i) You heard the sound of the words
- ii) But saw no form
- iii) You only heard a voice

d) The covenant (Deuteronomy 4:13)

- i) He declared to you the covenant
- ii) Which He commanded you to perform
- iii) The Ten Commandments (encapsulated the Covenant)
- iv) He wrote them on two tablets of stone

e) Commandment given to Moses

- i) To teach statutes and judgments
- ii) The people are to observe them in the land of Canaan which they would possess soon

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