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Dear Friends,

New Year greetings to all of you! We enter 2023 with a renewed hope and expectation of blessing from our God through the Lord Jesus and by His Holy Spirit. Wondrous and great things are promised to us through God's Word and we look forward to their fulfillment as God keeps His promise to sustain all those who love Him and place their trust in Him.

It seems that every new year brings its challenges and this one will be no different. For the first time I will teach the book of Deuteronomy in a class on Monday evenings. The opportunity has never presented itself for me to teach Deuteronomy by itself before and I'm looking forward to doing so. The book is magisterial, and its history stands out in the Old Testament Canon. The story is a cast as an incredible retelling of the Law (thus its name; Deuteronomy-second law) together with the events that led to the Israelites being on the precipice of entering the Promised Land. It has been used powerfully in Israelite history, likely fueling the reform of Josiah and providing the message that was proclaimed to the returning exiles in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Shema is recorded within it that provides the basic statement of dogma in Judaism:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:¹

When Jesus is tempted by Satan the Lord rebuffs him three times citing Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:16 and 6:13 authoritatively as the Word of God. The Christ also states that Moses gave us the book of Deuteronomy (Matthew 19:8) contrary to the assertions of many modern scholars. The idea that Moses produced the book is also reinforced by Peter (Acts 3:22-23), Stephen (Acts 7:37-38) and Paul (Romans 10:19).

There is also no greater witness to the veracity of the statement of Paul in Romans 8:3 concerning the weakness of the law in the flesh than the book of Deuteronomy (31:27-29)

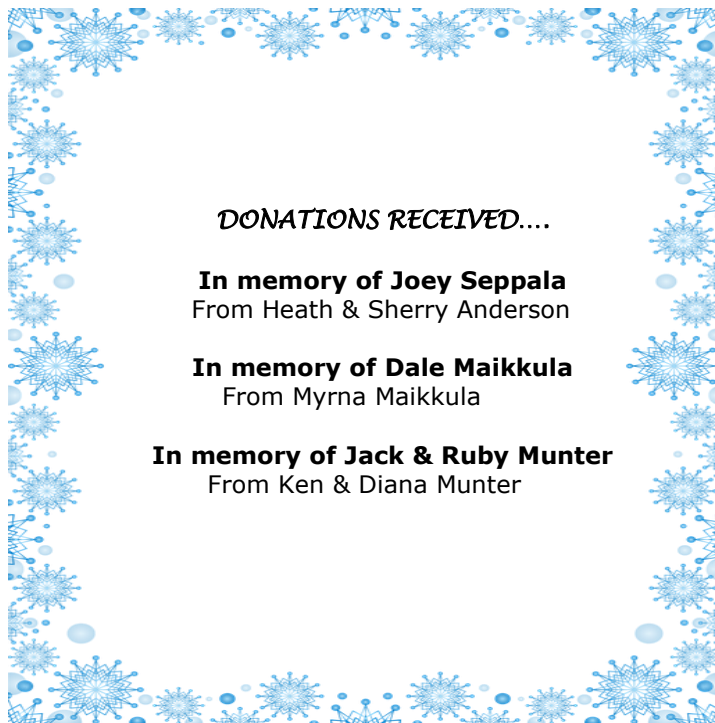
²⁷ For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? ²⁸ Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. ²⁹ For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.²

This wonderful book intrigues me immensely and, if it does the same to you, please join me for our Monday night class on Deuteronomy. Happy New Year!

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner

¹ *The Holy Bible: King James Version*, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Dt 6:4.

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SPRING CLASSES BEGINNING SOON

2023 SPRING SEMESTER (Begins Jan 23)	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:30a.m.	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel		Chapel
9:00 - 9:50a.m.	History of the Ancient Church	Old Testament Introduction	History of the Ancient Church	Chapel (9:30a.m.)	History of the Ancient Church
10:00 - 10:50a.m.	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Old Testament Introduction	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	Old Testament Introduction	Principles of Biblical Interpretation
11:00 - 11:50a.m.	Homiletics	Christian Education	Homiletics	Christian Education	New Testament Greek Readings
7:00 - 8:40p.m.	Deuteronomy				

History of the Ancient Church (3 credits) A historical analysis of the major people and events that shaped the Christian Church from the Apostolic Age to 600AD.

Principles of Biblical Interpretation (3 credits) A history and study of hermeneutical techniques and their application to the scriptures, including the methods of Textual Analysis.

Old Testament Introduction (3 credits) An introductory study of the origin, authorship, purpose and reliability of the Old Testament writings with special attention devoted to their literary design and individual and corporate unity.

Homiletics (2 credits) A study of the objectives, construction and delivery of sermons.

Christian Education (2 credits) The principles of the theology of Christian Education. Preparation for teaching Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Bible Classes, etc.

New Testament Greek Readings (1 credit) A course designed to apply the principles learned in New Testament Greek and facilitate the mastery of the language of the New Testament through reading selected portions of its text. (New Testament Greek prerequisite).

Deuteronomy (2 credits) An exegetical study of the book with an emphasis upon its place in the Pentateuch and its influence on the New Testament.

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