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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Command to erect a monument displaying a written copy of the Law and an altar on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:1-8
  - Mount Ebal is north/south about halfway between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee and east/west about halfway between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.
  - Excavations by Adam Zertal in the 1980's uncovered a large altar of unhewn stone and a monumental altar measuring 23 by 30 feet and 10 feet high with a 23-foot ramp leading up to it according to Bible History Daily of the Biblical Archaeology Society. These have been dated to the time of the Exodus and Conquest.

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Command to erect a monument displaying a written copy of the Law and an altar on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:1-8
  - The tablets of stone containing the commandments were in the ark of the covenant. Deuteronomy 10:5, 2 Chronicles 5:10, Hebrews 9:4
  - This monument was to be on display in the very center of the Promised Land and available for all people to see and know the commandments of God.

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Note God's provisions for the people to know His Law
  - The priests were commanded to teach all the statutes of God to His people. Leviticus 10:11
  - The whole Law was to be read by the priests at the Feast of Booths every seven years. Deuteronomy 31:9-13
  - Parents are to teach God's statutes and rules to their children. Deuteronomy 6:7
  - Grandparents are to teach their grandchildren. Deuteronomy 4:9
  - The monument that will be set up on Mount Ebal.

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- Command to erect a monument displaying a written copy of the Law and an altar on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:1-8
  - The building of the altar for burnt offerings on Mount Ebal establishes this as the first place of central worship.
  - Joshua 8:30-35 gives the account of Joshua doing the instruction required.

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- An important announcement: 27:9-10
  - You are the people of God.
  - The people of God are under the authority of God and bound by the Words of the Law.

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Instructions on the blessings and curses to be pronounced on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:11-28:68
  - The tribes of Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh) and Benjamin assemble on Mount Gerizim to proclaim the blessings of obedience.
  - The tribes of Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali assemble on Mount Ebal to proclaim the curses for disobedience.

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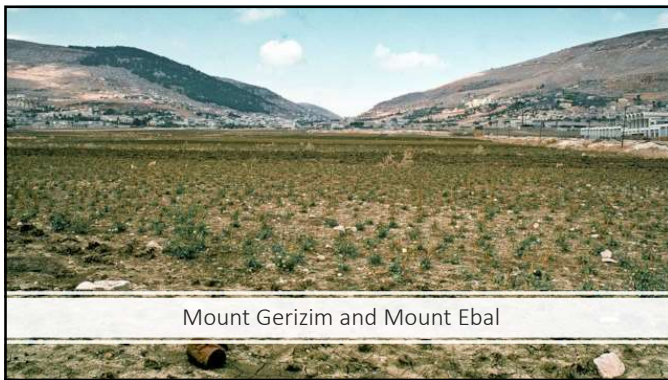
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Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Instructions on the blessings and curses to be pronounced on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:11-28:68
  - The Levites are to begin with a proclamation of curses for disobedience and the tribes respond with their agreement with an "Amen".
    - Note that each one of these sins is specifically described as done in secret or could or would be practiced in secret. The lesson here is that no sin is hidden from God and sin done in secret brings the curse of God on His people.

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Cautions and instructions concerning the land God is giving them.

- Instructions on the blessings and curses to be pronounced on Mount Ebal when they enter the Promised Land. 27:11-28:68
  - The Blessings and the Curses

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