



# PAST PRESENT FUTURE

Deuteronomy 29:2-15

# Courage to Take the Land

- The challenge is that they would think the same things as the previous generation (7:17-18).
- The answer isn't to pretend that the people aren't so big or the cities so fortified (9:1-2).
- He reminds them of God's promises (3:18-22).
- He reminds them of what God has done in the past (4:32-40; 7:18-24; 11:1-7).
- He reminds them of what God has done more recently (2:24-3:11).

# Compromise with Idolatry

- Idolatry is a constant warning throughout this book (4:25-26; 5:8-10; 11:16-17; 29:17-20).
- They are warned that turning to idolatry is very likely in their future (31:16, 20; 32:15-23).
- The cure is a drastic no tolerance policy (7:1-6, 25-26; 13:12-18).
- This same intense zeal is seen in Jesus' instruction regarding sexual immorality (Matt. 5:27-30).

# Prosperity

- God can see the dangers of comfort where we cannot (6:10-12; 8:11-20).
- God would remind them through His provision that they needed to rely on him (11:8-17).
- Humility would be needed to remember the reason for their blessings (7:7-9).
- They would need to remember where they came from (6:20-23; 26:1-6).
- They would need to remember their daily reliance on God in the wilderness (8:1-10).
- The blessing of the land would not be proof of their faithfulness, it would be proof of God's (9:4-7).