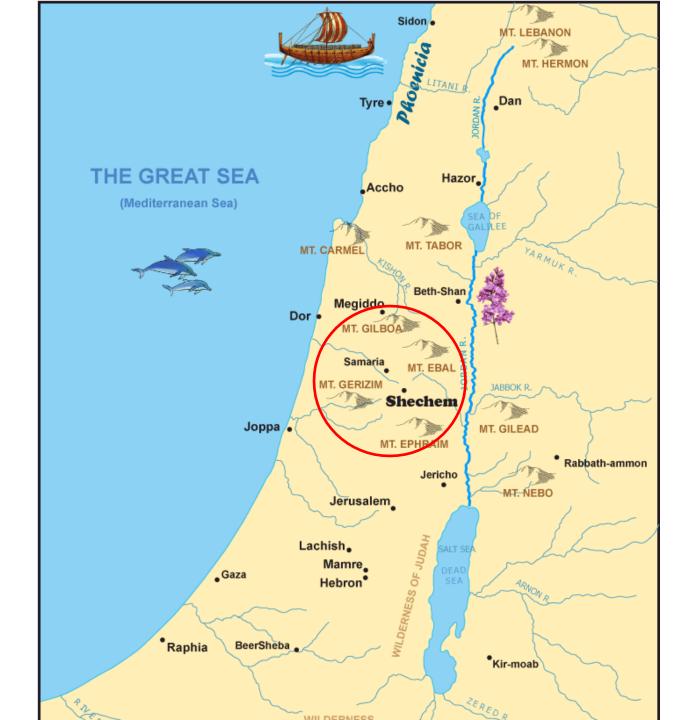
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# The Mount of Blessing and Mount of Curses

- Deuteronomy 27: 12
  - "When you cross the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.<sup>13</sup> For the curse, these shall stand on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali."
  - Blessings proclaimed on Mount Gerizim
  - Curses proclaimed on Mount Ebal
- Some accounts states that Mount Gerizim at the time was lush and fertile, while Mount Ebal was rocky





#### Curses

- Deut 28:15 "But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you"
  - Deut 27: conditions of curses
  - Deut 28: severity of curses

# Blessings

• Deut 28:1-2 "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God"

### Joshua's Altar

- Joshua 8:30-35
- Moses' instructions followed
  - Unhewn stone
  - Blessings and curses proclaimed
- Context
  - Israel's victory at the city of Jericho
  - Israel's defeat at the city of Ai



Joshua's Altar on Mt. Ebal

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Mt. Gerizim of Samaritans

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### Context to Blessings and Curses

- Covenant between God and the Israelites at Mount Sinai/Mount Horeb
- Theme: obey God and be blessed; disobey God and be cursed

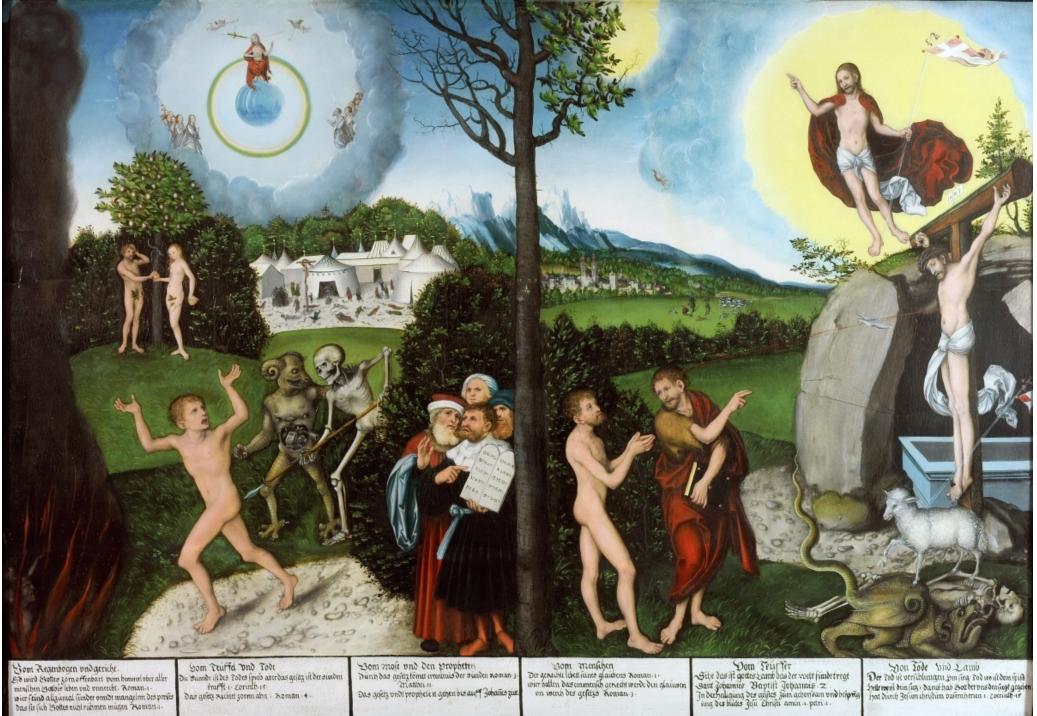
#### Context to Blessings and Curses

- Deut 5:1-3 "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I am speaking today in your hearing, that you may learn them and observe them carefully. The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, with all those of us alive here today."
- Deut 30:19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

### Link to Salvation

- Israel never upheld its end of the covenant with God.
  - As a result, God's curses all came true.
  - God provided a way out
- Mount Ebal: God takes sin seriously
  - Impossible to follow the law
  - This is because of our sinful nature we are bound by it
- Mount Gerizim: God is love
  - God desires to bestow blessing on those who choose Him
  - Jesus is the truth, the way, and the life

• Galatian 3:10-13 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" • I Peter 2:24 "and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed."



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- To reach God by works and piety leads to failure
- To reach God through Christ leads to life

- Israel as a microcosm for all humanity
  - God's blessings and curses applies to salvation as well
  - All men have a choice before God's offer of salvation
  - Choose God and live
  - Disobey God and die