Moses gave to Israel detailed warnings against the dangers of idolatry and the dangers of false worship. Warnings are absolutely essential, for the Israelites had already corrupted themselves at the golden calf incident

Ex 32:24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

What is coming out today? What is so elusive today? What in the world is growing?

Warning about Baal Peor; Israel was in a protected place with God against the curse of the enemy as long as they kept separated from sin.

Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? 20 Behold, I have received commandment **to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.**

25:3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

Num. 31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD. 2Pe 2:15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; Re 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

* **We Worship and serve a Jealous God**

**De 4:24 For the LORD thy God is** a consuming fire, even **a jealous God.** 25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger: 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. 27 And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

De 11:26 ¶ Behold, I set before you this day **a blessing** and a curse;

De 30:1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the **blessing** and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, 15 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live:

De 31:28 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.

**De 32:1** ¶ Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

De 32:16 **They provoked him to jealousy** with strange gods, with abominations **provoked they him to anger**.

De 32:17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

1. Spiritual drink must be the subject for every believer
2. doctrine shall drop as the rain
   1. To the humble a soft rain or a torrent is the same opportunity for growth and blessing.
      1. Word of Righteousness

Ps 119:123 ¶ Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. 172 ¶ My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

2Co 6:7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, **Deut 32:28** For they are a nation void of counsel, **neither** is there any understanding in them. Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe.

**Deut 32:18** Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see **what their end shall be**: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

2Peter 1:12 ¶ Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Ps 65:10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

The former rain moderately: or, a teacher of righteousness {moderately: Heb. according to righteousness}

* 1. To the proud a soft rain is a storm and a torrent is judgment.

Mic 6:15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil; and sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.

Ps 97:2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

To the humble it is grace through righteousness; to the proud it is judgment unto death

Ro 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. My speech shall distil as the dew
   1. Grace and Truth
      1. The Word of His Grace

Ac 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Ac 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1. as the small rain upon the tender herb

Ps 65:10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Heb 6:7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

1. as the showers upon the grass
2. The speech of the Proud is judgment unto death.

Jer 26:8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. They say {The judgment of death is for this man} 38:4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

1. Spiritual growth must be the objective of every believer.
2. Grow as “the tender herb” for inner strength and as the grass for abundant life.
   1. Progression
   2. Going forward
   3. Growing up in the Lord
3. No rain for thorns

Heb 6:8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. Isa 5:6 … “but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it”

1. Judgment for no faith, no true worship, no true growth to His Glory. Deut. 32:20 “I will hide my face” De 32:32 “vine of Sodom” and “the fields of Gomorrah” – “grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter”
2. Righteousness for faith, Rom.1:17; Isa 66:2,5,14; **Isa.64:8**; **66:13** As mother; 63:8-10; **Deut.32:10-12; 1:11,31**

De 32:3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

1. God is to be praised because He is the Rock
2. God is to be praised because He is faithful
3. God is to be praised because He is Saviour

De 32:15 ¶ But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

The charge and indictment against Israel, is that of corruption. This is a high charge against the Israelites, a charge that their character was the exact opposite of God (the solid Rock)

De 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

De 32:31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

Look how corrupt the Israelites had become.

* + - 1. The Israelites had become spotted, blemished, corrupted. They had become so corrupted that they were no longer the children of God.
      2. The Israelites had become perverse or deceitful, a crooked or twisted generation of people

De 32:5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

* + - 1. The Israelites were an unthankful people. They were dealing with the Lord as an evil people, living corrupt lives. They were acting in a foolish and unwise manner.
      2. The Israelites were neglectful of God, ignoring and rejecting Him as the Father who created them.

Deut. 32:6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

De 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

De 32:44 ¶ And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: