



**SEEING IS BELIEVING?**

*Not Really*



**EXODUS 14:5-31**

MIRACLES ARE (IN PART) THE BASIS FOR

# *God's Authority*

- When God was preparing to give His laws to the Israelites, it was to the miraculous exodus that He turned for confirmation of His authority. Notice Exodus 19:3-8 and Exodus 20:2ff.
- Miracles continued to be one method of establishing God's authority throughout the Bible story, from the judges and prophets to Jesus and His apostles (Luke 7:18-23, Matthew 9:1-8, Luke 7:16-17).



**ARE MIRACLES A REASON TO BELIEVE**

*Or scoff?*

# MIRACLES TODAY?

Many of the things that we call "miracles" today are not miracles in the true sense of the word. By definition, it is something that is not possible – not merely unlikely or improbable.



# MIRACLES TODAY?

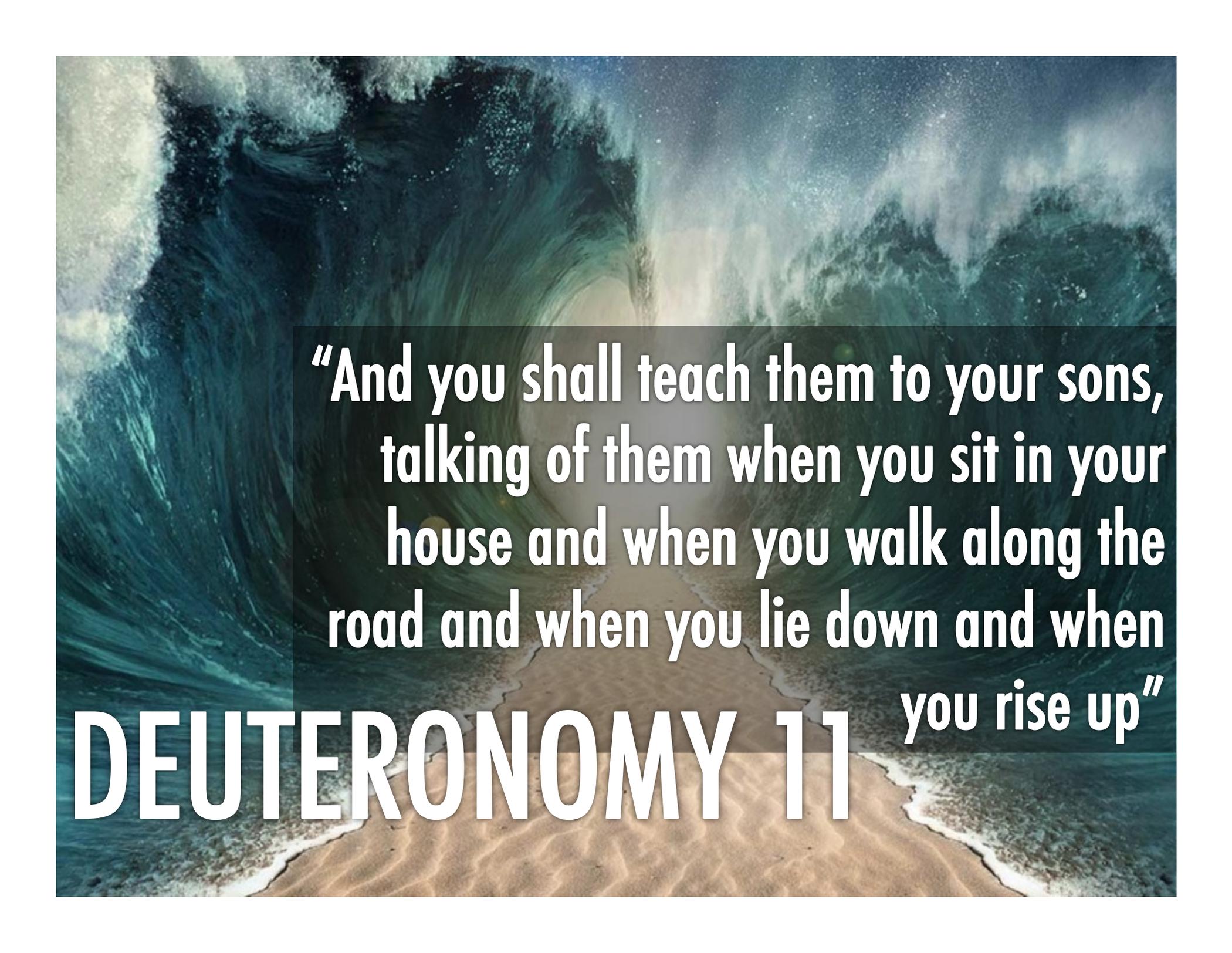
**Hebrews 2:3-4**

**Mark 16:20**

**Acts 14:3**

**2 Corinthians 12:12**

The overwhelming theme in these verses and others is that truth has already been revealed and proven by the miracles that have been witnessed. Once something is proven true, it does not need to be proven time and time again (1 Corinthians 13:8-10).

An aerial photograph of a beach at night. The ocean waves are crashing onto the shore, creating white foam. The sky is dark and filled with stars, suggesting a clear night. The sand is visible in the foreground, and the overall scene is serene and majestic.

**“And you shall teach them to your sons,  
talking of them when you sit in your  
house and when you walk along the  
road and when you lie down and when  
you rise up”**

# **DEUTERONOMY 11**

# POWER IN RECOLLECTION, NOT OBSERVATION

- The writer of Psalm 106:6-14 laments the way the multitude in the wilderness had all the advantages and opportunities to believe but lacked the resolve to remain faithful.
- Even in such a miracle-saturated environment, almost every one of those Israelites died in the wilderness because of their unbelief. Perhaps this is why additional miraculous witness is not offered by the writer of Hebrews 3:7-15, but rather a sobering reminder of the fruits of faithlessness.