

# DEUTERONOMY

## Chapters 29-31

### CHAPTER 29

Deuteronomy 29:1 “These are the words of the covenant which YAHWEH commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, **besides the covenant** which He had made with them **at Horeb.**” (Sinai) (?Exodus 19:5; 24:7,8; 34:10,27,28, etc.), ratified by a **covenant** sacrifice and sprinkling of blood (?Exodus 24:4-8)

#### A TESTIMONY OF WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN

Verses 2 and 3 “You have **seen**...the great trials...those great signs and wonders.”

Verse 4 “Yet to this day YAHWEH has not given you a heart to **know, nor** eyes to see, **nor** ears to hear.

Verse 5 Forty years of testimony of YAHWEH’S preservation

Verse 6 Forty years of testimony of YAHWEH’S provision of manna and not having wine or strong drink (distractions). “...in order that you might **know** that I am YAHWEH your God.”

#### A TESTIMONY OF MILITARY VICTORIES

Deuteronomy 29:7 and 8 Defeating Sihon and Og (self defense) and the giving of land to Rueben, Gad, and to one half of the tribe of Manasseh

Verse 9 “**So keep** the words of this covenant to do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.”

#### MOSES DECLARES THE INTENT AND SCOPE OF THE COVENANT

Verses 10-12 “You stand today, all of you, before YAHWEH your God...that you may enter into the covenant with YAHWEH.”

Verses 13 and 14 “In order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may be your God...”

Verse 15 “And with those who are not with us here today.” (I like to think of this as grace.)

#### HAVE SEEN OTHER’S IDOLATRY

Verses 16 and 17 “For you **know** how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed; moreover, you have seen their abominations and their idols...”

Verse 18 Lest any should turn to other gods

Verse 19 And feel secure...

NKJV translates vs. 19 as follows,

“And so it may not happen, when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober.”

## **YAHWEH WILL BEAR WITNESS OF TRUTH**

Verses 20 and 21 YAHWEH will testify against him with curses and judgment.

Verses 22-26 And bring destruction as a witness to all others of His judgment.

Deuteronomy 29:27-29

“Therefore, the anger of YAHWEH burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book; and YAHWEH uprooted them from their land in anger and in fury and in great wrath, and cast them into another land, as it is this day. The secret things belong to YAHWEH our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.”

Note: vs. 29 from THE MESSAGE , “GOD, our God, will take care of the hidden things but the revealed things are our business. It’s up to us and our children to attend to all the terms in this Revelation.

## **CHAPTER 30**

Deuteronomy 30:1 “So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you...you call *them* to mind...” (**REVELATION**)

Verse 2 “And you return to YAHWEH your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul...” (**REPENTANCE**)

Verses 3 and 4 “Then YAHWEH your God will restore you from captivity...He will bring you back.” (**RESTORATION**)

Verse 5 “YAHWEH your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall **possess it**; and He will prosper you...”

Verse 6 “Moreover YAHWEH your **God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants**, to love YAHWEH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”

Verse 7 Transfer curses to their enemies

Verse 8 Restored and obedient life

Verse 9 Abundant Life - “Then YAHWEH your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for YAHWEH will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers.”

Verses 10 and 11 Return to keep His commandments and covenant with all your heart.

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

“For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach. It is not in heaven, that you should say, Who will go up to heaven for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it? Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who will cross the sea for us to get it for us and make us hear it, that we may observe it? **But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may observe it.**”

This is quoted in Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

Deuteronomy 30:15 and 16 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity.” If you (we) choose to follow YAHWEH, the result is life.

Verses 17 and 18 But, to follow other gods results in death. “...you shall surely perish...”

## **WITNESSES**

Verse 19 “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today...So choose life in order that you may live...”

Verse 20 “By loving YAHWEH 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 YAHWEH swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

## **CHAPTER 31**

Deuteronomy 31:1 and 2 Moses said “goodbye” and encourages them that...

Verses 3 and 4 **YAHWEH will lead** them by Joshua into the land and with victory.

Verses 5 and 6 Provokes them **to be brave** and courageous

Verses 7 and 8 Moses's **Charge** and impartation to Joshua

Deuteronomy 31:7 and 8

“Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land which YAHWEH has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall give it to them as an inheritance. YAHWEH is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Verses 9-13 Moses writes down this record and commands it to be read aloud to commemorate and instruct annually at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verses 14-16 This covers the call of YAHWEH to Joshua and the description of Moses' end (death) and the backsliding of the people. The people will break the covenant in their lust by following the gods of the land.

### **MORE TESTIMONY OF YAHWEH OF TRUTH**

Verses 17 and 18 God's anger will be against them, and the people will blame Him for their calamity.

Verses 19-22 “Now therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel.”

When they are “forsaken” (my word) a testimony will be given that YAHWEH knew their hearts ahead of time—proof that he alone is God.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT FOR JOSHUA TO LEAD THE PEOPLE**

Verse 23 Moses adjures Joshua to be strong and brave. “...I will be with you.”

Verses 24-26 Moses commands the testimony to be put in the side of the Ark of the Covenant as a testimony “against” them.

Verses 27-30 The declaration before heaven and earth to testify against them, saying in Verse 29 “For I know that after my death you will act corruptly.”

### **CONCLUSION**

Is this just harshness? Or is it “matter of fact—ness”?...Whether or not we believe we are included in this particular covenant or not...If we are truthful, conviction should occur. We must repent of our carnality or pride (whatever guise it comes as) and believe in faith for the promises of Yahweh's restoration and blessing.

