

Deuteronomy 30**Key Verse:** vs.15-16**Key Word:** restore v.3**X-Ref:** Romans 10:6-8**Paraphrase:** *Moses reminds them that God will take them back if they depart but then repent. He reminds them of the consequences of leaving God.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) While disobedience resulted in a curse, what hope does Moses detail in the first half of this chapter? *Restoration if they would repent and turn to Him obeying with all their heart and soul – vs.3-6.*
- 2) Was God asking more of Israel than they could do? Or was it too difficult to understand? *No, it was understandable, and they were capable of doing it – vs.11-14.*
- 3) According to verses 17-18, why don't the Jews currently possess all the promised land? *Because they turned away from God.*

Deuteronomy 31**Key Verse:** v.6**Key Word:** courageous – v.6, song – v.19.**X-Ref:** Hebrews 13:5; John 5:45**Paraphrase:** *Joshua is encouraged to be courageous and then he is commissioned to take Moses' place.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What reason does Moses give Joshua to be courageous? *The Lord will go before you and never leave you or forsake you – v.8.*
- 2) What did Moses command Israel to do every 7 years? *Read the Law aloud before everyone – vs.11-12.*
- 3) What did God give Moses as a witness against the people for the day when they would break His covenant? *A song – v.19.*
- 4) How many times in this chapter was Joshua encouraged to not be afraid and to be courageous? *Three times – vs.7, 8, 23.*

Deuteronomy 32**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** rock**X-Ref:** John 10:28**Paraphrase:** *Moses teaches the song to Israel that would witness against them when they fell away.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Who did God call upon to hear His words? *Heaven and earth – v.1.*
- 2) In the song, it says "Jeshurun...forsook God...and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation." What happened before he did this? *"...grew fat, stout, and sleek" – v.15.*
- 3) In verse 39, God says that "none can deliver out of my hand," yet Israel would go into captivity several times. How do we reconcile these two things? *None could take them from God, but they could leave. – John 10:28.*
- 4) God is referred to as what object multiple times in this chapter? *Rock – v.4.*

Deuteronomy 33**Key Verse:** v.27**Key Word:** blessing – v.1**X-Ref:** Matthew 25:31; Jude 14**Paraphrase:** *These are the last words Moses would speak to Israel.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) Word Study: "Man of God" (v.1): *"This was a common designation of a prophet (1Sam. 2:27; 9:6), and it is here applied to Moses, when, Like Jacob, he was about to deliver ministerially before his death, a prophetic benediction to Israel." – Jameson, Faussett, and Brown Commentary.*
- 2) Like Moses, who similarly pronounced blessings on these 12 names? *Jacob in Genesis 49.*
- 3) Which son does Moses refer to as "a prince among his brothers?" *Joseph – v.16.*
- 4) Word Study: "Jeshurun (vs.5; 26): *The name Jeshurun (yeshurun in Hebrew) derives from the Hebrew word yashar, meaning "upright." This word is used of God in Deut 32:4. With deliberate irony, the writer uses yashar, which is normally used of God, as a pun on Israel, whose Hebrew pronunciation (yisra'el) sounds similar to yashar. The irony is*

that Israel was hardly upright—they kicked like a stubborn animal after growing fat on God’s blessings.” - John D. Barry et al., Faithlife Study Bible (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), Dt 32:15.

Deuteronomy 34**Key Verse:** v.4**Key Word:** *Prophet – v.16***X-Ref:** *Jude 9***Paraphrase:** *This covers the death of Moses.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) From where did Moses view the promised land? *Mount Nebo.*
- 2) How old was Moses when he died and where was he buried? *Moses was 120 years old when he died. He was buried in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows exactly where. – Jude 9.*
- 3) When Moses died, was he in poor health? *No – v.7.*
- 4) Who did Israel obey after Moses died? *Joshua the son of Nun – v.9.*

Joshua 1**Key Verse:** v.3; v.5**Key Word:** *strong and courageous – vs.6, 7, 9, 18***X-Ref:** *Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6-8***Paraphrase:** *Here, Joshua is commissioned by God. Joshua commands Israel to prepare to possess the promised land.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) In this chapter, we are told that Joshua was what to Moses? *His assistant – v.1.*
- 2) What does the use of the past tense (“I have given to you”) tell us about the promised land? Contrast that with the promise of salvation in the New Testament (v.5). *The land was already theirs. They just had to possess it. In the New Testament, salvation is given by the grace of God, but we still must possess it (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 2:38).*
- 3) How many times is Joshua told to “be strong and courageous”? And by whom? *Four times. Three times by God and once by Israel.*

Joshua 2**Key Verse:** v.9**Key Word:** *melt – vs.9-11.***X-Ref:** *Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25; Numbers 13***Paraphrase:** *Joshua sends two spies into Jericho. Rahab hides them in hopes that they will spare her family.***Examining the Text:**

- 1) What word does Rahab use to describe how the inhabitants of the land felt about Israel? *“Melted” vs.9, 11 – and there was no spirit left in their hearts.*
- 2) Why did Rahab hide the spies? *Seemingly, so she could beg for the lives of her family members – v.12.*
- 3) Compare the response of the two spies with the response of the 12 spies of which Joshua was one (Numbers 13). *10 of the 12 gave a bad report and caused the people to fear. The two that Joshua sent here in chapter 2, are very positive and see that the inhabitants fear them – v.24.*