

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 29 – They Will Return To God Through None Like Moses (Deuteronomy 30-34)

1. What was going to cause Israel to return unto the Lord and obey His voice?
  - “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, And shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul” (Deuteronomy 30:1-2).
2. Would God allow Israel to be restored to Him if they hearkened unto the voice of the Lord, to keep his commandments?
  - Yes, He would not only allow them to be restored to Him, but would also gather together all those that had been scattered. He would punish their enemies. He would bless them work, cattle, land, etc. as well (Deuteronomy 30:3-10).
3. Did the children of Israel have to travel far to find the word of God?
  - No, the Lord said: “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it” (Deuteronomy 30:11-14).
4. What did God set before the children of Israel so that they might walk in His ways?
  - “See, I have set before thee this day **life and good, and death and evil**; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. 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: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them” (Deuteronomy 30:15-20).
5. How old was Moses when he told Israel he would not be leading them into Canaan?
  - An hundred and twenty years old (Deuteronomy 31:2). He was this age at death too (Deuteronomy 34:7).
6. Who would lead Israel and who would destroy the nations from before them?
  - The Lord would go before them and destroy the nations while Joshua would lead them according to the Lord’s will (Deuteronomy 31:3).

7. Were the children of Israel instructed to fear the nations in the land promised to them?
- No. The Lord said: *“And the Lord shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he destroyed. And the Lord shall give them up before your face, that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments which I have commanded you. **Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee” (Deuteronomy 31:4-6).***
8. What did Moses say to Joshua as he singled him out?
- *“And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, **Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed” (Deuteronomy 31:7-8).***
9. Was the law which Moses wrote to be read only to the men of Israel?
- No, it was to be read to men, women, children, strangers that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord, and observe to do all the words of this law **(Deuteronomy 31:9-13).**
10. As God talked with Moses and Joshua, what did He foretell them?
- *“And the Lord said unto Moses, **Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods” (Deuteronomy 31:14-18).***
11. Why was Moses instructed to write a song?
- *“Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: **put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant.** And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear. Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a*

*charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee. And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished” (Deuteronomy 31:19-24).*

12. Did Moses expect the children of Israel to be more obedient to God after he died?

- No, God had already told him they would not. Moses then also told the children of Israel he expected worse of them (**Deuteronomy 31:26-27**).

13. In reviewing the song Moses declared to Israel, are the following statements true or false?

- a. God is the Rock. **True** or **False** Scripture: **Deuteronomy 32:3-4**
- b. God said, “don’t dwell in the past”. **True** or **False** Scripture: **Deuteronomy 32:7**
- c. Prosperity leads Israel to idolatry. **True** or **False** Scripture: **Deuteronomy 32:15-19**
- d. Other god’s judge Israel at times. **True** or **False** Scripture: **Deuteronomy 32:36-42**

14. What was Moses speaking of when he told the children of Israel, “it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land”?

- *“And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it” (Deuteronomy 32:46-47).*

15. What did God tell Moses about his coming death?

- *“And the Lord spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribahkadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel” (Deuteronomy 32:48-52).*

16. What reasons existed for the children of Israel to be happy?

- Because of all the blessings upon the tribes which God, who loved them, had provided (**Deuteronomy 33:1-25**). The summary of which is made at the close of chapter 33 (**Deuteronomy 33:26-29**).

17. Did God keep His word in allowing Moses to see the land of which the children of Israel would enter?

- Yes, (**Deuteronomy 34:1-4**).

18. Where is the sepulcher of Moses?

- No one knows (**Deuteronomy 34:6**).

19. When Moses died, was he a man stricken with poor eyesight and weakness?
- No, (**Deuteronomy 34:7**).
20. What reaction was there among the children of Israel when Moses died?
- Though they often seemed to hate Moses (**Exodus 15:23-24, Exodus 16:1-2, Exodus 17:1-3, Numbers 14:2, Numbers 16:1-3; 40-41, Numbers 20:1-2, Numbers 21:4-5**, etc.), they mourned his death thirty days (**Deuteronomy 34:8**).
  - Remember, they did similarly to Aaron as well (**Numbers 20:29**).
21. Was Joshua equipped to lead the people of Israel?
- Yes, Moses had laid his hands upon Joshua making him full of the Spirit and of wisdom. The children of Israel listened to him (**Deuteronomy 34:9**).
22. How many prophets would later arise in Israel like Moses?
- *“And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel”* (**Deuteronomy 34:10-12**).
  - Only Christ would stand in comparison, though greater, than Moses (**Deuteronomy 18:15-19**; cf. **Acts 3:20-26**).