

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEUTERONOMY – 31 – THE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP: MOSES'
LAST DAYS

Say – Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 31

Say – Moses commissions Joshua which means God the Saviour. Moses records the Law of God in a permanent form, and teaches a song to the Israelites. Then Moses prepared the people for his departure and helped them come dependent upon God.

¹And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel.

²And he said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan (The Bible tells us "⁷And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. ⁸And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, (Moses was very important to God.).

³The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee, and he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said (The Bible tells us "¹⁸And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; ¹⁹And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. ²⁰And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient." Numbers 27:18-20. In another place it say "²Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Joshua 1:2-5).

⁴And 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.

⁵And 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.

⁶Be 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. (The Bible tells us “¹When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” Deuteronomy 20:1. In another place in the Bible it says “⁵Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” Hebrews 13:5-6)

⁷And 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 (The Bible tells us “³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.” Deuteronomy 1:38).

⁸And 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.

⁹And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel (The Bible tells us “⁸At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.” Deuteronomy 10:8).

¹⁰And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, ¹¹When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. ¹²Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law (The Bible tells us “¹⁰Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.” Deuteronomy 4:10): ¹³And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it. (The Bible tells us “²Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: ³And ye shall overthrow their altars,

and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. ⁴Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God. ⁵But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: ⁶And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: ⁷And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee.” Deuteronomy 12:2-7)

¹⁴And 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 (tent of meeting) (The Bible tells us “⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day (Because God himself buried him right there.)” Deuteronomy 34:5-6).

¹⁵And 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 (The Bible tells us “¹⁰And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.” Exodus 16:10).

¹⁶And 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 (The Bible tells us “²⁵When 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: ²⁶I 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. ²⁷And 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. ²⁸And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. ²⁹But 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.” Deuteronomy 4:25-29. God knew the future of Israel.)

¹⁷Then 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? (The Bible tells us “¹²And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth (A fertility goddess.) ¹⁴And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.” Judges 2:12-14). (They will finally wake up and realize they’ve been deceived by the clergy.)

¹⁸And 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 (Other religions, doctrines of men. God’s children of Israel are around but in false church doctrines.).

¹⁹Now 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.

²⁰For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear 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 (The Bible tells us “¹⁰And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, ¹¹And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; ¹²Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. ¹⁴Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; ¹⁵(For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth. ¹⁶Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. ¹⁷Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. ¹⁸And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob).” Deuteronomy 6:10-18. God is speaking in past tense because He knew they would do it.).

²¹And 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 (The Bible tells us “⁴⁰If they shall confess their iniquity (lawlessness), and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; ⁴¹And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: ⁴²Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. ⁴³The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.” Leviticus 26:40-43).

²²Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

²³And 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 (God is speaking to Joshua.).

²⁴And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

²⁵That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

²⁶Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. (Became a part of the testimony.)

²⁷For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

²⁸Gather 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 (The Bible tells us “¹⁹I 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: ²⁰That 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 swear unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

²⁹For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands (The Bible tells us “⁵They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.” Deuteronomy 32:5. Your own theology; lifestyle and it is the same today.)

³⁰And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation (Assembly) of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended. (God gave it to Moses for reciting.)

MEMORY VERSE

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.

Deuteronomy 31:19

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS FOR TOTS

THE SONG GOD GAVE TO MOSES

NOW THEREFORE WRITE YE THIS SONG FOR YOU, AND TEACH IT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL: PUT (will recite it in their hearts) IT IN THERE 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 SWARE 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 AWITNESS; 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 SWARE.

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,

THAT MOSES COMMANDED THE LEVITES, WHICH BARE THE
ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD, SAYING,

TAKE THIS BOOK OF THE LAW, AND PUT IT IN THE SIDE OF
THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD, SAYING,

TAKE THIS BOOK OF THE LAW, AND PUT IT IN THE SIDE OF
THE ARK OF THE COVENANT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD,
THAT IT MAY BE THERE FOR A WITNESS AGAINST
THEE. (became a part of the testimony)

FOR I KNOW THY REBELLION, AND THY STIFF NECK:
BEHOLD, WHILE I AM YET ALIVE WITH YOU THIS DAY,
YE HAVE BEEN REBELLIOUS AGAINST THE LORD; AND
HOW MUCH MORE AFTER MY DEATH?

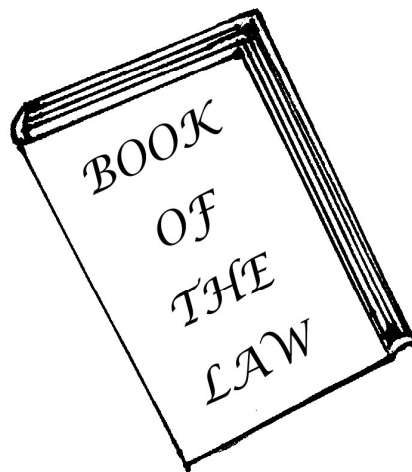
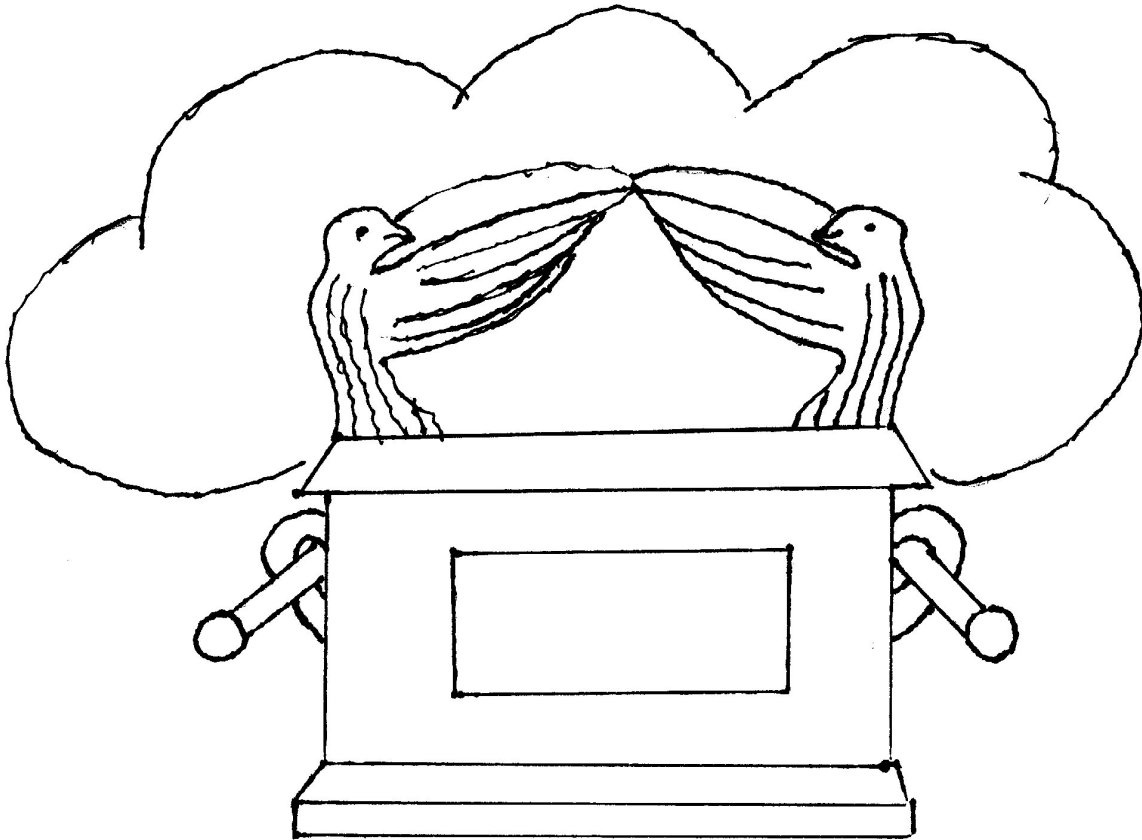
GATHER UNTO ME ALL THE ELDERS OF YOUR TRIBES, AND
YOUR OFFICERS, THAT I MAY SPEAK THESE WORDS IN
THEIR EARS, AND CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO
RECORD AGAINST THEM.

FOR I KNOW THAT AFTER MY DEATH YE WILL UTTERLY
CORRUPT YOURSELVES, AND TURN ASIDE FOR THE
WAY WHICH I HAVE COMMANDED YOU; AND EVIL
WILL BE FALL YOU IN THE LATTER DAYS; BECAUSE YE
WILL DO EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD, TO
PROVOKE HIM TO ANGER THROUGH THE WORK OFF
YOUR HANDS.

AND MOSES SPAKE IN THE EARS OF ALL THE
CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL THE WORDS OF THIS
SONG, UNTIL THEY WERE ENDED.

DEUTERONOMY 31:19-30

*TAKE THIS BOOK OF THE LAW,
AND PUT IT IN THE SIDE OF THE ARC OF THE
COVENANT OF LORD YOUR GOD,*



*THAT IT MAY BE THEIR FOR A WITNESS AGAINST
THEE.*

DEUTERONOMY 31:26