

THE FAREWELL SONG AND BLESSING OF MOSES

Deuteronomy 32 -34

After leading the Israelites from Egypt right up to the edge of the Promised Land, Moses again gave the law for the benefit of the new generation of Israelites who had grown up during the forty years of wilderness wanderings. Study now the words with which he closed his discourses and his ministry as Israel's leader:

A. Moses' Farewell Song: Read Deuteronomy 32:1-43

1. Notice the parallelisms with which Moses opened his speech, verses 1-2. About whom did he then speak? Deuteronomy 32:3-4

2. What had the people of Israel done against God? Deuteronomy 32:5-6

3. What did Moses call the people to remember? Deuteronomy 32:7-8

4. List all of the wonderful things God had done for Jacob (or Israel): Deuteronomy 32:10, 12

1. Notice all the things God had provided for Israel: Deuteronomy 32:13-14

2. In spite of all this, what had Israel done? Deuteronomy 32:15-18 (Jeshurun is another name for Jacob or Israel: See Isaiah 44:2)

3. How did the Lord feel when He saw this? Deuteronomy 32:19-25

4. What was the only reason God had not destroyed them completely? Deuteronomy 32:26-27

5. What did God wish they would do? Deuteronomy 32:29

10. Read verses 35-43. What did God say He would do unto His people? Deuteronomy 32:36a

6. What did God tell Moses on the same day that he spoke the above song to Israel? Deuteronomy 32:48-52

B. The Fatherly Blessing of Moses: Read Deuteronomy 33:1-29

1. With a description of what did Moses begin his blessing? Deuteronomy 33:2-3

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2. Notice the simplicity of the blessing for Reuben: Deuteronomy 33:6
3. Notice the two chief parts to Judah's blessing: Deuteronomy 33:7a-b

4. What did Moses say that the tribe of Levi would do? Deuteronomy 33:10

5. Notice the tenderness in the blessing for Benjamin: Deuteronomy 33:12

6. After many blessings for the tribe of Joseph, to what two animals was he compared? Deuteronomy 33:17

7. Where would Zebulun and Issachar get their treasures? Deuteronomy 33:19

8. To what animals were Gad and Dan compared? Deuteronomy 33:20, 22

9. How was Naphtali described? Deuteronomy 33:23

10. What wonderful promise was given to Asher? Deuteronomy 33:25b

11. About whom did Moses speak in closing his blessing to Israel? Deuteronomy 33:26-29

12. What happened to Moses just after this blessing was ended? Deuteronomy 34:1-12

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the outstanding theme of both Moses' song and his blessing?
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 2. Am I so aware of the perfection's of my God that my thoughts, songs, speeches, and writings are filled with such praises as Deuteronomy 33:26-29?
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