

The Book of Deuteronomy

The Death of Moses

Text: Deuteronomy 31 – 32

Introduction:

1. The first address of Moses (1:1 – 4:43) deal with Israel's past – *Recollection of History*.
2. The second address (4:44 – 26:19) dealt with their present – *Remembrance of the Law*.
3. The third address (27 – 30) dealt with their future in the land – *Renewal of the Covenant*.

- I. Transition (31:1-8)
 - A. Moses' time was at an end (cf. 34:7).
 1. On earth, because he would not enter into Canaan (cf. Num. 14:26-33)
 2. As leader of Israel
 - B. Thus, there was to be a change in leadership over the nation.
 1. Note that God would still rule and guide the people (vs. 3).
 2. There was no change in the true King of Israel.
 - C. Joshua would follow Moses as the physical leader of the nation.
 1. This principle of transition is important to understand.
 2. It did not mean a change of law.
 3. Consider Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2).
 4. Consider Paul and Timothy (2 Timothy 2:2; 4:1-6).
 5. Consider Jesus and the Holy Spirit (John 14:26-27; 15:26-27; 16:13-14).
 - a. Joshua did not contradict or countermand the Law of Moses.
 - b. The Holy Spirit did not contradict or change the Law of Christ.
 - c. Neither did those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit!
 - d. There is no contradiction between Paul and Jesus!
 - D. God would be with Joshua just as He had been with Moses.
- II. Three Charges (31:9-30)
 - A. Charge to the Priests (vs. 9-13, 25-26)
 - B. Charge to Joshua (vs. 14-15, 23)
 - C. Charge to Moses (vs. 16-22)
- III. The Song of Moses (32:1-43)
- IV. Final Charge of Moses (32:44-47)
 - A. "Set your hearts" to the Word of God.
 - B. "Command your children" the Word of God.
 - C. "Observe to do" the Word of God.
 - D. "It is your life."

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(32:48-52; 34:1-12)