

Deuteronomy

Lesson 11 Deuteronomy 31-32

Moses' final advice to the people is to be strong and courageous in the LORD as they prepare to enter the land. To trust in God's power, and to know that it is ultimately the LORD who goes before them to victory. This serves the purpose also of preparing the people to undergo a transfer of power from Moses' leadership to that of Joshua. Even with such encouraging words God speaks to Moses of how the people will fail to hold to the covenant in obedience, so God commands for Moses to write a song for the people to be reminded of what they have been warned of in the blessing and curse of the covenant. This song is recorded in Deuteronomy 32 and was meant to be a method of teaching and instructing the people after Moses' death. The song begins by speaking of faithfulness, but turns to rebellion as Israel becomes "fat" and stubborn in the land of promise, but the song ends with a hope of compassion and vindication for God's people in repentance.

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| <p>Homework: Read the Song of Moses in chapter 32 carefully. Note the shifts in the narrative of the song. How does this song foretell the history of Israel?</p> <p>Questions: 1. What is important to note about Moses' description of his health at the time before his death?</p> <p>2. What would it mean for the people to be "strong and courageous" as they followed God into the land?</p> <p>3. In the Song of Moses identify the passages that refer to: - Blessings of the covenant:</p> <p>- Curses of the covenant:</p> |
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