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Deuteronomy 31.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

INTRODUCTION: this is a continuation of the previous chapter, Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

Joshua replaces Moses: Moses tells Israel that he is one-hundred and twenty years old today and no longer able to go out and come in and that he will not go over the Jordan River, but God himself will go over before them, He will destroy the nations in the Promised Land so that Israel will dispossess them and Joshua will lead them and go over at the head of Israel.

The LORD will do to the nations in the Promised Land as he did to Sihon and Og, the king of the Amorites when he destroyed them and gave the nations over to them and Israel would do to them according to the whole commandment.

They are to be strong and courageous and not to fear or be in dread of the nations in the Promised Land, because it is the LORD their God who goes with them and He will not leave them or forsake them.

The LORD and Joshua: Moses tells Joshua in the sight of all Israel not to fear or be dismayed, but to be strong and courageous because it is the LORD who goes before him and He will be with him and not leave or forsake him. The LORD will go with Israel into the Promised Land and Joshua will lead the people and put them in possession of it. Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD and to all the elders of Israel.

The Feast of Booths and reading the law: Moses tells Israel at the end of every seven years in the year of release at the Feast of Booths, all the people of Israel, the men, the women, the little ones, and the sojourner were to appear before the LORD at the place that He will choose and the law was to be read before all Israel in their hearing so that any child who had not known the law might hear and learn to fear the LORD and do all the words of the law as long as they lived in the Promised Land.

The LORD appears to Joshua and Moses: Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the Tent of Meeting before the LORD, so that He could commission Joshua, because the days of Moses death were approaching. The LORD appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud and the pillar of cloud stood over the entrance of the Tent and the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers, then the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and told him to be strong and courageous because he will lead Israel into the Promised Land.

The LORD knows when Moses dies they will turn to other gods: the LORD tells Moses Israel will whore after foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering. When Israel is full and grown fat they will despise and forsake the LORD and break His covenant that he has made with them. The LORD'S anger will be kindled against Israel and in that day He will forsake Israel and hide His face from them. They will be devoured and many evils and troubles will come upon them. Then Israel will say that these evils have come upon them because their

God is not among them, because of all the evil that they have done and because they have turned to other gods the LORD has hidden His face (meaning stopped His blessings).

The words of the law are written in a book: when Moses had finished writing the words of the law in a book to the very end, he commanded the Levites who carried the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD to take the Book of the Law and put it by the side of the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD so that it would be a witness against Israel.

After Moses death Israel will be rebellious: Moses tells Israel that he knows how rebellious and stubborn they are, even while he is still alive they have been rebellious against the LORD, but they will be much more rebellious after his death. They will act corruptly and turn aside from the way that he has commanded them and so in the days to come evil will befall Israel because they will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, and provoke Him to anger through the work of their hands. Then Moses assembles all the elders and officers of the tribes of Israel so that he could call heaven and earth to witness against them.

A song for Israel: the LORD tells Moses to write a song, that the LORD will give to him and teach it to the people so the song will be in their mouths and become a witness for the LORD against the people of Israel, when many evils and troubles have come upon them the song would confront them as a witness and live unforgotten in the mouths of Israel's offspring. The LORD knows what Israel is inclined to do even before He has brought them into the Promised Land, Moses wrote the song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel then he spoke the words of the song in the ears of all the assembly of Israel until they were finished.

FOOTNOTE.

Israel did become grossly rebellious they not only turned to idolatry, astrology, and occultism and had altars for worshipping the host of heaven (the sun, moon, stars and planets) in the court of the God's temple, but also worshipped at the altars of Baal and were even sacrificing their sons on the altars of, Molech in the Hinnom Valley. Added to these abominations they were shedding innocent blood, cheating the innocent out of justice, not helping the less fortunate and oppressing the poor for their own gain all of these gross wickedness's eventually permeated the land of Judah and Israel.

Because of this gross wickedness God used Babylon as His servant to bring the city of Jerusalem to ruin, to destroy the temple and to lay the farmlands of Judah and Israel waste. Babylon invaded Jerusalem and took its inhabitants (the two tribes of Judah) into captivity later Babylon conquered Assyria who had previously taken Israel (the ten tribes in the land of Samaria) captive. Israel and Judah were under Babylonian rule for seventy years. They went into captivity to Babylon as two rebellious nations who had turned from God to idols and who were even sacrificing their own children to pagan gods.

While in captivity God moulded them like a master potter moulds a beautiful clay jar, Israel and Judah went into Babylon as two unfaithful nations that had turned away from the LORD to idols and other gods. Seventy years later, Cyrus (King of Persia) who the LORD called His Shepherd (Isaiah 44:28) gave permission to Israel to return to Jerusalem. Under Ezra and Nehemiah God brought Israel and Judah back to their beloved city Jerusalem as one united nation faithful to only one God, the LORD their God, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob (Israel never turned to idols or pagan gods again)

Multitudes of Jewish families who had been scattered throughout the nations returned to Jerusalem and the land of Israel. When the temple of God was completed their faith was once again established and a time of prosperity and peace followed.

Sadly Israel as a nation never recognised their Messiah the Christ when he came, but even this was in the LORD'S sovereign will. The prophet Zechariah tells us when the Lord returns in glory: -

- God will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn (Zech. 12:10-14).

End.