**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 31, Part 30**

**(Dt. 29:1-34:12)**

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**IV. The Perpetuation of Worship (Dt. 29-34)**

**Farewell Promises (Dt. 31:1-29)**

**Dt. 31:1-8**

\*Two Major Themes: Succession of Joshua and Death of Moses

\*Chapter 31: New Leader (1-8), Recitation of Law (9-13), Commissioning of Joshua (14-23), Deposition of Law (24-29)

\*Four major sections in this Chapter 31

**PREMISE**: **The work of the LORD continues even though human leaders do not. The Lord raises up leaders from within.**

**A. LORD will cross over before you (1-3a)**

1. The Prohibition of the Human Leader (vv. 1-2)

 a. His Status > 120 years old (cf. 34:7)

 b. His Sin > Smote rock (Num. 20:8; Dt. 1:37-38; 3:23 ff.)

2. The Promise of the Heavenly Leader (v. 3a)

 a. Prepare the way (Angel: Ex. 23:20)

 b. *“Possess the land”* (18x > Dt. 11:31)

**B. The LORD’s Public charge about Joshua (3b-6)**

 1. The Promise of the Human Leader (v. 3b)

 a. Promised man (Dt. 1:38; Num. 27:12-23)

 b. Prepared man (Ex. 24:12-13; 33:7-11; Ex. 17:8-16; Num. 13:1-25) > Dt. 34:9

 2. The Promise of the Heavenly Leader (vv. 4-6)

 a. Defeat enemy > past victories > Sihon and Og (Num. 21:34; 32:33; Dt. 1:4)

 b. Destroy enemy > Gen. 15:18-21 > Dt. 20:17

 c. Dedicate self > Josh. 1:6, 9, 18

**B.’ The LORD’s Private charge to Joshua (7)**

 1. The Instrumentality of Moses (v. 7a)

 2. The Instructions by Moses (v. 7b)

a. Public charge > Be strong… (Dt. 31:6, 7, 23)

 b. Practical charge > Possess Land with people

**A.’ LORD will cross over before you (8)**

 1. The Person of the Heavenly Leader (v. 8a) > He it is…He…He

2. The Promise of the Heavenly Leader (v. 8b) > not fail…forsake > Heb. 13:5 (dismayed > Josh. 8:1; 10:25)

**CONCLUSION: The Lord will continue to perpetuate His “My Church” movement through the ages with faithful saints.**