**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 31, Part 32**

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

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

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

**Dt. 31:14-23**

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

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

**PREMISE**: **The work of the LORD continues even though human leaders do not. The Lord raises up leaders from within. The LORD knew that the rebels under Moses would continue their rebellion under Joshua.**

**A. The Command to Moses (vv. 14-15)**

1. The **Privacy** of the Meeting (v. 14a)

 a. The Persons in the Meeting > LORD, Moses, Joshua

 b. The Purpose of the Meeting > Order > I Cor. 14:40

 1) The Termination of the Ministry of Moses > Dt. 1:37-38

 2) The Timing of the Ministry of Joshua > smooth transfer of authority

 2. The **Place** of the Meeting (vv. 14b-15) > Ex. 33:7-11 (tent of meeting vs. Tabernacle)

a. Within the Tabernacle (4x) > leadership comes from within > Acts 14:21-23

 b. Without the Tabernacle > over the door > privacy (divine business takes place in assembly)

**B. The Prophecy for Moses (vv. 16-18) > Lord knew that Israel would be in prosperity as well as in want. They had old adamic nature.**

1. The **Death** of Moses (16a) > Dt. 32:50; 33:1, 34:5, 7 (sleep > lie down)

 2. The **Disobedience** of the People (16b) > he knew their old nature and history of rebellion

 a) Rebellion > Dt. 28:15 ff.

 b) Immorality

 c) Forsaking

 d) Covenant breaking > Ex. 32:2 ff.

3. The **Destruction** of the People (17-18) > Dt. 28:15 ff. (will BBC practice ch. disc. in future?)

a) The anger of the LORD

 b) The forsaking of the LORD > Jer. 2:13

 c) The hiding of the LORD > hiding vs. shining (Num 6:25-27)

 d) The devouring of the LORD

 e) The judgment of the LORD

**B.’ The Song of Moses (vv. 19-22)** *“write ye”* (see 32:45)

1. It was a **Witness** to the Blessing of God (vv. 19-20a) > memorize songs (BBC: Phil. 1:21)

 2. It was a **Warning** about the Behaviour of Israel (vv. 20b-22) > sin in prosperity (Dt. 32:15)

**A.’ The Command to Joshua (v 23)**

1. The **Encouragement** (v. 23a) > Josh. 1:6 ff.

 2. The **Expectation** (v. 23b) > Josh. 3:1ff. (*“with thee”* > the loneliness of leadership > no close friends)

**CONCLUSION: The difficulties for leadership continue with new generations.**