**Worship in the Promised Land, Dt. 31, Part 33**

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

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

**Farewell Promises (Dt. 31:1-30)**

**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.**

**Deposition of Law (24-30)**

**PREMISE: Moses finished Deuteronomy and warned that the nation would disobey and self-destruct!**

**A. The Words of the Law Finished (v. 24) > The whole book of Deuteronomy and *Tanak* (Gal. 4:21 ff.)**

 1. Moses finished his ministry >End > Finished (to be read every seven years [Dt. 31:10])

 2. David finished his ministry > Acts 13:36

 3. John the Baptist finished his ministry > Acts 13:24-25

 4. Lord Jesus Christ finished His ministry > Heb. 12:2

 5. Paul finished his ministry > II Tim. 4:7

**B. After Death of Moses a witness to rebellion (vv. 25-27)**

 1. The Petition (v. 25) > responsibility of Levites and especially Priests (Josh. 3-4)

 2. The Protection (v. 26) > put in side of Ark of Covenant

 a. I Sam. 6:8 > on side next to Ark

 b. I Ki. 8:9 > two tables of stone only

 c. Heb. 9:4 > Decalogue, manna, rod

3. The Perversion (v. 27) > rebellion: Moses and will continue > “sons of rebels” (Num. 17:10)

**C. Speak to the Leaders (v. 28)**

 1. The People (v. 28a) > elders and officers

 2. The Purpose (v. 28b) > witness before heaven and earth > creation impacted by sin!

**B.’ After Death of Moses a witness to rebellion (v. 29) >** final prophecy > Gen. 49:1 ff.,Dt. 4:30

 1. The Timing (v. 29a) > after his death

 2. The Turning (v. 29b) > turn from the way (of Decalogue) > Acts 7:51-53

 3. The Tragedy (v. 29c) > rebellion and judgment (Dt. 28:15 ff.)

**A.’ The Words of the Song Ended (v. 30) > The whole song of Moses > Dt. 32:1-47**

**CONCLUSION: The tendency of believers in the Lord’s institutions is to wane and wreck!**