

This final word of the law scans the nation of Israel's history... from the Tower of Babel... the choosing of Abraham and the Fathers to the Exodus... to the monarchy and the exile, the Church age, the Desolation of 70 A.D. until the 2nd coming and Kingdom.

# The Song of Moses

## Deuteronomy 32: 1-47 NASB

1 "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak;  
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth. — The eternal witnesses to the faithfulness of God

2 "Let my teaching drop as the rain,  
My speech distill as the dew,  
As the droplets on the fresh grass  
And as the showers on the herb. — The life brought forth by the songs of Moses

3 "For I proclaim the name of the LORD;  
Ascribe greatness to our God! — The reason... God's nature is extolled

4 "The Rock! His work is perfect,  
For all His ways are just;  
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
Righteous and upright is He. — And specifically God's unchanging faithfulness He is the Rock of Ages

Israel — 5 "They have acted corruptly toward Him,  
They are not His children, because of their defect;  
But are a perverse and crooked generation. — But Israel His chosen have not been true to God

6 "Do you thus repay the LORD,  
O foolish and unwise people? — Sin is an unjust way to treat the Lord  
Is not He your Father who has bought you? in Egypt  
He has made you and established you. — at Sinai ... God has defined Israel as His people  
the conquest

7 "Remember the days of old,  
Consider the years of all generations.  
Ask your father, and he will inform you, — Jewish history bespeaks the faithfulness of God  
Your elders, and they will tell you.

8 "When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, Beginning in Genesis 10-11  
When He separated the sons of man, GEN. 10 at the dispersion of Babel  
He set the boundaries of the peoples  
According to the number of the sons of Israel. The nations were arranged with access to Israel in mind

9 "For the LORD'S portion is His people; \*  
Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance. — But Israel is special to God (Acts 17:26)

10 "He found him in a desert land,  
And in the howling waste of a wilderness; — EXODUS  
He encircled him, He cared for him,  
He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

11 "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,  
That hovers over its young,  
He spread His wings and caught them,  
He carried them on His pinions. — the deliverance

12 "The LORD alone guided him,  
And there was no foreign god with him. — Numbers the wilderness journey

13 "He made him ride on the high places of the earth,  
And he ate the produce of the field; lands of the Canaanite  
And He made him suck honey from the rock, — Joshua the conquest  
And oil from the flinty rock,

14 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock, — the bounty of David and Solomon  
1st Samuel the monarchy

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Past  
historic  
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Prophetic  
future  
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With fat of lambs,  
And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,  
With the finest of the wheat—  
And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.

Israel's bounty from God  
the Camelot of Jewish history

15 "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—  
You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—  
Then he forsook God who made him,  
And scorned the Rock of his salvation.

Rebellion in the divided monarchy  
1 Kings

What success  
and prosperity  
can do

16 "They made Him jealous with strange gods;  
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

The plunge into pagan beliefs and conduct  
2 Kings

The force  
behind Israel's  
deporture

17 "They sacrificed to demons who were not God,  
To gods whom they have not known,  
New gods who came lately,  
Whom your fathers did not dread.

The new and novel is always a temptation

18 "You neglected the Rock who begot you,  
And forgot the God who gave you birth.

Israel forsook the One who was their life and being

19 "The LORD saw this, and spurned them  
Because of the provocation of His sons and daughters.

without divine  
protection

20 "Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,  
I will see what their end shall be;  
For they are a perverse generation,  
Sons in whom is no faithfulness.

The exile ... as "the times of the Gentiles"  
begins  
a time that began in 586 B.C.  
under Babylon and has continued until  
today.

21 "They have made Me jealous with what is not God;  
They have provoked Me to anger with their idols.  
So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people;  
I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

EZRA Esther Nehemiah  
The New Testament

22 For a fire is kindled in My anger,  
And burns to the lowest part of Sheol,  
And consumes the earth with its yield,  
And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

The exile of Israel  
from 10 A.D. onward  
• Deportation  
• Desolation  
• DARKNESS

23 'I will heap misfortunes on them;  
I will use My arrows on them.

a darkened Israel in  
the age of the Church...

24 'They will be wasted by famine, and consumed by plague  
And bitter destruction;  
And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them,  
With the venom of crawling things of the dust.

"as the fullness of  
the Gentiles" are  
engathered  
(Romans 11:25)

25 'Outside the sword will bereave,  
And inside terror—  
Both young man and virgin,  
The nursling with the man of gray hair.

The horrors of the Mosaic Covenant and its curse on sin

26 'I would have said, "I will cut them to pieces,  
I will remove the memory of them from men,"

The response of the Gentile world  
to Israel's judgment

27 Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy,  
That their adversaries would misjudge,  
That they would say, "Our hand is triumphant,  
And the LORD has not done all this."

The Gentiles could not understand  
the reason behind Israel's judgment  
Paul said "if God did not spare the natural  
branches neither will He spare you"

The text now  
focuses  
on God's  
rejection by  
the Gentile world

The Gentile nations will  
fail to see God's hand behind  
history from the cross on through the age of grace  
— the mystery of the church  
(Romans 11:20-21)

28 "For they are a nation lacking in counsel,  
And there is no understanding in them.

Literally "Perishing in counsel"  
The Gentiles will put many false interpretations upon the Ase of Christianity...

29 "Would that they were wise, that they understood this,  
That they would discern their future!

if they understood the wrath of God that rested on Israel they would have turned to Christ in fear  
They will abandon the Jewish-Christian perspective

30 "How could one chase a thousand,  
And two put ten thousand to flight,  
Unless their Rock had sold them,  
And the LORD had given them up?

because of their rejection of Christ... tho they are the chosen nation

31 "Indeed (their rock) is not like our Rock,  
Even our enemies themselves judge this.

false religions and ideologies  
the true God

32 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,  
And from the fields of Gomorrah;  
Their grapes are grapes of poison,  
Their clusters, bitter.

where has lead you... perversion murder the hatred of God  
perversion and violence for the next 2000 years and also sudden destruction

33 "Their wine is the venom of serpents,  
And the deadly poison of cobras.

the joys of sin will be the venom of Satan

34 "Is it not laid up in store with Me,  
Sealed up in My treasuries?

But even tho this will be the evil of the church age... God is still keeping score and storing up wrath for the day of wrath... (Romans 1:18)

35 "Vengeance is Mine, and retribution,  
In due time their foot will slip;

Because the avenging of sin is an attribute of God

For the day of their calamity is near,  
And the impending things are hastening upon them.

there is a day of wrath drawing closer each day

36 "For the LORD will vindicate His people,  
And will have compassion on His servants,  
When He sees that their strength is gone,  
And there is none remaining, bond or free.

the Jews will be vindicated in the Tribulation and Christ's return

37 "And He will say, 'Where are their gods,  
The rock in which they sought refuge?

But it will occur when Israel is surrounded by their enemies at Armageddon and will say "blessed is He who comes in the day of the Lord" and they shall "look on him whom they have pierced..."

38 "Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,  
And drank the wine of their drink offering?  
Let them rise up and help you,  
Let them be your hiding place!

We now move from future prophecy to end time Prophecy... or eschatology.

A lesson for Israel... there's nothing to do with idols"

God scorns the impotence and uselessness of idolatry.

39 "See now that I, I am He,  
And there is no god besides Me;  
It is I who put to death and give life.  
I have wounded and it is I who heal,  
And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

God alone is worthy of the title "God"

40 "Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven,  
And say, as I live forever,

And God alone can act in sovereign might and Justice.

41 If I sharpen My flashing sword,  
And My hand takes hold on justice,  
I will render vengeance on My adversaries  
And I will repay those who hate Me.

42 "I will make My arrows drunk with blood,  
And My sword will devour flesh,  
With the blood of the slain and the captives,

From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.' *The papans who persecute His people the Jews will know the Judgment of God*

*The kingdom of God over all the world will follow the return of Christ... The Gentiles are admonished to believe as the Jew believes... and rejoice now and in that day*

43 "Rejoice, O nations, with His people;  
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,  
And will render vengeance on His adversaries,  
And will atone for His land and His people."

*God will atone for the land of Israel that has been violated by a wicked world...*

44 Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with Joshua the son of Nun. 45 When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 he said to them, "Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law. 47 For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

*The word of God is not dead and useless... it is life to our soul and a protection of our lives..*

48 The LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying, 49 "Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession. 50 "Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, 51 because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, because you did not treat Me as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel. 52 "For you shall see the land at a distance, but you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel."

*John 17:17*