

WEEK 9: Choosing Life

DEUTERONOMY 27-34

CHAPTERS 27-30-Moses' Conclusion: "Choose Life"

- CHAPTER 27
 - Write the law on an altar of stones as a permanent witness (27:1-8)
 - o Blessings from Mt. Gerizim & Curses from Mt. Ebal (27:9-26)
- CHAPTER 28
 - Blessings for obedience "shall overtake you" (28:1-14)
 - o Curses for disobedience "shall overtake you" (28:15-68)
 - Exile among the nations is foretold throughout
 - Curses make up the longest section!
- CHAPTER 29
 - Renewal of the Covenant
 - o Israel still doesn't have "a heart to understand or eyes to see" (v. 4)
 - The covenant is binding on future generations (v. 14)
 - o The law is God's revealed gift (v. 29)
- CHAPTER 30
 - o Forgiveness is promised upon repentance after exile (vv. 1-10)
 - o This law is "not too hard, nor is it far off" (v. 11)
 - o "Therefore, choose life!" (v. 19)

CHAPTERS 31-34— Joshua's Commissioning and Moses' Death

- CHAPTER 31
 - Joshua appointed: "Do not fear" (vv. 1-8)
 - o Priests commanded to read the law every 7 years (vv. 9-13)
 - Joshua commissioned, disobedience foretold (vv. 14-29)
- CHAPTER 32
 - Song of witness against Israel (including witness against future disobedience) vv. 1-43
 - o The law "is your very life" (v. 47)
 - Moses' death foretold (vv. 48-52)
- CHAPTER 33
 - Moses' blessing upon Israel: "Thus the Lord became King" (v. 5)
 - Blessing for the 12 tribes (Simeon not mentioned, but Joseph is split into Ephraim and Manasseh) (vv. 6-25)
- CHAPTER 34—Death of Moses