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Shabbat Message

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Deuteronomy 31:1-30; Hos 14:2-10

My Way or Yah's Way Series

Humility of Moses & Courage of Joshua

Introduction

Deuteronomy 31 is a pivotal chapter in the Bible because it marks the transition of leadership from Moses to Joshua, while also reminding Israel of God's faithfulness and their responsibility to keep His law. This chapter is filled with numerous lessons that modern believers can glean

from, especially concerning leadership, obedience, faith, and courage.

Moses' Farewell and Joshua's Commission

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

1. Moses in his final moments at the age of 120 years, introduces Joshua as the new leader of Israel (Deuteronomy 31:2).
2. This transition process is crucial to understand the significance of effective leadership and succession planning.
3. Moses exemplifies humility by acknowledging his limitations and the need for a new leader who is well equipped to lead Israel into the Promised Land. The kind of leadership that Moses portrayed resonates with the teachings in Mark 10:43-45 wherein Yeshua about servant leadership.

The Reading of the Torah

Deuteronomy 31:9-13

1. The reading of the Torah during the Feast of Tabernacles every seven years (Deuteronomy 31:10-11) emphasizes the importance of knowledge and obedience to Yehovah's Word.
2. It is reminiscent of Psalm 119:105 which states that Yehovah's Word is a lamp to our path.

3. The instruction to teach our children (Deuteronomy 31:13), resonates with Proverbs 22:6 about training a child in the way that they should go.

The Song of Moses

Deuteronomy 31:14-23

1. In this section Elohim charges Moses to write down a song as a testimony against Israel. (Deuteronomy 31:19).
2. The song is both a prophecy and a warning predicting Israel's apostasy and the resulting judgement.
3. This prophetic role of Moses parallels that of the prophets such as Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:9) and Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:7).

The Completion of the Torah

Deuteronomy 31:24-27

1. Moses's completion of writing the words of the Torah (Deuteronomy 31:24) signifies the completeness and sufficiency of Elohim's revelation at that time.
2. This aligns with the concept presented in 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
3. These Scriptures affirm that all Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and

training in righteousness.

They will act corruptly

Deuteronomy 31:28-29

1. He called all the elders of the tribes and the officials so that He would speak these words in the ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them.
2. Moses said He knew that after his death they would act corruptly and turn aside from the way that He has commanded them.
3. Because Israel falls away there will be evil that will fall upon them in the latter days because they will do what is evil in the sight of Yehovah provoking Him to anger by the work of their hands.

Take Away

1. Moses appointed Joshua to lead the people of Israel because Moses was going to die on Mt. Nebo for His disobedience to Yehovah's commands.
2. Yehovah commanded us to read the whole Torah every seven years on the Feast of Tabernacles
3. Yehovah will pour evil upon Israel if they continue in their sin and wickedness.

Application

1. I will be courageous in Yeshua as I face many challenges in my life.
2. Today I will be humble and honest and say I cannot do this faith on my own.
3. By the power of the Ruach HaKodesh only and not by my own power will I strive to live according to Torah and follow Yeshua wherever He goes.

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