

Moses Bids His Adieu

I. Slide#1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide#2 Harvest Festival - we need volunteers to help staff the **food, game, and booths**.
1. Also in need of **candy and/or financial donations**. Please contact Tony.

II. Intro:

A. Slide#3 Title: *Moses Bids His Adieu*

1. *Adieu* - from Old French, from à 'to' + Dieu 'God'; compare with **adios**.

B. Slide#4 Moses' life work was now done. He had been marvelously used by the Lord. But now that Moses was about to die, he left a last heritage to the new generation:

1. Moses left a new leader **Joshua**.
2. Moses left a **written Law** our first five books of the OT.
3. Moses left a **song to memorize**. As copies of Scripture were not available to the people of Israel. How would they remember the central teachings of Moses, and retain their commitment to the Lord? *Memorization*.

III. Slide#5 **ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN (1-8)**

A. **To Israel** (1-6)

B. (2) Moses was not permitted to lead Israel into Canaan for **2 reasons**:

1. Slide#6 He had sinned against God at Meribah (struck rock). **And...**
2. Also, **Canaan** is a type of the "**rest**" we have in Christ, and Moses the **lawgiver** could never bring rest. **Only Joshua**, the type of Christ the conqueror, could do that.

C. (3-6) **Moses** gave the people that wonderful promise of *God's victorious presence*.

D. Which situation tonight do **you** need to know that *He crosses before you, He goes before you?*

1. Slide#7 **And** what do **you** think that this actually promises them/us? **Ask**.
 - a) Protection. He'll take care of our enemies. Not have to fear. He wont leave/forsake us. I'll be present. At hand.

E. Slide#8 **To Joshua** (7,8)

1. This promise was given to Israel...**then**, repeated to **Joshua** now in vs.7,8.
 - a) **Then** It's repeated by *God Himself* to Joshua **3 more x's** in Josh.1:6,7,9. *be strong, good courage*
2. It is also given to **us** today. Because it's a cool promise that we pretend apply's to us too? **No...because it's repeated to us** in Heb.13:5 :)

IV. Slide#9 **SCRIPTURES READ (9-13)**

A. **Read, Hear, Learn, Observe**

B. Slide#10 Moses asked for Deut to be read at *the Feast of Tabernacles*, every 7th year as the basis for a recurring act of *covenant renewal*.

1. He knew that **only God's Word** could make the people the kind of nation God wanted them to be.
2. **But...Unfortunately this was seldom done.** The **only recorded instance** of the Law publicly read during this *Feast of Tabernacles* is in Neh.8:13-9:38.

C. (10) **Feast of Tab** - was a *National Campout*, to remember that Israel lived in booths (tents) during the wilderness wanderings.

1. They were a people who journeyed to a sacred place for religious reasons.
2. **Our reminder?** we are people on a journey, on our way to another place/another life.
3. It reminds them/us to separate from the world & commune w/God in the outdoors (w/His Word).

D. **God uses various ways of communicating with people.**

1. **He did it through chosen instruments**, such as Moses and Joshua.
2. **He does it through the written word** in which we are particularly rich since we have both Old and NT.
3. **Slide#11 And He does it through memory.**
 - a) Listen to God's endorsement of the ministry of **songs & poetry** where He puts his approval on their use for **worship and witness as well as** for **growth** in **Christian living**.
 - b) The practice of **memorization** has divine commendation.
 - c) **Slide#12 Truth stored in the mind may become God's messenger of encouragement, comfort, or reproof when these are most needed.**¹

V. Slide#13a **REBELLION WARNED (14-29)**

A. Slide#13b **Joshua's Commission** (14)

B. **The transfer of leadership is now underway.**

1. Joshua was **God's choice** for this heavy responsibility.
2. God raises up **others** to carry on **His work**.
3. God **changes** His workers **but continues** His work.

C. Moses laid his hands on him & thereby granting the spiritual power he would need for his great task. **Really? does it say that here? No...**but it does in **34:9 (read)**.

¹ The Teachers Bible Commentary, Deut.31.

- D. **Slide#13c Warns of Israel's Rebellion** (15)
- E. God has **infallible foresight** of all the wickedness of the wicked.
- How often He has conferred His favors upon those **whom He knew** would deal treacherously and ungratefully.
- F. (19) **Now...write down this song** -
- National songs** take **deep hold** of the memories **and** have a **powerful influence** in stirring the deepest feelings of a people.
 - Slide#14 Last night** we were asked to stand for the National Anthem, in our gym, at our girls VB game. I stood next to a man, **Colonel Bo**, (g-gpa to Danika/setter) **who was celebrating his 95 B-Day, who served in WWII, Korea, & V.N.** - I was holding the tears back hearing him *singing* the final words.
 - Again, National songs** take **deep hold** of the memories **and** have a **powerful influence** in stirring the deepest feelings of a people.
- G. **Slide#15blank End:** Ok, what's a little bit freaky/cool is the timing...**Next wed 10/8/14**, is when we will learn about ch.32, which is this years start of **the Feast of Tabernacles**.
- But tonight** we thought it would be neat to have a portion of Deut **read to us...actually**, you get to participate in reading some also.
 - Since we can't read **all** of Deut...the portion we chose is...**well, ch.32. The Song.**
 - So**, our reader will read parts from the NLT **&** the verses I place in front of us, we as the audience, will read out loud **together**.
 - Keep in mind, the song** was given to the children of Israel **to help prevent them from breaking covenant** with God.
 - Slide#16** Moses wove **promise** and **blessing** together in this **song or poem** that affirms the **greatness** of Israel's God.

Chapter 32

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1 "Listen, O heavens, and I will speak! Hear, O earth, the words that I say!

2 Let my teaching fall on you like rain; let my speech settle like dew. Let my words fall like rain on tender grass, like gentle showers on young plants.

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3 I will proclaim the name of the Lord; how glorious is our God!

4 He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair.

He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!

5 "But they have acted corruptly toward him; when they act so perversely,

are they really his children? They are a deceitful and twisted generation.

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6 Is this the way you repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people?

Isn't he your Father who created you? Has he not made you & established you?

7 Remember the days of long ago; think about the generations past. Ask your father, and he will inform you. Inquire of your elders, and they will tell you.

8 When the Most High assigned lands to the nations, when he divided up the human race, he established the boundaries of the peoples according to the number in his heavenly court.

9 "For the people of Israel belong to the Lord; Jacob is his special possession.

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10 He found them in a desert land, in an empty, howling wasteland. He surrounded them and watched over them; he guarded them as he would guard his own eyes.*

**11 Like an eagle that rouses her chicks and hovers over her young,
so he spread his wings to take them up and carried them safely on his pinions.**

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12 The Lord alone guided them; they followed no foreign gods.

13 He let them ride over the highlands and feast on the crops of the fields. He nourished them with honey from the rock and olive oil from the stony ground.

14 He fed them yogurt from the herd and milk from the flock, together with the fat of lambs. He gave them choice rams from Bashan, and goats, together with the choicest wheat. You drank the finest wine, made from the juice of grapes.

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**15 "But Israel* soon became fat and unruly; the people grew heavy, plump, and stuffed! Then they abandoned the God who had made them;
they made light of the Rock of their salvation.**

16 They stirred up his jealousy by worshiping foreign gods; they provoked his fury with detestable deeds.

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17 They offered sacrifices to demons, which are not God, to gods they had not known before, to new gods only recently arrived, to gods their ancestors had never feared.

18 You neglected the Rock who had fathered you; you forgot the God who had given you birth.

19 "The Lord saw this and drew back, provoked to anger by his own sons and daughters.

20 He said, 'I will abandon them; then see what becomes of them. For they are a twisted generation, children without integrity.

21 They have roused my jealousy by worshiping things that are not God; they have provoked my anger with their useless idols. Now I will rouse their jealousy through people who are not even a people; I will provoke their anger through the foolish Gentiles.

22 For my anger blazes forth like fire and burns to the depths of the grave. It devours the earth and all its crops and ignites the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap disasters upon them and shoot them down with my arrows.

24 I will weaken them with famine, burning fever, and deadly disease.

I will send the fangs of wild beasts and poisonous snakes that glide in the dust.

25 Outside, the sword will bring death, and inside, terror will strike

both young men and young women, both infants and the aged.

26 I would have annihilated them, wiping out even the memory of them.

27 But I feared the taunt of Israel's enemy, who might misunderstand and say, "Our own power has triumphed! The Lord had nothing to do with this!"

28 "But Israel is a senseless nation; the people are foolish, without understanding.

29 Oh, that they were wise and could understand this! Oh, that they might know their fate!

30 How could one person chase a thousand of them, and two people put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the Lord had given them up?

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31 But the rock of our enemies is not like our Rock, as even they recognize.

32 Their vine grows from the vine of Sodom, from the vineyards of Gomorrah. Their grapes are poison, and their clusters are bitter.

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

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34 "The Lord says, 'Am I not storing up these things, sealing them away in my treasury?

35 I will take revenge; I will pay them back. In due time their feet will slip. Their day of disaster will arrive, and their destiny will overtake them.'

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36 "Indeed, the Lord will give justice to his people, and he will change his mind about* his servants, when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.

37 Then he will ask, 'Where are their gods, the rocks they fled to for refuge?

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38 Where now are those gods, who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their offerings? Let those gods arise and help you! Let them provide you with shelter!

39 Look now; I myself am he! There is no other god but me! I am the one who kills and gives life; I am the one who wounds and heals; no one can be rescued from my powerful hand!

40 Now I raise my hand to heaven and declare, "As surely as I live,

41 when I sharpen my flashing sword and begin to carry out justice,

I will take revenge on my enemies and repay those who reject me.

42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword will devour flesh - the blood of the slaughtered and the captives, and the heads of the enemy leaders.” ’

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43 “Rejoice with him, you heavens, and let all of God’s angels worship him. Rejoice with his people, you nations, and let all the angels be strengthened in him. For he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take revenge against his enemies. He will repay those who hate him and cleanse the land for his people.”