

Deuteronomy 31:14-23 **Final instructions before Moses is to die**

God called Moses and Joshua to the tabernacle of Meeting to Change Leadership

14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting, that I may inaugurate him." So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting. 15 Now the LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle.

God revealed what lay ahead for the future

16 And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.

God will turn His face away because of the evil the people will do

17 Then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured. And many evils and troubles shall befall them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' 18 "And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

Song of Witness

19 Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel.

God knows the inclination of the hearts of the people

20 When I have brought them to the land flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them; and they will provoke Me and break My covenant. 21 Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness; for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them."

Moses wrote the song and taught it to the people

22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.

God Inaugurated Joshua

23 Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you."
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Facts Revealed:

Yehowah called Moses and Joshua to the tabernacle of Meeting to Change Leadership [Deuteronomy 31:14-15] [Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 1:37-38, 3:23-28, 31:1-8]

- ✧ God told Moses the days are approaching when Moses must die at age 120. [Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 14-15]
- ✧ Yehowah called Moses and Joshua to the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting.
- ✧ Yehowah appeared in a pillar of cloud above the door of the Tabernacle.

Yehowah revealed what lay ahead for the future [Deuteronomy 31:16]

- ✧ Moses will die and rest with his fathers. [Numbers 27:12-23, Deuteronomy 31:14, 16]

- ✧ The People of Israel will turn from Yehowah and play the harlot with the gods of the people of the land. [Exodus 34:12-17, Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 7:1-4, 8:11-20, 11:16-17, 12:29-31, 31:16, 20]
- ✧ The people will forsake Yehowah and break His covenant which Yehowah made with them. [Deuteronomy 31:16]

God will turn His face away because of the evil the people will do [Deuteronomy 31:17-18]

- ✧ Yehowah's anger will be aroused and He will forsake the people and turn His face away from them. [Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 6:10-15, 7:1-4, 11:16-17, 29:14-28, 31:16-17]
- ✧ The people will be devoured, and many evils and troubles will befall them. [Leviticus 26:14-34, 36-39, Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 8:11-20, 11:16-17, 28:15-68, 29:1-28, 30:15-18, 31:17-18]
- ✧ Then they will acknowledge that the evils have come upon them because God is not among them. [Deuteronomy 29:14-28, 31:17]
- ✧ Yehowah will hide His face because of all the evil they have done, in turning to other gods.

Song of Witness [Deuteronomy 31:19, 21, 32:1-43]

- ✧ Yehowah instructed Moses to write a song of witness against the people and teach it to them.

God knows the inclination of the hearts of the people [Deuteronomy 31:20-21]

- ✧ Yehowah knows that when He has fulfilled His promise to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, and they have become complacent in it:
 - ✧ The people will turn to other gods and provoke Yehowah to anger by breaking His Covenant. [Exodus 34:12-17, Deuteronomy 4:25-28, 7:1-4, 8:11-20, 11:16-17, 12:29-31]
- ✧ When many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song will testify against them as a witness. [Deuteronomy 31:19, 21, 32:1-43]
 - ✧ The Song will not be forgotten in future generations.
- ✧ Yehowah knows the inclination of their behavior as it has already been demonstrated in the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. [Exodus 32:1-6, Numbers 25:1-3]

Moses wrote the song and taught it to the people [Deuteronomy 31:22]

- ✧ The same day, Moses wrote the song and taught it to the Children of Israel

God Inaugurated Joshua [Deuteronomy 31:23]

- ✧ Yehowah inaugurated Joshua, saying:
 - ✧ Be strong and of good courage; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you.
- ✧ God's promise to fulfill His promise to Israel through Joshua, still requires a determined choice on the part of Joshua to be strong and of good courage.
 - ✧ There are no more comforting words, than to hear from the mouth of Yehowah, "I will be with you."
 - ✧ Those are the same words Jesus left with His disciples when He ascended into Heaven. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. [Matthew 28:19-20]