

Deuteronomy 33:1-29 **Blessing Moses pronounced upon Israel before his death**

¹ Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ² And he said:

"The LORD came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came with ten thousands of saints; From His right hand Came a fiery law for them. ³ Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; Everyone receives Your words. ⁴ Moses commanded a law for us, A heritage of the congregation of Jacob. ⁵ And He was King in Jeshurun, When the leaders of the people were gathered, All the tribes of Israel together.

Tribal blessings

⁶ "Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let his men be few."

⁷ And this he said of Judah:

"Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, And bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, And may You be a help against his enemies."

⁸ And of Levi he said:

"Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, Whom You tested at Massah, And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah, ⁹ Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; Nor did he acknowledge his brothers, Or know his own children; For they have observed Your word And kept Your covenant. ¹⁰ They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, And Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You, And a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar. ¹¹ Bless his substance, LORD, And accept the work of his hands; Strike the loins of those who rise against him, And of those who hate him, that they rise not again."

¹² Of Benjamin he said:

"The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."

¹³ And of Joseph he said:

"Blessed of the LORD is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath, ¹⁴ With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months, ¹⁵ With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills, ¹⁶ With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.' ¹⁷ His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh."

¹⁸ And of Zebulun he said:

"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents! ¹⁹ They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand."

²⁰ And of Gad he said:

"Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm and the crown of his head. ²¹ He provided the first part for himself, Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there. He came with the heads of the people; He administered the justice of the LORD, And His judgments with Israel."

²² And of Dan he said:

"Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."

²³ And of Naphtali he said:

"O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the LORD, Possess the west and the south."

24 And of Asher he said:

"Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. 25 Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be.

Acknowledgment of the God of Jeshurun

26 "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds. 27 The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!' 28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His Heavens shall also drop dew. 29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ After God commanded Moses to go up Mount Nebo to die, Moses took time to pronounce a blessing on the tribes of the Children of Israel. [Deuteronomy 33:1-29]
- ✧ First Moses spoke of the greatness and righteousness of God Most High, as God had revealed His ways to the people of Israel, recalling the historic manner Yehowah had led them. [Deuteronomy 33:1-2]
 - ◇ Yehowah (The LORD) came from Sinai, (Mount Horeb where the Law was first given).
 - ◇ And dawned on them from Seir; (the land east of Mount Paran at Kadesh from where they sent out the spies to spy out the land).
 - ◇ He shone forth from Mount Paran, (in the wilderness of Kadesh).
 - ◇ And He came with ten thousands of saints; (all the Children of Israel who came out of Egypt).
 - ◇ From His right hand Came a fiery law for them (God wrote the Ten Commandments with His Own hand on the Tablets of Stone).
- ✧ God loves the People of Israel. [Deuteronomy 33:3]
 - ◇ All His Saints are in His hand, They sit down at the feet of Yehowah and everyone receives the Words of God.
- ✧ Moses commanded a Law for us. [Deuteronomy 33:4-5]
 - ◇ The Law is a heritage of the congregation of Jacob (Israel).
 - ◇ Yehowah was King in Jeshurun (Israel), when the leaders of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together.

Tribal blessings (Simeon the smallest tribe is omitted, they shared in the inheritance of Judah)

[Joshua 19:9]

- ✧ Reuben; "Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let his men be few." [Deuteronomy 33:6]
- ✧ Judah; [Deuteronomy 33:7]
 - ◇ "Hear, Yehowah, the voice of Judah, and bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, and may You be a help against his enemies."
- ✧ Levi; [Deuteronomy 33:8-11]
 - ◇ "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, whom You tested at Massah, and with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah, who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them'; nor did he acknowledge his brothers, or know his own children.

- ✧ For they have observed Your Word And kept Your Covenant. They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, and Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You, and a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar.
- ✧ Bless his substance, Yehowah, and accept the work of his hands;
- ✧ Strike the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they rise not again."
- ✧ Benjamin; [\[Deuteronomy 33:12\]](#)
 - ✧ "The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."
- ✧ Joseph; [\[Deuteronomy 33:13-17\]](#)
 - ✧ "Blessed of the LORD is his land. With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, and the deep lying beneath, with the precious fruits of the sun, with the precious produce of the months, with the best things of the ancient mountains, with the precious things of the everlasting hills, with the precious things of the earth and its fullness. and the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.
 - ✧ Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.' His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns like the horns of the wild ox.
 - ✧ Together with them He shall push the peoples to the ends of the earth; they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."
- ✧ Zebulun and Issachar; [\[Deuteronomy 33:18-19\]](#)
 - ✧ "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents!
 - ✧ They shall call the peoples to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness.
 - ✧ For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas and of treasures hidden in the sand."
- ✧ Gad; [\[Deuteronomy 33:20-21\]](#)
 - ✧ "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad.
 - ✧ He dwells as a lion, and tears the arm and the crown of his head.
 - ✧ He provided the first part for himself, because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there.
 - ✧ He came with the heads of the people.
 - ✧ He administered the justice of Yehowah, and His judgments with Israel."
- ✧ Dan; [\[Deuteronomy 33:22\]](#)
 - ✧ "Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."
- ✧ Naphtali; [\[Deuteronomy 33:23\]](#)
 - ✧ "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the LORD,
 - ✧ Possess the west and the south."
- ✧ Asher; [\[Deuteronomy 33:24-25\]](#)
 - ✧ "Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be.
- ✧ El of Jeshurun (God of Israel) (An acknowledgment); [\[Deuteronomy 33:26-29\]](#)
 - ✧ "There is no one like El (the God) of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds.
 - ✧ The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms;
 - ✧ He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, 'Destroy!'
 - ✧ Then Israel shall dwell in safety,
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