

TAKE POSSESSION OF THE LAND!
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Deuteronomy 32:48-34:12

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32:48-52 I. We all die because of God's covenant curse.

"Go up.... And die on the mountain... because you broke faith with me... and because you did not treat me as holy...."

cf. Gen. 2:17, 3:16-19; Romans 5:12-21; 6:23; Galatians 3:10-14; Revelation 22:1-5

33:1-29 II. We all flourish because of God's covenant blessing.

"This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death."

:1-5 A. He blesses us from heaven.

"...he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand. Yes, he loved his people, all his only ones were in his hand, so they followed in your steps... Thus the Lord became king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered..."
cf. Numbers 6:22-27; Ephesians 1:3

:6-25 B. He blesses us by name.

:6 1. Reuben

"Let Reuben live, and not die, but let his men be few."
cf. Genesis 28:31-32; 35:22; 37:22-29; 49:3-4

:7 2. Judah

"With your hand contend for him, and be a help against his adversaries."
cf. Genesis 29:35; 37:26-28; 38:1-26; 43:3-8; 44:18-34; 49:8-12; I Samuel 16:17; II Samuel 7:4-17; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 7:14; Revelation 5:5

:8-11 3. Levi

"They shall teach Jacob your rules... They shall put incense before you... Bless, O Lord, his substance and accept the work of his hands; crush the loins of his adversaries..."
cf. Genesis 34:25-31; 49:5-7; Exodus 2:1; 32:26-29

:12 4. Benjamin

"The beloved of the Lord dwells in safety. The High God surrounds him all day long, and dwells between his shoulders."
cf. Genesis 35:18; 43:26-34; I Samuel 9:1; II Chronicles 11:1; Philippians 3:5

:13-17 5. Joseph = Ephraim and Manasseh

"Blessed by the Lord be his land with the choicest gifts of heaven above and the deep that crouches beneath.... May these rest on the head of Joseph.... A firstborn bull – he has majesty...."
cf. Genesis 30:22-24; 37:3-4; 49:22-26; 50:25-26; Exodus 13:19; Joshua 24:32

:18-19 6. Zebulun and Issachar

"Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents... for they draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand."
cf. Genesis 30:14-20; 49:13-15; I Chronicles 12:32

:20-21 7. Gad

"Blessed be he who enlarges Gad!"
cf. Genesis 30:9-11; 49:19; Joshua 13:24-28

- :22 8. Dan
“Dan is a lion’s cub that leaps from Bashan.”
 cf. Genesis 30:5-6; 49:16-18; Judges 18
- :23 9. Naphtali
“O Naphtali, sated with favor, and full of the blessing of the Lord, possess the lake and the south.”
 cf. Genesis 30:7-8; 49:21; Joshua 19:32-39
- :24-25 10. Asher
“Most blessed of sons be Asher; let him be the favorite of his brothers...”
 cf. Genesis 30:12-13; 49:20
- :26-29 C. He blesses us as a people.
1. He is unique.
“There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty.”
 cf. Exodus 15:11; Jeremiah 10:6
 2. He is near.
“The eternal God is your dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms.”
 cf. Psalm 90:1
 3. He is fierce.
“And he thrust out the enemy before you and said, ‘Destroy.’”
 4. We are happy.
“Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord.”

3:1-12 III. We all wait for the final blessing of the covenant.

“Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo...”

- :1-4a A. God promised us.
“And the Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,’ ‘I will give it to your offspring.’”
 cf. Genesis 12:7; 13:14-18; 17:7-8
- :4b-8b B. Our greatest covenant mediator failed.
“I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.’ So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab.... And the people of Israel wept for Moses... thirty days.”
 cf. Numbers 20:1-13
- :8b-12 C. God will provide a new covenant mediator.
- :9 1. To lead us through.
“And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him.”
 cf. Matthew 1:21
 - :10-12 2. To get us home.
“And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him....”
 cf. Hebrews 3:4; Revelation 21; 22