

Deuteronomy Lesson #26, Chapter 31

The Lord is near and ever ready to help you understand His Word. Have you asked Him for His help yet?

1. What do you learn about Moses in verse 2? See also 34:7.
2. By way of review, why wasn't Moses allowed to lead Israel into the Land? See Numbers 20:8-13 and 27:12-14.
3. Who will go before Israel into the Promised Land (verse 3)?
4. What encouragement does the Lord give the nation in verses 3-6?
5. What did Moses remind Joshua in verses 7-8?
6. How would those essential truths about God give them courage when they are facing the great and mighty nations in the land? What are some ways to remind yourself of those same truths when you are facing difficult situations?
7. What did Moses give the leaders of Israel and what did he command them concerning it (verses 9-11)? When were they to carry out his instructions (verses 10-11)?

8. See Deuteronomy 15:1-3; 16:13-15; and Leviticus 23:42-43 to review the events of the remission of debts and the Feast of Booths. What do you learn?

9. Who was to hear the Law read and for what purpose (verses 11-13)?

10. Why is it so important to read and study the *whole* Bible, not just the parts we like or just the New Testament? How would reading the whole of God's Word produce in all of us the effects of verse 12?

11. The only recorded account of Israel reading the law aloud to all the people in the manner prescribed here is in Nehemiah 8:1-18. This was after Israel had returned to the land after their 70-year captivity in Babylon. How do the people respond to the Word as it is read to them?

12. What does God tell Moses in verse 14?

13. What happens at Joshua's commissioning (verse 15)?

14. What does God reveal about the nation in verses 16-18?

15. What are Moses and Joshua instructed to do (verse 19)? For what purpose (verses 19-22)?

16. Verse 21 reads, *for I know their intent which they are developing (or making) today*. What do you learn about Israel's rebellion from that phrase?

17. Are there any areas in your life in which you are *developing (making)* rebellion against the Lord? What is the cure for this tendency?

18. Again, Joshua is encouraged with what words in verse 23?

19. What last details does Moses attend to in verses 24-26?

20. What other things are to be witnesses against Israel (verses 26, 28)? Why (verses 27-29)?

21. In what way were the dire predictions of Israel's defection from the Lord true? See Judges 2:7-23? Did you find out anything surprising?

22. What lessons can be learned and applied to your own life from this chapter?

Be reminded and comforted that while it is true that we are just as prone to wandering and unfaithfulness as Israel was, it is also true that God *remains* the same in His purposes and plans. He is ever watching over us to encourage, admonish, and guide. He is always near to strengthen and comfort us when we grow weary. He is inexhaustible, ever patient, and immovable in His love toward us. He will not be thwarted in bringing us to glory and making us more like Himself here on earth. Know also that our feeble attempts at faithful obedience are met and carried along by His mercy, goodness, and love in order to bring us to maturity in Christ.