

Deuteronomy 29 - 30
Renewal of the Covenant - Part 1
Lesson 9

Chapters 29 and 30 appear to be a continuation of Moses' 3rd message. He has provided Israel with God's commands necessary to order and guide their daily lives in the Promised Land. They know God's terms and the blessings that are available through their obedience, as well as the curses (or consequences) of disobedience. Moses now appeals to Israel to make a conscious **choice** to follow God.

Renewal of the Covenant - Chapter 29

1. When did God originally give this covenant and to whom? (Exodus 19:1-6)

2. Moses is once again renewing the covenant in the Plains of Moab. Who does Moses say was present at the renewal of the covenant in Horeb (Mt. Sinai)? Deut. 5:1-3

3. Moses, in recounting their history, said in verse 4 "But to this day the LORD has not given you a mind that understands or eyes that see or ears that hear." What had they apparently missed or not noticed? (vs. 5, 6)

4. God said He did this so they would know He is their God. How do you think this was to happen?

5. What is the reminder again in verse 9 and why?

6. God has told Moses he will not enter the Promised Land and yet he allows Moses to participate in the renewal of the covenant. Who else does he record as being present? (vs. 10, 11)

7. Why does it say they are assembled? (vs. 12)

8. What does this renewal ceremony confirm? (vs. 13)

9. From verses 14 and 15, who does this covenant apply to?

10. From your answers to the above questions, who is Moses appealing to obey God's covenant?

11. Moses, after making his appeal, adds a warning. What is that warning? (vs. 16-18)

12. What does Moses say that produces? Please comment. (vs. 18)

13. This person follows a dangerous path of thinking. Please describe it in your own words. (vs. 19)

14. What does God say such thinking affects? (vs. 19)

15. How does God say He will respond to that person? (vs. 20, 21)

16. After reading the above, how serious do you think this matter is? Please comment.

17. What truth is God laying out so clearly to Israel? (vs. 22-25)

18. Please summarize verse 29 in your own words.

Think about it!

This section points out that as a result of individual acts of unfaithfulness, the entire Promised Land could one day become sick with diseases (22, 23) and its people taken into exile (28). If Israel would not voluntarily teach the nations how to follow God, the nations would instead learn about God by witnessing His punishment of Israel. It was their **choice!**

A call to Decision - Chapter 30

19. After giving Israel a very dark picture, Moses gives them hope. From verses 1 & 2, what action must “you” take to begin the process of hope?

20. What is God’s promise? (vs. 3-5)

21. Why was circumcision given by God? (Genesis 17:9-11)

22. Verse 6 says “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” What do you think that means?

23. What is Moses encouragement to Israel in verses 11-14?

24. What’s the choice as Moses lays it out? (vs. 15)

25. How do they choose the blessing? (vs. 15, 16)

26. How do they choose the curses? (vs. 17, 18)

27. Moses concludes his heart felt message to the Israelites, to whom he's been both shepherd and parent for 40 years, with a plea to "choose life so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice and hold fast to Him." Who does he say the Lord is? (vs. 20)

28. Please write, in your own words, what Moses was trying to say to Israel in these two chapters.