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**The Song Of Moses**  
**Deut. 32:1:47**

Moses has been preparing the second generation to enter the promise land by proclaiming to them the law given to their fathers at Sinai.

He has been warning them about falling into the same mistakes as their fathers did as well as emphasizing the need of their obedience to the covenant once they enter the land.

Moses is doing all this, knowing that he can not enter into the promise land himself, due to his own disobedience at Meribah in the wilderness of Zin, in that he misrepresented God to the people.

Moses sees the people as a loving father his own children and desires the best for them yet God has revealed to him that once they are in the land, they would aposticize.

\* What a contrast this Song of Moses is to the one recorded after the triumphant destruction of all the Egyptian army in the Red Sea. Ex. 15

Now in view of that God commands Moses to write a song down and teach it to the children of Israel, that it may be a witness for God against them as they turn away from God. 31:19-21

\* Have you ever noticed how much easier it is to memorize something to music?

How can God know this? Because He knew the inclination of their behavior that very day, before He brought them in the land.

The Scriptures tell us that God knows the end from the beginning, nothing escapes Him!

\* Notice that the book of Deuteronomy began with reviewing their rebellion to enter the promise land and it finishes with a son to remind them of their rebellion that leads to apostasy!

The song Moses is written in a type of courtroom atmosphere and there are six movements to it.

- I. The opening statement of the prophet. vs. 1-6
- II. The evidence presented by the prophet. vs. 7-18
- III. The sentence proclaimed by the prophet. vs. 19-25
- IV. The vanity of the heathen and Israel revealed by the prophet. vs. 26-33
- V. The judgment and mercy of God promised by the prophet. vs. 34-43
- VI. The closing exhortation to obey God's word delivered by the prophet. vs. 44-47

It is obvious that we can not cover the entire 47 verses in great detail so we will be looking at the key elements that are relevant to our study only.

**I. The opening statement of the prophet. vs. 1-6**

- A. He calls heaven and earth to bear witness to the words to be spoken. vs.1-2
  1. The entire creation bears witness as to who He is. vs. 1

\* Jesus said that if His disciples were silenced the very rocks would cry out.
  2. The words he speaks are as beneficial to them as the dew and rain that falls on the tender plants and grass. vs. 2
    - a. They are heaven sent.
    - b. They would nourish them.

- B.** He declares the greatness of God. vs. 3-4
1. God allows men to be His mouth piece and proclaim His name. vs. 3
    - a. Jehovah means, Jehovah is salvation.
    - b. Jehovah is I am that I am, the becoming One.
  2. Moses commands their acknowledgment of God's greatness.
  3. Moses attests to God's nature. vs. 4
    - a. He is "The Rock", stable and dependable.  
\* Six times this is declared, two times for false gods. vs. 15, 18, 30, 31, 37.
    - b. His works are perfect in every way.
    - c. He is just in all His ways, a God of truth without injustice.
    - d. He is righteous and upright.
- C.** He declares the wickedness of God's people. vs. 5-6
1. They have corrupted their relationship to God. vs. 5
  2. They are foolish and unwise to behave in such a way before God. vs. 6
    - a. Since He was the source of their existence, their Father.
    - b. Since He was responsible for all that they were.

*This is the opening statement of the prophet!*

**II. The evidence presented by the prophet. vs. 7-18**

- A.** God's goodness and faithfulness in the past was to be remembered. vs. 7-14
1. He had the fathers and elders as His witnesses. vs. 7

2. He chose them of all the people of the earth as His inheritance. vs. 8-9  
\* " You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you". Amos 3:1-2
  3. He delivered them from Egypt and instructed them at Sinai. vs. 10  
\* They became the apple or pupil of His eye, tender and under His protection.
  4. He cared for them as an mother eagle, gently weaning her young and teaching them to fly. vs. 11
  5. He led them without the help of any other god. vs. 12
  6. He provided for them. vs. 13-14
- B.** Israel's treachery and unfaithfulness in the future was to be pondered. vs. 15-18
1. They became rebellious and disrespectful as they had an abundance of provisions. vs. 15  
\* Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. Eze 16:49  
\* The word Jeshurun means upright or righteous one, in irony of her fallen state.
  2. They provoked God to jealousy through idolatry, worshipping demons. vs. 16-17  
\* Ps. 106:37, 1Cor. 10:20
  3. They forgot God "The Rock" who fathered them. vs. 18

*This is the evidence presented by the prophet!*

**III. The sentence proclaimed by the prophet. vs. 19-25**

- A. God spurned them and hid His face from them because they provoked Him. vs. 19-20
  - 1. They were His sons and daughters. vs. 19
  - 2. They had become a perverse nation, children of no faith. vs. 20
- B. They provoked God to jealousy so they would be provoked by God to jealousy. vs. 21
  - 1. By a people without God.
  - 2. By a foolish nation.
    - a. The term jealousy relates to the marriage covenant as the wife of God.
    - b. Paul quotes this passage for the call of the Gentiles at the rejection the Jews by God. Rom. 10:19
- C. God's anger would be poured out on them. vs. 22-25
  - 1. It is a fearful anger reaching the lowest parts of Sheol. vs. 22
  - 2. It is manifested in different ways. vs. 23-25
    - a. Disasters in their lives. vs. 23
    - b. Hunger, pestilence, destruction and animals would attack them. vs. 24
    - c. The sword from outside and terror to all from within. vs. 25

*This is the sentence proclaimed by the prophet!*

#### IV. **The vanity of the heathen and Israel revealed by the prophet. vs. 26-33**

- A. If God would of destroyed them altogether, the heathen would of taken the credit. vs. 26-27
  - 1. God knows the thoughts of all men. vs. 26
  - 2. God knows the pride of all men. vs. 27

- B. If God gave the Israelites victory they would of credited themselves. vs. 28-30
  - 1. They are void of council and lack understanding. vs. 28
  - 2. They lacked discretion as to future consequences. vs. 29
    - \* God's desire for them. 5:29
  - 3. They were too full of themselves. vs. 30
- C. If they only knew the death that all other gods bring. vs. 31-33
  - 1. They are not like "The Rock, God Jehovah". vs. 31
  - 2. They are attractive but deadly. vs. 32-33
    - a. Corrupt as Sodom and Gomorrah. vs. 32
    - b. Deadly as poison and a venomous as a cobra. vs. 33

*This is the vanity of the heathen and of Israel revealed by the prophet!*

#### V. **The judgment and mercy of God promised by the prophet. vs. 34-43**

- A. God declares that He is sovereign as to His judgment. vs. 34-35
  - 1. It is a mystery sealed up in His treasures. vs. 34
  - 2. It will be sudden and unexpected. vs. 35
- B. God will manifest mercy in judgment. vs. 36-38
  - 1. He will allow them to reach the end of themselves. vs. 36
  - 2. He will ask them where their gods are? vs. 37
  - 3. He will tell them to have their gods deliver them. vs. 38

\* For he shall have judgment without mercy, that has shown no mercy; and mercy rejoices against judgment. Ja. 2:13

**C. God takes an oath of Himself. vs. 39-42**

1. He is all powerful and in control. vs. 39 READ
2. He swears by Himself, since there is no greater. vs. 40  
\* Heb. 6:16-17
3. He can not be stopped once He decides to judge His enemies. vs. 41-42
  - a. It is His hand. vs. 41
  - b. It is His sword. vs. 42

**D. God will punish the enemies of God's people. vs. 43**

1. The Gentiles are to rejoice with the people of Israel as He avenges His servants. vs. 43a-c  
\* Paul quotes this in Romans. Rom. 15:10
2. The land also and the people of Israel will be atoned. vs. 43d

***This is the judgment and mercy of God promised by the prophet!***

**VI. The closing exhortation to obey delivered by the prophet. vs. 44-47**

- A. Moses and Joshua are seen as one in the teaching of the song. vs. 44
  1. Moses spoke the words.
  2. Joshua was a witness to the words.
- B. Moses points to the key issue. vs. 45-46
  1. He commands them to set their heart on all the words spoken. vs. 46a-b

\* 5:29

2. He commands them regarding their duty to pass down their faith to their children to be careful to observe all the words. vs. 46c-d

\* 6:6-9, 20-25

- C. Moses proclaims the benefits of obedience. vs. 47
  1. Obedience to all the word is not futile, vain or a worthless thing. vs. 47a
  2. The word is your life. vs. 47b
  3. The word would prolong their days in the land. vs. 47c

***This is the closing exhortation to obey , delivered by the prophet!***

**Conclusion**

The song has been presented in a type of courtroom atmosphere making it binding and legal as well as vindicating God as just and righteous unto perfection, even in His judgment by:

- I. The opening statement of the prophet, charged the people.
- II. The evidence presented by the prophet, was incriminating.
- III. The sentence proclaimed by the prophet, was just.
- IV. The vanity of the heathen and Israel revealed by the prophet, is embarrassing.
- V. The judgment and mercy of God promised by the prophet, are sure.
- VI. The closing exhortation to obey God's word delivered by the prophet, was for their good.