

Deuteronomy 31:24-30 **Book of the Law written – Witness to future generations**

Book of the Law written and given to the Levites to be kept beside the Ark of the Covenant

24 So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying: 26 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you;

Future Rebellion

27 for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?

Witness against you

28 Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

Knowledge of future Rebellion

29 For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands."

Song of witness recited to the people

30 Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended: NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Book of the Law written and given to the Levites to be kept beside the Ark of the Covenant

[Deuteronomy 31:24-26]

- ✧ Moses completed writing the words of the Law in a book.
- ✧ Moses gave the Book of the Law to the Levites, to be put beside the Ark of the Covenant.
- ✧ The **Book of the Law is intended to be a witness** against the Children of Israel. [Deuteronomy 31:26]
 - ◇ The Laws of God reveal all the things that mankind is doing that is not acceptable to God.
 - ◇ The Law demonstrates that all mankind is worthy of death because of their sins.
 - ◇ The Law demonstrates the punishment that God will impose upon mankind for their sins.
 - ◇ By the Law man is made aware of what God calls sin and does not accept.

Future Rebellion [Deuteronomy 31:27]

- ✧ God knows the ways of mankind and is able to tell us in advance what we will do in time.
- ✧ The Children of Israel have been in stiff neck rebellion while Moses was still with them.
- ✧ And at the Word of God, Moses knows that after his death, they will be far more so.

Witness against you [Deuteronomy 31:28]

- ✧ Moses called the leaders of Israel to speak the words of the Law in their hearing.
- ✧ Heaven and earth are again called as witness against them. [Deuteronomy 4:26, 30:19-20, 31:28]
 - ◇ God is able to call things of earth to witness against us. [Habakkuk 2:11]

Knowledge of future Rebellion [Deuteronomy 31:29]

- ✧ For I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.

Song of witness recited to the people [Deuteronomy 31:30] [Written Deuteronomy 31:22]

✧ Moses spoke the Song of Witness in the hearing of all the Assembly of Israel.