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31:20....they will forget

31:21....the song will be a witness of the efforts of God....

31:22-23..the song is written, Joshua is instructed

31:24.....Moses' writing...until all was finished

31:25....the law is delivered to the Levites

31:26....and they are to put it (and maintain it, apparently) with the ark.

31:27....as a continual witness against rebellion

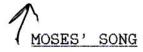
31:28-29.. Moses calls for a gathering of the people and predicts events following his death.

31:30.... And he gave out the song!

III. Conclusion

In some ways the message is discouraging. It is why many Bible critics think the account was written after the fact but it seems best to recognize that the predictions are made on the realities of history. Israel is not being forced to disobey but the disinclination to obedience has been visible for a long time and Moses does not think the general pattern will change. Nevertheless, he and Joshua do not quit or give up in their calling and that is a lesson for all of us. No matter how grim things may appear, God's will needs to be obeyed and God's purposes honored. Thanks again for joining us and may the grace of the Lord be with you-all today.

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Deuteronomy 32

I. Introduction

Welcome to another study in the Book of Deuteronomy, the fifth book in the Bible and a key book in understanding God's relationship with Israel. From this book we pick up many lessons and principles that are important for our present living and none of these is more apparent than the fact that obedience to God is the most necessary part of one's life style. Today we are considering chapter 32...it is a long chapter but it is the "song" God gave to Moses and we may consider it as a whole. Moses is remembered for three songs, this one, Psalm 90, and the victory song of Exodus 15. This song, Deueronomy 32, is a teaching song and was to have a great place in the life of the Lord's people. We may divide the chapter on these lines:

32:1-14....praise to the Lord
15-43....the relationship of God and His people
44-52....pesonal affairs of Moses