

Deut 4 1-4 Remember – Cowboy Rides Away
Deut 6 5-11 *Love* – *Shema* Israel
Deut 12 12-26 Ten Commandments *CONNECTED*
to Whole Law, Pt 1
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CONNECTED to Whole Law, Pt 2
★ Deut 30 30 This Day *DEATH* or *LIFE*
Deut 33 31-34 God's Power

November 23, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:15
I set before you **TODAY**
Life & Prosperity,
Death & Destruction

Moses, 1513-15
by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro
in Vincoli, Rome



View of Mt. Nebo
east of Dead Sea



Tabernacle
in
Wilderness

Soon, Moses is going to call

Heaven & Earth as a *WITNESSES*

On the Heavens & Earth, I call forth
Neil Degrasse Tyson as a witness
Astrophysicist & former director of
Hayden Planetarium in the Rose Center
in New York City
He supervised its \$200-million renovation
which was completed in 2000



Texas Department of Criminal Justice runs 100+ State Prisons
After passing through the gate of razor-wire perimeter fence
Into the Admin Building – somewhere on some wall in BIG letters

Do the Right Thing!

George Beto – Lutheran Minister & short time as college president

1953 Gov. Allan Shivers appointed Beto to the Texas Prison Board

1962, Beto became Director & Chief of Chaplains

Pioneer in prison reform ... helped establish

Sam Houston SU Dept Criminal Justice

1972-1991 Criminology Professor at SHSU

Beto became famously or infamously known:

**"preacher" with "a baseball bat in one hand
and a Bible in the other."**

www.TSHAonline.org/handbook/entries/beto-george-john

WALKING GEORGE



MOSES – Moses – Moses

Walking Moses! Now at the end of his days ...

**From his Deuteronomy Speeches, we see a great BURDEN
We see GREAT LOVE ... Concern ... Worry ... even Fretting
Like telling a teenage boy NOT to go into the Bull's pasture**

Do the Right Thing!

**Gosh, that is a great summary of Deut 30
WHOLE of the Law is now written, sealed
Deut 30 is Moses with trembling serious hands
Kid Gloves & a Father-Moses PLEA**



Deuteronomy – What is the RELEVANCE?

1–4 1st Address of Moses Reviews 40-Year Trek

5–26 2nd Address of Moses Restates Law

5-7 Recall Ten Commandments & *Shema* Prayer

8-21 Religious and National Regulations

22-26 Regulations for Domestic & Personal Relations

27–30 3rd Address of Moses on Future Land

27–28 Blessings and Curses

29–30 Final Exhortation – *today 30*

31–34 Final Days of Moses

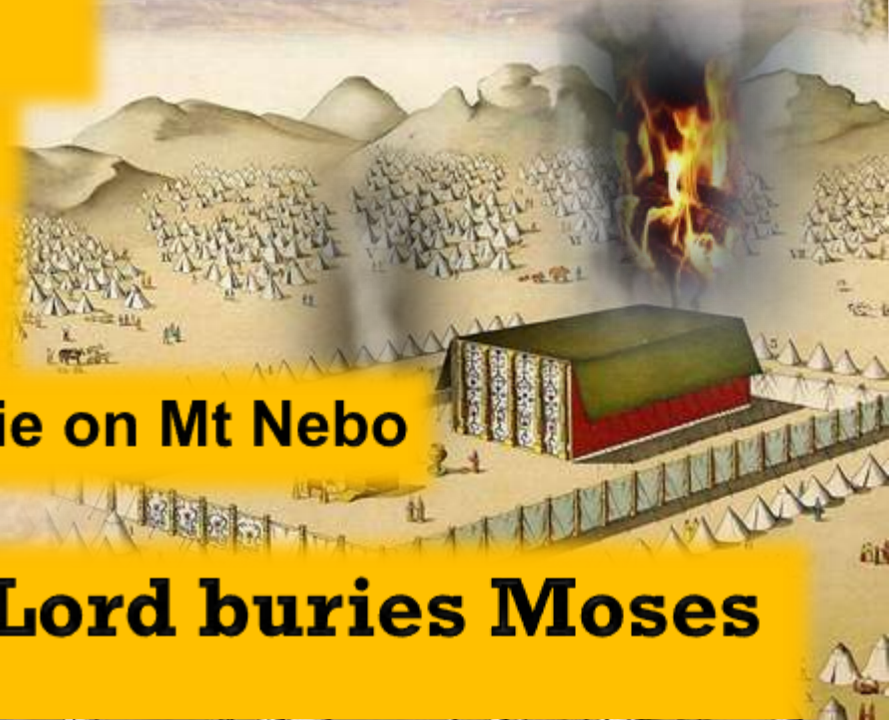
31 God tells Moses to commission Joshua

Moses writes Book of Law – put it in Ark

32 Song of Moses – Moses TOLD he would die on Mt Nebo

33 Blessings of Moses to Tribes

34 Moses climbs Mt Nebo, *DIES*, Lord buries Moses



Deuteronomy 30:1-2

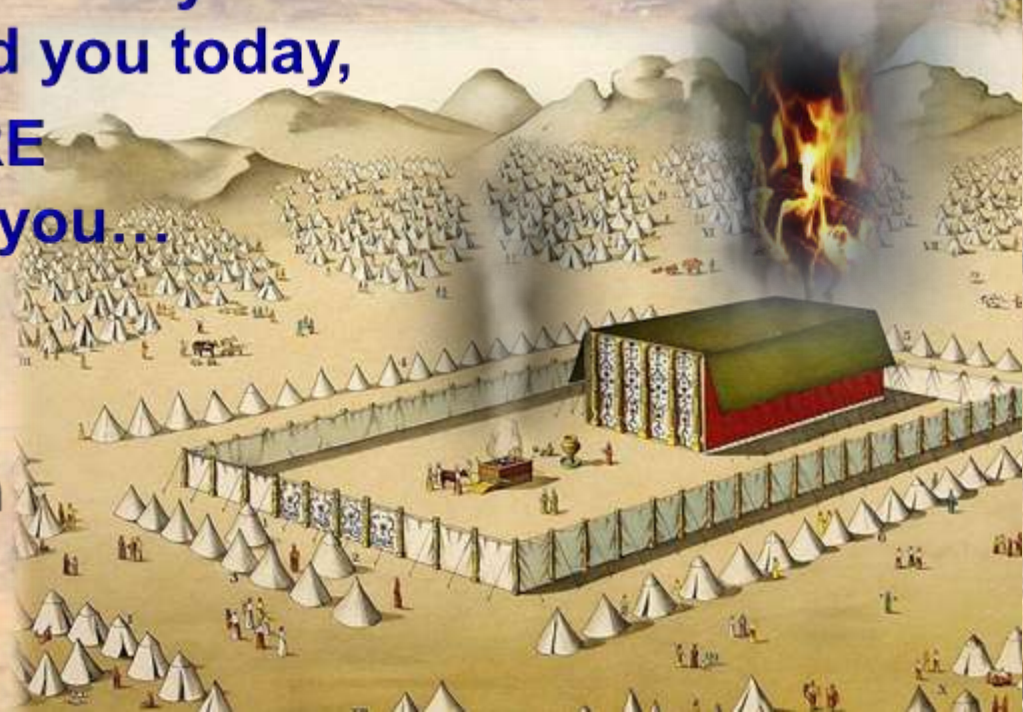
WHEN ... WHEN ... *THEN!*

- 1 *WHEN* all these blessings & curses I have set before you come on you & you take them to HEART wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations,
- 2 *WHEN* you & your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with ALL your HEART & with ALL your SOUL according to EVERYTHING I command you today,
- 3 *THEN* the LORD your God will RESTORE your fortunes & have compassion on you...

Moses – foretelling the future
FORTUNE Telling the Future?

Moses – rather exhausts his persuasion

Moses – doing the BEST he can



Moses—Pleads

Moses—Knows

Forgive me, kind of reminds
of an old song that

Moses was likely singing

Fortunately, got a video of

Toddler Moses

SINGING

Why can't yah see

What you're doin' to me

When you don't

believe a word I say



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Deuteronomy 30:4-10

- 4-6** Moses tenderly promises **NO MATTER** where they are
wherever they may be “**Banished**” God will bring them back
God will circumcise their **HEARTS & HEARTS** of descendants
- 6** ... so that you may **LOVE** Him [**YHWH God**] with **ALL** your **HEART**
and with **ALL** your **SOUL**, and **LIVE**.
- 7-9** **LORD** ... put all these curses on your enemies who hate you ...
you will **OBEY** ... God will make you **PROSPEROUS**
- 10** **IF** you **OBEY** the **LORD** your God & **KEEP** commands ...
written in this **Book of the Law**
& turn to the **LORD** your God with
ALL your **HEART** &
with ALL your **SOUL**.

w 1-3, Moses uses **HEART 5x** & **SOUL 3x**



Deuteronomy 30:11-14

12-13 It is not up in heaven.... nor sea....

14 No, the word is very NEAR you ...
in your MOUTH ... in your HEART

On Deut 30:11-14, Charles H. Spurgeon said these
fine words on June 13, 1887:

Way of salvation is brought home to us,
given to us in a handy form, and
laid within grasp of our understanding;
it is spoken to us in human language, and
brought within the compass of human emotions.
We can speak it with our mouths,
and enjoy it with our hearts.



Charles H. Spurgeon
by Alexander Melville

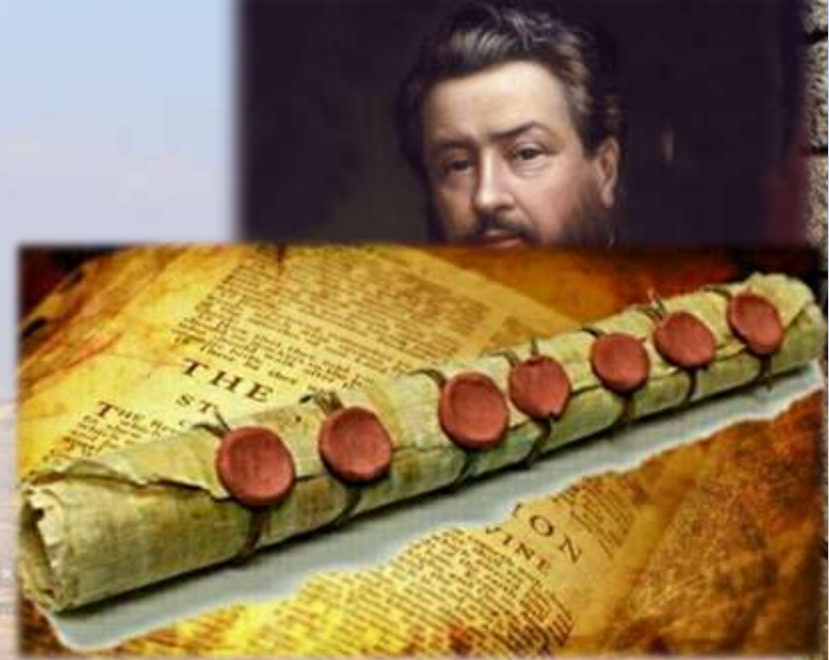
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Spurgeon continues,

It is a household treasure, not a foreign rarity.
It is not so remote from us that only “they” can
know it who travel far to make discoveries,
neither is it so sublimely difficult ...

That one must SOAR to heaven and RANSACK the
secrets of the Book Sealed with Seven Seals.
It is brought to our doors like the manna, and
**flows at our feet like the
water from the *ROCK*.**



Deuteronomy 30:11-14

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Spurgeon continues,

**It is, as Moses says, “very nigh to us” ...
nigh to each one who hears the gospel.**

Moses puts it in the singular:

**“It is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth,
and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.”**

Now in Christ, we know much more

**We also have the Spirit that bares witness with our Spirit
And angels aiding ... a great host who have gone before**



Charles H. Spurgeon
by Alexander Melville

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Moses continues ... almost tenderly, gingerly, in great earnest:

11 Now what I am commanding you today is
not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.

12-13 It is not up in heaven.... Nor is it beyond the sea....

14 No, the word is very NEAR you ... in your MOUTH ... in your HEART

Paul in Romans 10:9-10 quoted Deut 12-14, concluding:

8 But what does it say? "Word is near you
it is in your mouth & in your heart?" ...

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," &
believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe & are justified, and
it is with your mouth that you profess your faith & are saved.

Deuteronomy 30:15-17

Then the Great Divide – Fork in the Road – Only TWO PATHS

15 See, I set before you today

Life & Prosperity,

Death & Destruction!!!

16 For I command you today to love the LORD your God,
to walk in obedience ...

his commands, decrees ...

***THEN* you will live and increase....**

17 But if your heart turns away ...

DESTROYED....

Cannot be clearer or more foreboding



15 See, I set before you today

Life & Prosperity, Death & Destruction.

Here's a great illustration from the Eastwood classic

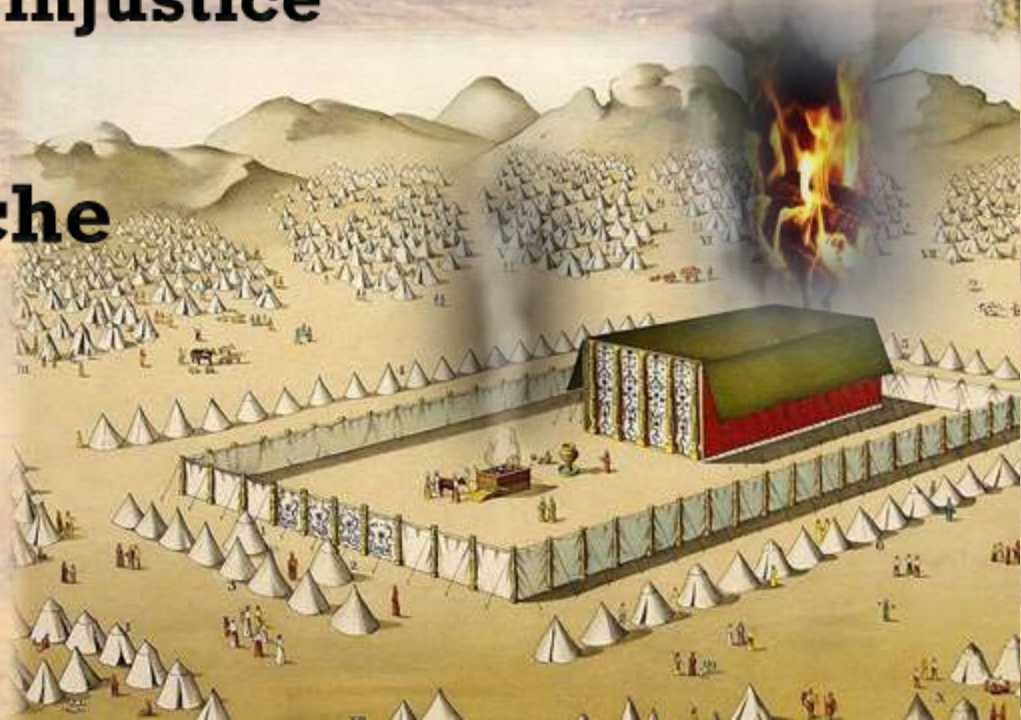
Outlaw Josey Wales (1976)

An outlaw anti-hero who defends the weak

Who tough-as-nails stands against injustice

Who AFTER a lot of injustice

Finds a friend in the Comanche



1:17 / 4:29

There is iron in your words of death
for all Comanches to see.
And so there is iron
in your words of life.
No signed paper can hold the iron.
It must come from men.
The words of Ten Bears carry
the same iron of life and death.

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-Got nowhere to go.

-Then you're just giving your life.

I It is good that warriors such as we
m meet in the struggle of life...

A ...or death.

T It shall be life.

t So will it be.

A I reckon so.

Deuteronomy 30:17-20

From the Witnesses to Life-Death Covenant Brought Forth

19-20 This day I call the heavens & the earth as witnesses against you

that I have set before you **Life & Death,**
Blessings & Curses.

NOW CHOOSE LIFE

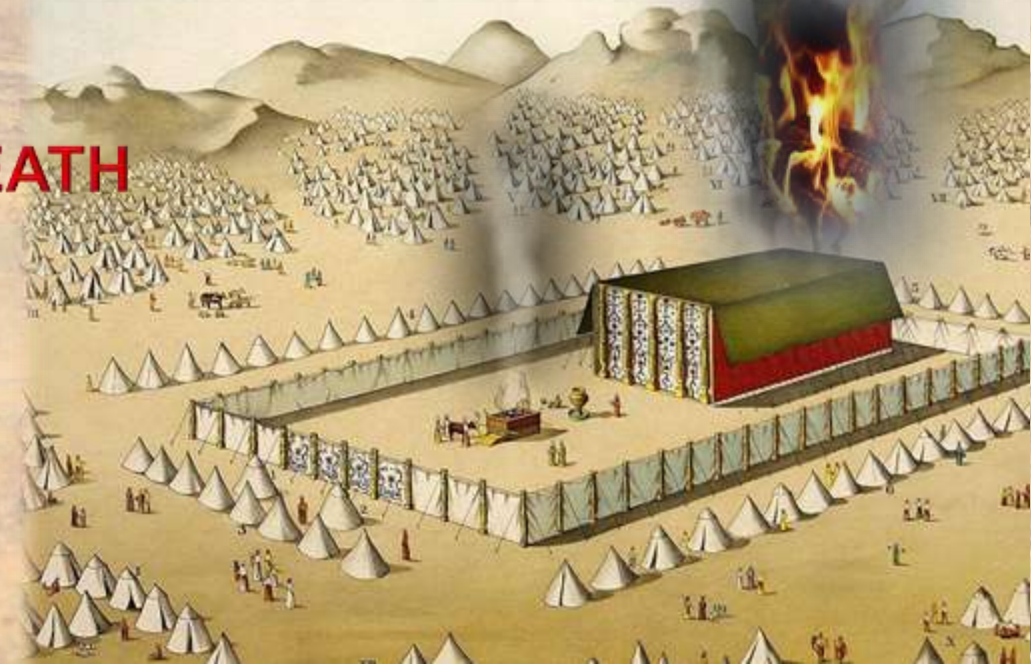
As if anyone would **NOT** so choose

As if, per chance, some **would** choose **DEATH**

As if anyone would **NOT** like **LIFE**

As if some are on the **FENCE**, waffling

As if some might not actually **LISTEN**



Deuteronomy 30:17-20

NOW CHOOSE LIFE

As if Moses needed to give a *REASON* for *LIFE*

As if Moses needed to *PERSUADE* them,

As if Moses needed to *REWARD* them for choosing *LIFE*

so that you and your children may live ...
that you may love the LORD your God,
listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him.

For the LORD is YOUR LIFE, &
He will give you many years in the land
he swore to give to your fathers,
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

After 4-30, *FEEL* Moses' *Heart* Burning, Begging, *LOVING* Israel

