

Joshua's Appointment
Deuteronomy 31:1-29
Study Guide

Day 1

Read Deuteronomy 31:1-8

1. How old was Moses when he preached this sermon?

2. Moses' life can be divided up into three periods of forty years each. What was Moses' life for the first forty years? The second? The third?

3. Even though Moses was the man who lead Israel for forty years, the reality was that the true leader of the people was God. That fact will not change upon Moses' death. From verse three, what does Moses say that God will do?

4. God chooses to lead His people through human leaders. Whom does Moses say will take over this mantle of leadership?

5. While God promised to destroy and deliver over the nations of Canaan to Israel, it did not negate the fact that Israel still had to work for it. What were Israel's responsibilities that they had to carry out in order to defeat these nations?

6. Thank God for the leaders that He raises up to guide His people. Pray for them that they would be faithful to the task that God has given them to do. Also praise God that He can be relied upon to always guide you, even when your earthly leader's fail. Ask Him to be your guide through life as He was to Israel. He is the perfect scout, who carefully plots the way ahead ensuring the best passage for His children.

Day 2

Read Deuteronomy 31:1-8

1. All the people were told to "be strong and courageous." Explain what it means to be strong and courageous. Write down a couple of cross references where these words are used.

2. Moses' command to "be strong and courageous" was not simply a pre-game pep talk. This command is based upon two great realities. Upon what two realities was this strength and courage based?

4. Why did God want Moses to write and teach the people a song?

5. God knew that Israel would fail Him in the future, and yet He made provision to ensure that they would eventually turn to Him. Thank God that He loves you now, even though He currently knows the sins you will commit in the future. Thank Him for His provision of the Holy Spirit of promise which is your guarantee that you will never fall away from Him. If you are a true child of God, He will convict and chasten you until you return. Worship Jesus Christ, who is your advocate. He is standing before the Father's throne continually (right now) and pleading your case of forgiveness because of the work which He accomplished on your behalf.

Day 5

Read Deuteronomy 31:23-29

1. What is Moses' reasoning that Israel will be wicked after his death?

2. Explain verse 26. How would the law in the ark "remain there as a witness against [them]?"

