

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 32

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Deuteronomy thirty-two is the recording of a beautiful song which Moses sang before the LORD and the people as a testimony of God's choosing, care and compassion for Israel. Moses begins by following the words he had spoken at the end of chapter thirty-one. The words he had spoken were to be put up near the Ark of God, the sacred chest with its covering seat of mercy. These were to be taken as warning and encouragement to the people, to be faithful to God when He fulfilled His promises, and they entered the promised land of inheritance. Moses was aware of the sinful nature of God's people and knew there would come a time when they would stray from God and begin to worship the creation instead of the creator and become disobedient. Moses reminded them that God was not only the creator but was also their Father. This is not unique in the teachings of the Old Testament/TNK, but it is not the emphasis of the Sacred Writings to Israel. God chose the ancestors of the Hebrew people and made sure they were just where they needed to be when He divided the peoples of the earth during the days when the earth and

nations were divided. They were descendants of Eber, where the name "Hebrew" comes from in the language. God has led and provided for their fathers and had done the same for them. Verses ten and following paint a poetic and breath-taking picture of how God cared for them. "He found him in a desert land and in the wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye (the "apple of the eye" refers to the most tender part of a person's body, the "pupil" of the eye)." v.10

Moses came with Joshua, who would soon succeed him, and spoke the words of the song recorded in chapter 32. Then he said to the people, "obey" the words God had spoken through him. He then gives a key reason to obey, "**For it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land...**" v. 47

Prayer and Action Steps?

Thank you, LORD, for giving me your words that give me life and give my life meaning and purpose. Find your purpose in life and do it!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
