

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 04 Dec ..... Num 1:1-8:26 ..... Stay True to Your Commitments
- 2) 11 Dec ..... Num 9:1-10:10 ..... Stay on Track with God's GPS
- 3) 18 Dec ..... Num 10:11-15:41 ..... Stay Fearless in Your Obedience
- 4) 25 Dec ..... Num 24:15-19; Mat 1:1-2:23 ..... The Messiah has Come
- 5) 01 Jan 2012 ..... Num 16:1-25:18 ..... Stay Grateful for God's Care
- 6) 08 Jan ..... Num 26:1-36:13 ..... Stay Focused on the Goal
- 7) 15 Jan ..... Deut 5;19;24; Mat 5 ..... Be Resolute about Life's value
- 8) 22 Jan ..... Deut 1:1-4:43 ..... Be Exclusive
- 9) 29 Jan ..... Deut 4:44-11:32 ..... Be Passionate
- 10) 05 Feb ..... Deut 12:1-16:17 ..... Be Different
- 11) 12 Feb ..... Deut 16:18-26:19 ..... Be Honest and Fair
- 12) 19 Feb ..... Deut 27:1-30:20 ..... Be Repentant
- 13) 26 Feb ..... Deut 31:1-34:12 ..... **Be Positive**

**INTRODUCTION**

- It's the end of the line for Moses, but the beginning of a new nation

Passage	Comments
Deut 31:1-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. God will destroy these nations, and Israel will drive them out. In other places:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ God will strike the Canaanites with diseases and dispossess them from the Land..... Num 14:22</li> <li>◆ Israel is to dispossess the Canaanites ..... Deut 9:1</li> <li>◆ God will drive them out little bit at a time .... Deut 7:22</li> <li>◆ God delivers them to Israel and Israel is to utterly destroy them ..... Deut 7:2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In summary, God initiates the action and takes credit for it and He has Israel carry out their assigned duties</li> <li>• vv7-8. Moses introduces Joshua as his successor</li> <li>• vv10-13. Israel was to read the Law for the people to listen and learn once every 7 years (remember, people didn't know how to read, and there were few copies</li> <li>• vv16-17. Israel will first abandon God, and God will abandon His people – Many troubles await them</li> <li>• vv27-30. Moses foretells the wickedness Israel will soon do following his death – So Sing this Song...</li> </ul>
32:1-52	<p><b>Song of Moses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is not a Happy-Go-Lucky song, but one of dire prediction of Israel's soon departure from God</li> <li>• But it was a song with sound doctrinal truth to entice the singers to Chose Life and avoid death</li> <li>• Can you imagine singing a song about your family and having to memorize stanzas such as the following:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This is your defect – you are not God's children .... v5</li> <li>◆ You are devious and crooked ..... v5</li> <li>◆ You are foolish and senseless ..... v6</li> <li>◆ You became fat, bloated and gorged ..... v15</li> <li>◆ You practice detestable practices ..... v16</li> <li>◆ You sacrifice to demons ..... v17</li> <li>◆ You are perverted and unfaithful ..... v20</li> <li>◆ So God will pile disasters on you ..... v23</li> <li>◆ You will hunger and hurt ..... v24</li> <li>◆ You will watch your children die by the sword ..... v25</li> </ul> </li> <li>• And that's only half the song. God also wanted them to think things through and consider their situation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ God is Just, Righteous and True ..... v4</li> <li>◆ He watches you like an eagle watches her young v11</li> <li>◆ He blessed your economy ..... v13</li> <li>◆ You need to be wise and understand your fate .... v29</li> <li>◆ ...and one day God will bless you again..... v36</li> <li>◆ Realize that God brings death and gives life ..... v39</li> <li>◆ ...and God wounds and heals ..... v39</li> <li>◆ ...and one day He will purify you ..... v43</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After teaching this song to Israel, Moses had a few last words to say – “Take very seriously all these words of this song as a <b>WARNING</b>... Command your children to follow God's laws, for they are not meaningless words, but they are <b>LIFE</b>”</li> </ul>
33:1-29	<p><b>Moses Pronounces His Blessing on the 12 Tribes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 tribes out of 14 are mentioned. Simeon is missing</li> <li>• In Rev 7, where 12,000 from each tribe make up the 144,000 witnesses, Dan and Ephraim are missing, probably due to their deplorable idolatry and apostasy recorded prior to Israel's Babylonian captivity</li> </ul>
34:1-12	<p><b>God Secretly Buries Moses.....WHY?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv10-11. Moses was unique                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ God spoke to other prophets by visions and dreams, but with Moses it was more direct ..... Num 12:6-8</li> <li>◆ God spoke to Moses directly (“face-to-face” or “mouth to mouth” is a metaphor for direct or intimate communication, since Scripture is clear no one can see God's face and live, even Moses... Exodus 33:20                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deut 5:4 God spoke to all Israel “face to face”</li> <li>• Num 12:8. God spoke to Moses “mouth to mouth”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Moses doesn't appear again till the Transfiguration of Jesus with Elijah.....Matthew 17:2</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- How hard is it for people to obey simple, common sense laws such as love one another, take care of the weaker ones, be kind?
- But if we can't even get Christians to obey the speed limit, how can we expect non-Christians to seek the things of God?
- We Christians need to be salty examples that preserve society

**NEXT WEEK:**

**Luke 1.** Luke, a companion of the Apostle Paul pens this letter to Theophilus to validate the facts his faith was based on and records the Archangel Gabriel making an appearance to a Levite priest, Zechariah, and to his young niece or niece-in-law, Mary, to foretell the birth of their respective sons, John the Baptist and Jesus Christ.

