

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 32

¹ "Attend, O heaven, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words out of my mouth. ² Let my speech be looked for as the rain, and my words come down as dew, as the showers upon the herb, and as snow upon the grass. ³ For I have called on the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God. ⁴ *As for God, His works are true, and all His ways are justice. God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness in Him; just and holy is the Lord.* ⁵ They have sinned, not *pleasing* Him; spotted children, a crooked and perverse generation. ⁶ Do you thus recompense the Lord? O foolish and unwise people. Did not He Himself, your Father, purchase you, and make you, and form you? ⁷ Remember the days of old, consider the years for past ages; ask your father, and he shall relate to you, *ask your elders, and they shall tell you.* ⁸ When the Most High divided the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God. ⁹ And His people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, Israel was the line of His inheritance. ¹⁰ He maintained him in the wilderness, in burning thirst and a dry land: He led him about and instructed him, and kept him as the apple of *His* eye. ¹¹ As an eagle would watch over his brood, and yearns over his young, he receives them, having spread his wings, and takes them up on his back. ¹² The Lord alone has led them, there was no strange god with them. ¹³ He brought them up on the strength of the land; He fed them with the fruits of the fields; they sucked honey out of the rock, and oil out of the solid rock. ¹⁴ Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with the fat of lambs and rams, of calves and kids, with fat of kidneys of wheat; and he drank wine, the blood of the grape.

¹⁵ "So Jacob ate and was filled, and the beloved one kicked; he grew fat, he became thick and broad: then he forsook the God that made him, and departed from God his Savior."

¹⁶ "They provoked Me to anger with strange gods; with their abominations they bitterly angered Me."

¹⁷ "They sacrificed to demons, and not to God; to gods whom they did not know: new and fresh *gods* came in, whom their fathers did not know. ¹⁸ You have forsaken the God that fathered you, and forgotten the God who feeds you. ¹⁹ And the Lord saw, and was jealous; and He was provoked by the anger of His sons and daughters, ²⁰ and said, 'I will turn away My face from them, and will show what shall happen to them in the last days; for it is a perverse generation, sons in whom is no faith. ²¹ They have provoked Me to jealousy by *that which is* not God, they have exasperated Me with their idols; and I will provoke them to jealousy with them that are not a nation, I will anger them with a nation void of understanding. ²² For a fire has been kindled out of My wrath, it shall burn to hell below; it shall devour the land, and the fruits of it; it shall set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

²³ 'I will gather evils upon them, and will fight with My weapons against them.

²⁴ *They shall be* consumed with hunger and the devouring of birds, and there shall be irremediable destruction: I will send forth against them the teeth of wild beasts, with the rage of *serpents* creeping on the ground. ²⁵ Outside, the sword shall bereave them of children, and terror *shall issue* out of the secret chambers;

the young man shall perish with the virgin, the suckling with him who has grown old. ²⁶ I said, I will scatter them, and I will cause their memorial to cease from among men. ²⁷ Were it not for the wrath of the enemy, lest they should live long, lest their enemies should combine against them; lest they should say, Our own outstretched arm, and not the Lord's, has done all these things.'

²⁸ It is a nation that has lost counsel, neither is there understanding in them. ²⁹ They had not sense to understand; let them reserve these things against the time to come. ³⁰ How should one pursue a thousand, and two put tens of thousands to flight, if God had not sold them, and the Lord had not delivered them up? ³¹ For their gods are not as our God, but our enemies *are* void of understanding. ³² For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and their vinebranch of Gomorrah: their grape *is* a grape of gall, their cluster *is* one of bitterness. ³³ Their wine *is* the rage of serpents, and the incurable rage of asps.

³⁴ "'Lo! Are not these things stored up by Me, and sealed among My treasures? ³⁵ In the day of vengeance I will recompense, whenever their foot shall be tripped up; for the day of their destruction *is* near to them, and the judgments at hand are close upon you.' ³⁶ For the Lord shall judge His people, and shall be comforted over His servants; for He saw that they were utterly weakened, and failed in the hostile invasion, and have become feeble. ³⁷ And the Lord said, 'Where are their gods on whom they trusted? ³⁸ The fat of whose sacrifices you ate, and you drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them arise and help you, and be your protectors. ³⁹ Behold I, even I, am *He*, and there is no God beside Me: I kill, and I will make alive: I will strike, and I will heal; and there is none who shall deliver out of My hands. ⁴⁰ For I will lift up My hand to heaven, and swear by My right hand, and I will say, "I live forever." ⁴¹ For I will sharpen My sword like lightning, and My hand shall take hold of judgment; and I will render judgment to My enemies, and will recompense them that hate Me. ⁴² I will make My weapons drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, *it shall gorge itself* with the blood of the wounded, and from the captivity of the heads of *their* enemies that rule over them.' ⁴³ Rejoice, you heavens, with Him, and let all the angels of God worship Him; rejoice you Gentiles, with His people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in Him; for He shall avenge the blood of His sons, and He shall render vengeance, and recompense justice to His enemies, and He will repay them that hate Him; and the Lord shall purge the land of His people."

⁴⁴ And Moses wrote this song in that day, and taught it to the children of Israel; and Moses went in and spoke all the words of this law in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the *son* of Nun. ⁴⁵ And Moses finished speaking to all Israel. ⁴⁶ And he said to them, "Take heed with your heart to all these words, which I testify to you this day, which you shall command your sons, to observe and do all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ For this *is* no vain word to you; for it *is* your life, and because of this word you shall live long upon the land, into which you go over the Jordan to inherit it."

⁴⁸ And the Lord spoke to Moses in this day, saying, ⁴⁹ "Go up this mountain of Abarim, this Mount Nebo which is in the land of Moab over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan, which I give to the sons of Israel: ⁵⁰ and *you shall* die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people; as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor,

and was gathered to his people.⁵¹ Because you disobeyed My word among the children of Israel, at the Waters of Strife, of Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin; because you did not hallow Me among the sons of Israel.⁵² You shall see the land before *you*, but you shall not enter into it.”