

DEUTERONOMY CHAPTER 33

¹ And this *is* the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ² And he said, "The Lord has come from Sinai, and has appeared from Seir to us, and has shone forth from Mount Paran, with the ten thousands of Kadesh; on His right hand *were* His angels with Him. ³ And He spared His people, and all His saints *are* in Your hand; and they are under You. And he received of His words ⁴ the law which Moses commanded us, an inheritance to the assemblies of Jacob. ⁵ And he shall be prince with the beloved one, when the princes of the people are gathered together with the tribes of Israel.

⁶ "Let Reuben live, and not die; and let him be many in number."

⁷ And this *is the blessing* of Judah: "Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and visit his people: his hands shall contend for him, and You shall be a help from his enemies."

⁸ And to Levi he said, "*Let* Levi give his manifestations and his truth to the holy One, whom they tempted in the temptation; they reviled Him at the Water of Strife. ⁹ Who says to his father and mother, 'I have not seen you'; and he disowned his brothers, and he refused to know his children; he kept Your oracles, and observed Your covenant. ¹⁰ They shall declare Your ordinances to Jacob, and Your law to Israel; they shall place incense in *the time of* Your wrath continually upon Your altar. ¹¹ Bless his substance, O Lord, and accept the works of his hands; break the loins of his enemies that have risen up against him, and let not them that hate him rise up."

¹² And to Benjamin he said, "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in confidence, and God overshadows him always, and he rested between His shoulders.

¹³ And to Joseph he said, "His land *is* of the blessing of the Lord, of the seasons of sky and dew, and of the deeps of wells below, ¹⁴ and of the fruits of the changes of the sun in season, and of the produce of the months, ¹⁵ from the top of the ancient mountains, and from the top of the everlasting hills, ¹⁶ and of the fullness of the land in season; and let the things pleasing to him that dwelt in the bush come on the head of Joseph, and on the crown *of him who was* glorified above his brothers. ¹⁷ His beauty *is as* the firstborn bull, his horns *are* the horns of a unicorn; with them he shall thrust the nations at once, even from the end of the earth: these *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and these *are* the thousands of Manasseh."

¹⁸ And to Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar in his tents. ¹⁹ They shall utterly destroy the nations, and you shall call *men* there, and there offer the sacrifice of righteousness; for the wealth of the sea shall suckle you, and so shall the emporiums of them that dwell by the sea coast."

²⁰ And to Gad he said, "Blessed *be* the one that enlarges Gad: as a lion he rested, having broken the arm and the ruler. ²¹ And he saw his firstfruits, that there the land of the princes gathered with the chiefs of the people was divided; the Lord wrought righteousness, and His judgment with Israel."

²² And to Dan he said, "Dan *is* a lion's whelp, and shall leap out of Bashan."

²³ And to Naphthali he said, "Naphthali *has* the fullness of good things; and let him be filled with blessing from the Lord: he shall inherit the west and the south."

²⁴ And to Asher he said, "Asher *is* blessed with children; and he shall be acceptable to his brothers: he shall dip his food in oil. ²⁵ His sandal shall be iron and brass; as your days *be*, so *shall be* your strength. ²⁶ There is not *any such* as the God of the beloved; He who rides upon the heaven *is* your helper, and the Magnificent One of the firmament. ²⁷ And the rule of God shall protect you, and *that* under the strength of the everlasting arms; and He shall cast forth the enemy from before your face, saying, 'Perish.' ²⁸ And Israel shall dwell in confidence alone on the land of Jacob, with grain and wine; and the sky *shall be* misty with dew upon you. ²⁹ Blessed *are* you, O Israel; who *is* like you, O people saved by the Lord? Your helper shall hold His shield over you, and *His* sword *is* your boast; and your enemies shall speak falsely to you, and you shall tread upon their neck."