

<sup>28</sup> Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. <sup>29</sup> For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands. <sup>30</sup> And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

*The Song of Moses*

Part I

**32** Give ear O heavens, and I will speak;  
Hear O earth the words of my mouth;  
<sup>2</sup> Allow my teaching to fall as the rain,  
my words distill as the dew,  
like showers upon the tender herb,  
abundant rain upon the grass.  
<sup>3</sup> I will proclaim the name of the LORD,  
O praise the greatness of our God!  
<sup>4</sup> He is the Rock, His work is perfect,  
and all His ways are judgment.  
A faithful God Who does no wrong,  
upright and just is He.  
<sup>5</sup> They have corrupted themselves  
to their own shame they are no longer his children  
— a warped and crooked generation.  
<sup>6</sup> Is this the way you repay the LORD  
O people foolish and unwise?  
Is He not your Father, your Creator  
Who formed you and established you?  
<sup>7</sup> Remember the days of old, consider  
the years of generations past.  
Ask of your father, he will show you.  
Your elders will explain it all to you;  
<sup>8</sup> When the Most High divided to the nations,  
gave them their inheritance  
separated the sons of men,  
<sup>8b</sup> He set the boundaries of the people  
according to the number of the sons of Israel.  
<sup>9</sup> For the LORD's portion is His people —  
Jacob His inheritance.  
<sup>8b</sup> He set the boundaries of the people  
according to the number of the sons of Israel  
— the sons of Israel.

Part II

<sup>10</sup> *The LORD* found *Jacob* in a desert land  
a waste, howling wilderness  
He led him, instructed him,  
He kept him as the apple of His eye.  
<sup>11</sup> As the eagle stirreth up her nest  
flutters over all her young  
Spreads abroad her wings  
she takes them and bears them on her wings  
<sup>12</sup> So the LORD alone did lead him  
No foreign god was there with him.  
<sup>13</sup> He made him ride the high places of the earth.  
He fed him with the increase of the fields.  
He made him to suck honey out of the rock,  
Oil out of flinty rock.  
<sup>14</sup> Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, the fat of  
lambs and goats, rams of the breed of Bashan;  
the finest kernels of wheat.  
You did drink the pure blood of the grape  
<sup>12</sup> for the LORD alone did lead you —  
no foreign god was there with you.

Part III

<sup>15</sup> But Jeshurun waxed fat and kicked,  
filled with food — heavy and sleek  
he forsook the God that formed him,  
<sup>16</sup> Rejected the Rock, his salvation,  
provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods,  
and angered Him with abominations.  
<sup>17</sup> They sacrificed unto devils, not unto God:  
gods whom they knew not —  
gods that newly came up,  
whom your fathers feared not.  
<sup>18</sup> You are unmindful of the Rock that fathered you,  
you have forgotten the God that formed you.  
<sup>19</sup> When the LORD saw this — he abhorred them  
Because He was angered by His sons and His  
daughters,  
<sup>20</sup> He said, "I will hide My face from them, I will  
see what their end shall be,  
for they are a very perverse generation —  
children in whom is no faith.  
<sup>21</sup> They have moved Me to jealousy  
with — that which is not God;  
provoked Me to anger with their vanities:  
I will move them to jealousy  
with — those which are not a people;  
provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

<sup>22</sup> For a fire is kindled in My anger,  
 that shall burn unto the lowest hell  
 shall consume the earth with her increase,  
 set on fire the foundations of the mountains.  
<sup>23</sup> I will heap mischiefs upon them;  
 I will spend My arrows upon them.  
<sup>24</sup> They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured  
 with burning heat, and with bitter destruction;  
 I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them  
 with the poison of serpents of the dust.  
<sup>25</sup> The sword without, and terror within, shall  
 destroy both the young man and the virgin  
 — the babe with the man of gray hairs.  
<sup>26</sup> I said, I would scatter them into corners,  
 I would make the remembrance of them  
 to cease among men.  
<sup>27</sup> But I dreaded the taunts of the enemy,  
 lest the adversary misunderstand  
 and say — ‘our hand has triumphed  
 — the LORD has not done all of this.’”

## Part IV

<sup>28</sup> For they are a nation that’s void of My counsel  
 There’s no understanding in them.  
<sup>29</sup> Chorus O that they were wise; that they understood this  
 and that they would consider their latter end.  
<sup>30</sup> For how could one chase a thousand,  
 and two put ten thousand to flight,  
 except their Rock had sold them,  
 the LORD had given them up  
<sup>31</sup> For their rock is not as our Rock,  
 as even our foes will concede.  
<sup>29</sup> Chorus O that they were wise; that they understood this  
 and that they would consider their latter end.  
<sup>32</sup> For their vine is the vine of Sodom —  
 from the fields of Gomorrah:  
 their grapes are filled with gall;  
 their clusters with bitterness.  
<sup>33</sup> Their wine is the poison of dragons,  
 the cruel venom of asps.  
<sup>34</sup> Is not this laid up in store with Me,  
 and sealed up among my treasures?  
<sup>29</sup> Chorus O that they were wise; that they understood this  
 and that they would consider their latter end —  
 and that they would consider their latter end.

## Part IV

<sup>35</sup> To Me belongeth vengeance, I will repay —  
 their foot shall slip in due time.  
 For the day of their calamity is now at hand  
 — their doom rushes upon them.  
<sup>36</sup> For the LORD shall judge His people,  
 have compassion on His servants,  
 when He sees their strength is gone,  
 and no one is left slave or free.  
<sup>37</sup> And He shall say — “Where are their gods —  
 their rock in whom they trusted,  
<sup>39</sup> Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices —  
 Drank the wine of their drink offerings;  
 Let them rise up and help you;  
 Let them be your protection.  
<sup>39</sup> See now that I even I am He —  
 and there is no God besides Me:  
 I kill and I make alive: I wound and I heal:  
 Neither is there any that can deliver from My hand.  
<sup>40</sup> For I lift up My hand to heaven and declare  
 — I live forever.  
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 — I live forever.  
<sup>41</sup> When I sharpen My flashing sword —  
 My hand takes hold in judgment,  
 I’ll render vengeance to My enemies  
 And I will repay them that hate Me.  
<sup>42</sup> I will make My arrows drunk with blood  
 And My sword shall devour flesh;  
 With the blood of the slain and the captives;  
 From the head of the leaders of the foe.  
<sup>43</sup> Rejoice O ye nations with His people!  
 He will avenge the blood of His servants;  
 He’ll render vengeance to His enemies;  
 Be merciful unto His land and to His people —  
 Be merciful unto His land and to His people,  
 Be merciful unto His land and to His people,  
 Be merciful unto His land and to His people.  
<sup>44</sup> And Moses came and spake all the words  
 of this song in the ears of the people, he, and  
 Joshua the son of Nun.  
<sup>45</sup> And Moses made an end of speaking all  
 these words to all Israel: <sup>46</sup> And he said unto  
 them, Set your hearts unto all the words which  
 I testify among you this day, which ye shall  
 command your children to observe to do, all the  
 words of this law.