

V'Zot HaBrachah – This is the Blessing: Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12

The layout of the book of Deuteronomy is comparable to a standard suzerainty treaty.

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Moses' Blessing of the Children of Israel			
P	Deuteronomy 33:1-25	Deuteronomy 33:26-29	Comments
A 1, 2	<p>Deuteronomy 33:1-5</p> <p>33 Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 2 And he said:</p> <p>"The Lord came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came with ten thousands of saints (set apart); From His right hand Came a fiery law (אִשְׁדָּת ; eshdat, fiery edict/statute) for them.</p> <p>3 Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at Your feet; everyone receives Your words.</p> <p>4 Moses commanded a law for us, A heritage of the congregation of Jacob.</p> <p>5 And He was King in Jeshurun, When the leaders of the people were gathered,</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 33:26-29</p> <p>26 "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds.</p> <p>27 The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'</p> <p>28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew.</p> <p>29 Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, The shield of your help And the sword of your majesty!</p>	<p>Moses's blessing focuses on the positive Jeshurun and the destruction of YHVH's enemies. This is opposed to some of the negative things said by Jacob/Israel to his sons when he blessed them.</p> <p>Jeshurun is a proper noun for God's people, the tribes of Israel, the fountain of Jacob. It refers to being upright or straight. Obviously, they didn't stay this way, but for this blessing, it is a positive reference.</p> <p>YHVH's law is described as fiery and as a heritage (special possession) of the congregation of Jacob.</p> <p>YHVH is described as the King in Jeshurun, God of Jeshurun, and eternal God with everlasting arms.</p>

	All the tribes of Israel together.	Your enemies shall submit to you, And you shall tread down their high places."	
The blessing of the tribes of Israel continues.			
Compare what Moses says to what Jacob said in Genesis 49.			
B 1	Deuteronomy 33:6 6 "Let Reuben live, and not die, Nor let his men be few."		Jacob said Reuben was his firstborn, yet unstable. He would not excel. (vs. 3-4).
B 2	Deuteronomy 33:7 7 And this he said of Judah: "Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, And bring him to his people; Let his hands be sufficient for him, And may You be a help against his enemies."		Described as a lion's whelp, the children of Israel would bow before him and his hand would be on the neck of his enemies. The scepter won't depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet (vs 8-12). Much more is said. He points to Yeshua. Simeon is not mentioned in Deuteronomy 33. He is within the land mass of Judah.
B3	Deuteronomy 33:8-11 8 And of Levi he said: "Let Your Thummim and Your Urim be with Your holy one, Whom You tested at Massah, And with whom You contended at the waters of Meribah, 9 Who says of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them (him [רְאִיִּיךָ ; reiytiyk; I have not seen him; could this possibly referring to Genesis 44:8? Or his father and mother as a unit]); Nor did he acknowledge his brothers, Or know his own children; For they have observed Your word And kept Your covenant. 10 They shall teach Jacob Your judgments, And Israel Your law. They shall put incense before You, And a whole burnt sacrifice on Your altar. 11 Bless his substance, Lord, And accept the work of his hands; Strike the loins of those who rise against him, And of those who hate him, that they rise not again."		Levi and Simeon are grouped together. They are instruments of cruelty. They will be divided in Jacob and scattered in Israel (vs. 5-7). Are not the Levites scattered later in cities of refuge. Though their wrath is cruel, the priests carry out justice and bring incense before YHVH.

B4	<p>Deuteronomy 33:12</p> <p>Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders."</p>	<p>Benjamin is described as a ravenous wolf who devours prey and divides spoil (vs. 27).</p>
B5	<p>Deuteronomy 33:13-17</p> <p>13 And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of the Lord is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, And the deep lying beneath, 14 With the precious fruits of the sun, With the precious produce of the months (יְרַחֲיִם ; yerachiyim),</p> <p>15 With the best things of the ancient mountains, With the precious things of the everlasting hills, 16 With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.'</p> <p>17 His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his horns like the horns of the wild ox; Together with them He shall push the peoples To the ends of the earth; They are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh."</p>	<p>Joseph is described as a strong fruitful bough by a well. He will be blessed in a variety of ways (vs. 22-26).</p> <p>Separated from his brothers, he is a picture of Yeshua who is separated from us now.</p> <p>Currently, Ephraim and Manasseh are dispersed throughout the earth.</p>
B6	<p>Deuteronomy 33:18-19</p> <p>18 And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents! 19 They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand."</p>	<p>Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea, and become a haven for ships (vs. 13),</p> <p>Issachar is a strong donkey that became a band of slaves (vs. 14).</p>
B7	<p>Deuteronomy 33:20-21</p> <p>20 And of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad; He dwells as a lion, And tears the arm and the crown of his head. 21 He provided the first part for himself, Because a lawgiver's portion was reserved there. He came with the heads of the people; He administered the justice of the Lord,</p>	<p>A troop shall trample Gad but he will eventually triumph. (vs. 19)</p>

	And His judgments with Israel."	
B8	Deuteronomy 33:22 22 And of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's whelp; He shall leap from Bashan (on east side of Jordan)."	Dan is described as a judge and serpent by the way. (vs. 16-17)
B9	Deuteronomy 33:23 23 And of Naphtali he said: "O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full of the blessing of the Lord, Possess the west and the south."	Naphtali is a deer let loose; he uses beautiful words (vs. 21).
B10	Deuteronomy 33:24-25 24 And of Asher he said: "Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, And let him dip his foot in oil. 25 Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; As your days, so shall your strength be.	Asher's bread will be rich, he shall yield royal dainties/delicacies (vs. 20). Asher's land was rich in olive oil.

Death and Mourning of Moses			
C	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	Deuteronomy 34:8-12	Comments
A 1, 2	Deuteronomy 34:1-3 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo , to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.	Deuteronomy 34:10-12 10 But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses , whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt , before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.	Moses is about to die on Mount Nebo. Before he does he is going to see the land from a distance. Promised Land vs. Egypt – Moses does not get to see what YHVH will do in the land through Joshua and others, although he was YHVH's powerful instrument in the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy is said to have been written by Moses, but it is evident that others redacted it. There were prophets that came after Moses, but none were like him, performing signs and wonders with great power, up to the point of the redaction of

			Deuteronomy. It was much later that Yeshua arrived on the scene performing signs and wonders. We expect him to return in great power and terror in the future.
B 1, 2	Deuteronomy 34:4a 4 Then the Lord said to him , "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants .'	Deuteronomy 34:9 9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses .	These two parallels mention the descendants of Israel. The words spoken to Abraham concerning the land of Canaan were about to be realized. Moses, a descendant of Abraham, could see it but not enter in. It would be Joshua who would lead the children of Israel to take the land promised to Abraham. To do so, they had to obey the commands of YHVH passed to them through Moses.
C	Deuteronomy 34:4b-7 I have caused you to see it with your eyes , but you shall not cross over there." 5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord . 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished .	Deuteronomy 34:8 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.	Eyes: Moses' eyes saw the land; they were not dim. The eyes of the children of Israel wept for Moses.