

Deuteronomy 32:1-47 Substructure

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A Song to be Remembered Through All Generations

Prologue

- A-1 Now therefore write ye **this song** for you,
A-2 and teach it the children of Israel:
A-2 put it in their mouths,
B-1 that **this song**
B-3 may be a witness for me against
B-3 the children of Israel.
B-4 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swear unto
their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey;
C and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat;
D then will they turn unto other gods,
E and serve them,
E' and provoke me,
D' and break my covenant. (See D&C 1:15.)
C' And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen
them,
B-1' that **this song**
B-2' shall testify against them as a witness;
B-3' for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed:
B-4' for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before
I have brought them into the land which I swear.
A-1' Moses therefore wrote **this song** the same day,
A-2' and taught it the children of Israel.

--Deuteronomy 31:19-22

The Song (Columns are not for comparisons, but are for conservation of space).

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| v1 | a Give ear,
b <u>O ye heavens</u> ,
c and I will <u>speak</u> ;
a and <u>hear</u> ,
b <u>O earth</u> ,
c <u>the words of my mouth</u> . | v5 | ¹ a They have <u>corrupted</u> themselves,
² a their spot is not the spot of his children:
³ a they are a <u>perverse</u>
⁴ a and <u>crooked</u> generation. |
| v2 | a <u>My doctrine</u>
b <u>shall drop</u>
c <u>as the rain</u> ,
a <u>my speech</u>
b <u>shall distil</u>
c <u>as the dew</u> ,
c <u>as the small rain</u>
d <u>upon the tender herb</u> ,
c and as <u>the showers</u>
d <u>upon the grass</u> . | v6 | a Do ye thus require the LORD,
b <u>O foolish people</u>
b and <u>unwise</u> ?
¹ a is not <u>he</u> thy father that <u>hath bought thee</u> ?
² a <u>hath he</u> not <u>made thee</u> ,
³ a and <u>established thee</u> ? |
| v3 | a Because I will <u>publish the name of the LORD</u> :
a ascribe ye <u>greatness unto our God</u> . | v7 | a Remember
b <u>the days</u>
c <u>of old</u> ,
a consider
b <u>the years</u>
c <u>of many generations</u> :
a ask
b <u>thy father</u> ,
c <u>and he will show thee</u> ; |
| v4 | ¹ a He is the <u>Rock</u> ,
² a his <u>work is perfect</u> :
³ a for all his <u>ways are judgment</u> :
⁴ a a God of <u>truth</u>
⁵ a and <u>without iniquity</u> ,
⁶ a <u>just</u>
⁷ a and <u>right is he</u> . | v8 | a <u>When the Most High</u>
b <u>divided</u>
c to the <u>nations</u>
d their <u>inheritance</u> , |

a when he
b separated
c the sons of Adam,
d he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

v9 a For the LORD'S portion
b is his people,
a Jacob
b is the lot of his inheritance.

v10 a He found him in a *desert land,*
a and in the waste *howling wilderness,*
b he led him about,
b he instructed him,
c he kept him as the apple of his eye.

v11 a As an eagle stirreth up her nest,
a fluttereth over her young,
a spreadeth abroad her wings,
a taketh them,
a beareth them on her wings:

v12 a So the LORD alone did lead him,
a and there was no strange god with him.

v13 a He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
a.1 that he might eat
a.2 the increase of the fields;
a.1 and he made him to suck
a.2.a *honey*
a.2.b out of the rock,
a.2.a and *oil*
a.2.b out of the flinty rock;

v14 ¹a Butter of kine,
²a and milk of sheep,
³a with fat of lambs,
⁴a and rams of the breed of Bashan,
⁵a and goats,
⁶a with the fat of kidneys of wheat;
⁷a and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

v15 a But *Jeshurun*
b waxed fat, and kicked:
a thou
b art waxen fat,
a thou
b art grown *thick,*
a thou
b art covered with fatness;

a then he *forsook*
b *God* which made him,
a and *lightly esteemed*
b the *Rock* of his salvation.

v16 a-1 They provoked him
a-2 to jealousy
b with *strange gods,*
b with *abominations*
a-1 provoked they him
a-2 to anger.

v17 a They sacrificed unto *devils,*
a not to *God;*
a to gods
b whom they

c knew not,
a to new gods that came newly up,
b whom your fathers
c feared not.

v18 a-1 Of the *Rock*
a-2 that begat thee
b thou art *unmindful,*
b and hast *forgotten*
a-1 *God*
a-2 that formed thee.

v19 a And when the LORD saw it, he *abhorred them,*
a *because of the provoking* of his sons, and of his daughters.

v20 a And he said, I will hide my face from them,
a I will see what their end shall be:
b for they are a very *froward generation,*
b *children in whom is no faith.*

v21 a They have moved me
b to jealousy
c with that which is not God;
a they have provoked
b me to anger
c with their vanities:
a and I will move them
b to jealousy
c with those which are not a people;
a I will provoke them
b to anger
c with a foolish nation.

v22 ! For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
a and shall burn
b unto the lowest hell,
a and shall consume
b the earth with her increase,
a and set on *fire*
b the foundations of the mountains.

v23 a I will heap
b mischiefs
c upon them;
a I will spend
b mine arrows
c upon them.

v24 a They shall be *burnt*
b with *hunger,*
a and *devoured*
b with *burning heat,*
b and with bitter *destruction.*
a I will also send the *teeth of beasts* upon them,
a with the *poison of serpents* of the dust.

v25 a The sword *without,*
a and terror *within,*
b shall destroy both the *young man*
b and the *virgin,*
c the *suckling*
c also with the *man of gray hairs.*

v26 a I said, I would scatter them into corners,
a I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

v27 ! Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy,
a lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely,
a and lest they should say,
b Our hand is high,
b and the LORD hath not done all this.

v28 **c** For they are a nation *void of counsel*,
c neither is there any *understanding* in them.

v29 **a** O that they were wise,
a that they understood this,
a that they would consider their latter end!

v30 **a** How should one
b chase a thousand,
a and two
b put ten thousand to flight,
c except their Rock
d had sold them,
c and the LORD
d had shut them up?

v31 **a** For their rock
b is *not as our Rock*,
omission even our enemies themselves being judges.

v32 **a** For their vine
b is of the *vine of Sodom*,
b and of the *fields of Gomorrah*:
a their grapes
b are *grapes of gall*,
a their cluster
b are *bitter*.

v33 **a** Their wine
b is the *poison of dragons*,
b and the *cruel venom of asps*.

v34 **a** Is not this *laid up in store* with me,
a and *sealed up* among my treasures?

v35 **a** To me belongeth *vengeance*,
a and *recompense*,
a *their foot shall slide*
b *in due time*.
a for the day of their *calamity*
b is *at hand*,
a and the *things that shall come upon them*
b *make haste*.

v36 **a** For the LORD shall judge
b his people,
a and repent himself
b for his servants,
a when he seeth that their *power is gone*,
a and there is *none shut up, or left*.

v37 **a** And he shall say, Where are their gods,
a their rock in whom they trusted,

v38 **a** Which did eat
b the fat
c of their sacrifices,
a and drank
b the wine
c of their drink offerings?

a let them rise up and *help you*,
a and be your *protection*.

v39 **a** See now that I,
a even I,
b *am he*,
b and there is *no god with me*.

a I kill,
b and I make alive,
a I wound,
b and I heal.

! neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

v40 ! For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

v41 **a** If I *whet my glittering sword*,
a and mine *hand take hold on judgment*,
a I will render vengeance
b to mine enemies,
a and will reward
b them that hate me.

v42 **a** I will make mine arrows
b *drunk with blood*,
a and my sword
b shall *devour flesh*;
c and that with the blood of the slain
c and of the captives,
! from the beginning of revengers upon the enemy.

v43 ! Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people:
a for he will avenge
b the blood of his servants,
a and will render vengeance
b to his adversaries,
a and will be merciful
b unto his land,
b and to his people.

v44 **a** And Moses
b came and spake
c all the words of this song
d *in the ears of the people*, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

v45 **a** And Moses
b made an end of speaking
c all these words
d to all Israel.

v46 **a** And he said unto them, *Set your hearts*
b unto all the words
c *which I testify* among you this day,
a which ye shall command your children to *observe to do*,
b all the words
c of this law.