### Deuteronomy

## Chapter 33

1Then Moses, the man of God, gave this blessing to the children of IsraEl before he died.  
  
2He said:  
  
 ‘Jehovah came down from Mount SinAi,  
 And He appeared to us at Mount SeIr.  
 Then He quickly moved to Mount Pharan  
 With 10,000 Holy Ones at His right,  
 And [all] of His messengers with him.  
  
 3‘To His people, He then brought salvation…  
 His holy ones, [He kept] in His hands.  
 Below Him, they [all heard] His words…  
 4The Law, which Moses gave as their own  
 To the whole gathering of Jacob.  
  
 5‘He will be with the leader He loves,  
 And the rulers of the peoples, among IsraEl’s tribes.  
  
 6‘May ReuBen live and never die out,  
 And may he grow into a crowd.’  
  
7And this is the blessing of Judah:  
  
 ‘O Jehovah,  
  
 ‘Listen to what Judah asks,  
 And pay attention to his people.  
 With his hands, he will wage war,  
 And against his enemies, You’ll give him aid.’  
  
8And for Levi he said:  
  
 ‘Give Levi the signs and the truth  
 Of a man who’s been very holy.  
 For they tested him at the Temptation,  
 And spoke against him at the Waters of Rebellion.  
  
 9‘He’s the one who must say to his father and mother,  
 ‘[Sorry], but I can’t [come to] visit.’  
 He knows not his brothers, and he knows not his sons,  
 But he’s kept Your words and Your Sacred Agreement.  
  
 10‘[Levi] will proclaim Your rules among Jacob,  
 And Your Laws among IsraEl.  
 They’ll always burn incense on Your Altar,  
 Even in times of Your rage.  
  
 11‘O Jehovah,  
  
 ‘Please keep on blessing his strength,  
 And accept the things that he offers.  
 Break all the enemies who may come against him,  
 And don’t allow those who hate him to stand.’  
  
12And to BenJamin he said:  
  
 ‘Jehovah’s beloved, in safety will live;  
 For, God’s shadow will always be with him,  
 And between [God’s] shoulders, he will rest.’  
  
13And to JoSeph he said:  
  
 ‘His land is the blest of Jehovah…  
 [A land of] seasons, sky, dew, and deep wells…  
 14Of the fruitage of the changes in the seasons and sun,  
 And the produce of [each of] the months.  
  
 15‘[Water runs down] from the tops of old mountains…  
 From the tops of the hills of the ages,  
 16To produce full crops in their seasons.  
  
 ‘May the things that please him be poured on his head;  
 On the crown of this one who’s been glorified  
 Above all of His brothers.  
 17Like a first-born bull, is his beauty,  
 And as a rhinoceros, are his horns.  
  
 ‘He will use them to thrust out at nations  
 To the ends of the earth.  
 For, his are Ephraim’s tens of thousands,  
 As well as the thousands of ManasSeh.’  
  
18And to ZebuLon [and IsSachar] he said:  
  
 ‘Rejoice O ZebuLon, as well as all those  
 Who dwell in IsSachar’s tents.  
 For, you’ll arise 19and destroy many nations.  
  
 ‘Many men, you’ll call that will gather  
 To offer sacrifices that are righteous.  
 The wealth of the sea will be your provisions…  
 The stores of those living by water.’  
  
20And to Gad he said:  
  
 ‘Praise the One who’s given Gad more;  
 For, he will rest like a lion  
 That has crushed many arms along with their their kings.  
  
 21‘He will see that his land bears the first fruits,  
 And leaders will gather with his people’s chiefs.  
 For [he will do what the Lord says is] righteous,  
 And to IsraEl, he will bring justice.’  
  
22And to Dan he said:  
  
 ‘Dan is the cub of a lion,  
 And he will leap out of BaShan.’  
  
23And to NaphTali he said:  
  
 ‘NaphTali will be filled with good things,  
 And he will receive the blessings from God.  
 For, he will inherit the west and the south.’  
  
24And to Asher he said:  
  
 ‘With many children, Asher is blest,  
 And he will be approved by his brothers.  
 With oil, his feet are anointed,  
 25And his sandals are like both iron and brass.  
  
 ‘He will be strong for as long as he lives,  
 26Since his helper is the God whom he loves…  
 The One who rides throughout the firmament…  
 The Magnificent One of the cosmos.  
  
 27‘[And as long as he stays under] God’s rule,  
 He will [be there] to protect you.  
 He will drive your enemies away  
 By the great might of His arm.  
 He will drive them away throughout the ages,  
 Saying to them, ‘Be destroyed!’  
  
28[And Moses continued:]  
  
 ‘So, IsraEl will live by themselves  
 In safety, within Jacob’s land;  
 With grain, and wine, and the clouds in the sky,  
 And with plenty of dew.  
  
 29‘You’re blest, O IsraEl, for who else is like you…  
 You who’ve been saved by your helper, God.  
  
 ‘He will hold His shield over you,  
 And of His sword, you’ll boast.  
 Then, you’ll tred on the necks  
 Of the enemies who’ve dared to lie before you.’