

## **DEUTERONOMY 32:5-14 - THE SONG OF MOSES – VS. 5-14: GOD’S KINDNESS TO HIS OWN PEOPLE!**

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### **The Battle Belongs to the Lord - The Maranatha! Singers**

*In heavenly armor we'll enter the land. The battle belongs to the Lord.*

*No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord*

*We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord*

*When the power of darkness comes in like a flood, The battle belongs to the Lord*

*He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood, The battle belongs to the Lord*

*And We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord*

*When your enemy presses in hard do not fear. The battle belongs to the Lord*

*Take courage my friend, your redemption is near. The battle belongs to the Lord*

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**The Biblical Setting:** - In Deuteronomy chapter 32 we have the song Moses wrote. This is one of three - Song of deliverance (**Ex. 15:1-19**); This song in chapter thirty-two, and then the ninetyeth Psalm is ascribed to Moses. So the three songs (psalms) of Moses.

**Dt. 31:19-21** The Lord has told Moses that he is going to rest with his fathers, “But write down this song for yourselves, teach it to the children of Israel, put it in their mouths that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. For when I brought them to the land that is flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat: **then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and they will provoke Me and break My covenant.** Then it shall be when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this song will testify against them as a witness. For it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I've brought them to the land which I swore to give them”. So, **the purpose of this song is to be a witness to Israel** – One of three. ( 1 – The Book of Deuteronomy/The Law--to be read every 7 years; 2 – This Song of Moses; 3 – Heaven and Earth, Dt. 32v. 28).

**Moses' Song:** - Vs. 1-4 God's Character; **Vs. 5-14 God's Kindness to His Own People;** Vs. 15-25 God's Faithfulness to His Chastening Israel; Vs. 26-43 God's Vengeance on His Adversaries

### **DT. 32:5-14 -- THE SONG OF MOSES – VS. 5-14 – GOD’S KINDNESS TO HIS PEOPLE!**

**Deu 32:5-6** "They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children, Because of their blemish: A perverse and crooked generation. [6] Do you thus deal with the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you?

- They have corrupted themselves...A perverse and crooked generation: Moses spoke as a witness against a rebellious Israel, contrasting the Israelites with their faithful God. **Compared to the perfect God of truth, they were corrupt, blemished and deceptive.**
- Is He not your Father, who bought you? Has He not made you and established you? **Their sin is even more foolish and unwise in light of what God has done for them. It is foolish and unwise to rebel against the God who did so much for them.**

**Deu 32:7** "Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you:

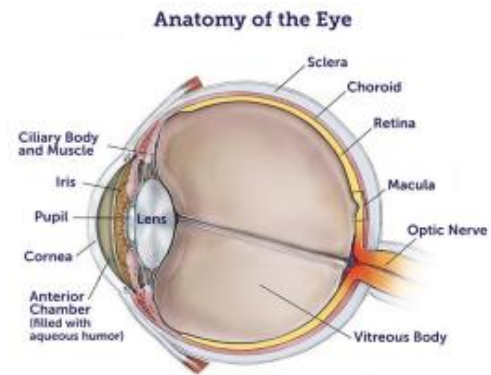
- Remember...they will tell you: Here the song used the language of wisdom literature **to exhort the Israelites to search about God's ways. The Scriptures repeatedly emphasize that wisdom is based on the God of all truth.**

**Deu 32:8-9** When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, When He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel. [9] For the LORD's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

- Most High: **This designation for God's supremacy is unique to Deuteronomy. He is the sovereign God over all, even the boundaries of the nations. The LORD's portion:** While it is the Lord's will for many nations to exist, **He has favored Israel with His special grace, promise, and covenant.**

*Deu 32:10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.*

- *In a desert land* is a poetic reference to Egypt. *He instructed him: God gave Israel His revelation and His laws in order to lead them in all truth. Kept him as the apple (or pupil) of His eye* is a symbol of tender loving care for a precious object in need of protection.
- You, the body of Jesus Christ, encompassed by God, in Him we live, we move, we have our being. Instructed by God, and then kept by the power of God, through our faith in Jesus Christ.



*Deu 32:11 As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings,*

- *The eagle* is a bird of prey commonly found in desert regions. The song compares God's actions towards Israel with the care a mother bird showers on her young. God not only protected His children, He provided for them, got them moving, watched over them and guided them to the Promised Land. In all these actions He proved Himself to be a loving Father to the Israelites.

*Deu 32:12 So the LORD alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.*

- *the LORD alone ....no foreign god:* Deuteronomy is an extended argument against idolatry and paganism. Clearly the Israelites had no reason to abandon the God of grace and love who had given them all they needed.

*Deu 32:13-14 He made him ride in the heights of the earth, That he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock; [14] Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.*

- *He made him ride in the heights of the earth: The Lord had great plans for His people.* *produce....honey....oil:* The Lord had promised to supply His people with crops, rich food, olive oil, and even dairy products in the Promised Land—all of which the people lacked in the wilderness. *Wheat....the blood of the grapes:* Grain and wine were also promised, symbols of God's mercy. “
- You've been blessed! God was good to you. God gave you this portion of land for your inheritance. Then God chose you as His portion, and His inheritance, and he watched over you. He developed you, He caused you to become strong, independent. He gave you fine wheat, oil and the honey, and the grapes.

#### SUMMARY:

- Compared to the perfect God of truth, the Israelites were corrupt, blemished and deceptive.
- The Scriptures repeatedly emphasize that wisdom is based on the God of all truth.
- He has favored Israel with His special grace, promise, and covenant.
- God gave Israel His revelation and His laws in order to lead them in all truth. *He kept him as the apple of His eye*, a symbol of tender loving care for a precious object in need of protection.
- The song compares God's actions towards Israel with the care a mother bird showers on her young.
- God not only protected His children, He provided for them, got them moving, watched over them and guided them.
- The Israelites had no reason to abandon the God of grace and love who had given them all they needed.
- The Lord promised to supply them with crops, rich food, olive oil, dairy products in the Promised Land

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