Moses' Final Appeal for Covenant Faithfulness
Veritas Class
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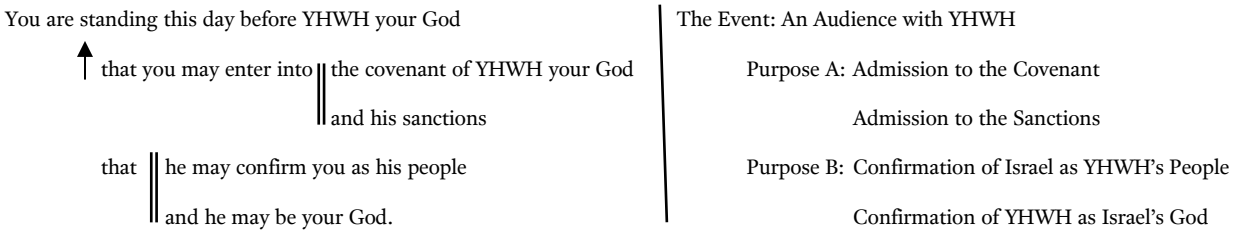
A. Remembering the Past Experience of Covenant Grace (29:2–9)

B. A Ritual Response to Covenant Grace (29:10–13)



1. The Nature of the Event

2. The Participants in the Event

3. The Purpose of the Event

   a. To "pass" into the covenant of YHWH your God.
   b. To "pass" into his oath.
   c. To "confirm Israel as his people.
   d. To become Israel's God.
   e. To fulfill his sworn oath to the ancestors.
      Exodus 6:2–8
      Genesis 17:7–8

C. Despising Covenant Grace (28:14–28)

1. The Personal Consequences of Individual Infidelity (vv. 14–21)

a. The Parties to the Covenant (vv. 14–15)

b. The Need for the Covenant (vv. 16–21)

(1) The Issue against which the Covenant Guards: Apostasy (vv. 16–18)

(a) Note the roots of the problem (vv. 16–17)

(b) Note the problem that looms ahead (v. 18)

- The personal spiritual problem (18a)
- The personal consequences (v. 18b)

Subject	4:25–28	29:13–20[14–21]
The Context of the Apostasy	[25]When you father children and children's children, and have grown old in the land,	14 It is not with you alone that I am making this covenant and this oath, 15 but also with those who are standing here with us today before YHWH our God, and with those who are not here with us today—
The Nature of the Apostasy	if you act corruptly by making a **carved image in the form of anything,** and by doing what is evil in the sight of YHWH your God, so as to provoke him to anger,	16 You yourselves know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we passed through the midst of the nations through which you passed. 17 And you have observed their **detestable objects, their stinking idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them.** 18 –lest among you there is no man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart turns away today from YHWH our God to go and serve the gods of those nations, —lest there is among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit.
The Consequences of the Apostasy	[26]I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. [27]And YHWH will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where YHWH will drive you. [28]And there you will **serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.**	[19] When such a person hears the words of this sworn covenant, and in his heart blesses himself, saying, "All will be well with me (שָׁלוֹם לִי), even though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart"— —this will mean the moist and dry alike will be swept away. [20] YHWH will not be willing to forgive him. Instead the fury and passion of YHWH will smoke against that person, and all the curses recorded in this document will descend upon him, and YHWH will blot out his name from under heaven. [21] And YHWH will single that person out from all the tribes of Israel for disaster, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Torah document.

(2) The Fate the Covenant seeks to Avert: Divine Fury (vv. 19–21)

(a) The Problem (v. 19)

(b) YHWH's Response (vv. 20–21)

- His Disposition (v. 20a)
- His Action (vv. 20b–21)
  * YHWH will sweep away the moist and the dry (v. 19)
  * YHWH will blot out his name from under heaven.
  * YHWH will make him the target of "evil."
  * YHWH will impose on him all the curses of the covenant.

(c) So what do we learn?

Moses' Final Appeal: His Altar Call
Deuteronomy 30:11–20
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A. The Accessibility of YHWH's Grace: Reflections on the Present Moment: (vv. 11–14)
The Israelites have all the resources they need to fullfill the mission to which YHWH has called them.

1. The Thesis Statement (v. 11)

2. The Argument (vv. 12–14)

   a. Two Negative Observations (vv. 12–13)

   b. Two Positive Observations (v. 14)

3. The Meaning of the Word *niplē't* (נִפְלָאת)

B. The Challenge to Receive YHWH's Grace: A Cahllenge for the Present and the Future (vv. 15–20)

1. Moses' Call for Decision (v. 15)

11:26	30:15
See, I am setting before you today	See, I have set before you today
a blessing	the life and the good,
and a curse:	the death and the evil.

2. Moses' Emphasis on the Importance of the Decision (vv. 16–18)

3. Moses' Call for Witnesses (v. 19a)

4. Moses' Final Appeal (vv. 19b–20)