

**Postscript**  
**to Israel's National Anthem**  
**Deuteronomy 32:44–47**  
**Veritas Class**  
**January 7, 2018**

**OUTLINE**

**A. Concluding Comments on Deuteronomy 32:43 (LXX)**

What lessons can we learn from Israel's National Anthem?

1. Past experience of the favor of God is no guarantee that I shall remain faithful to him.
2. For the LORD's people prosperity may be perilous to our spiritual health.
3. Israel's biography functions as a microcosm of the biography of the human race.
4. Songs have a powerful influence in the life of a person and a community/ nation. We are what we sing.
5. **This anthem anticipates eschatological cosmic restoration.**
6. **That cosmic restoration happens in the context of the eschatological restoration of Israel.**

**1. The Cosmic Celebration (32:43a–d)**

Note the invitees to the celebration.

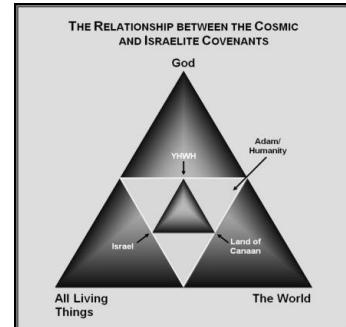
**2. The National Restoration**

Note the order of events

- a. He will take care of his sons
  - (1) by taking vengeance (**מִקְרָב**) on his enemies
  - (2) by paying back (**שָׁלֵם**) those who hate him.
- b. He will take care of his land by atoning for it (**כַּפֵּר**).

Deut 21:8; 2 Chronicles 30:18; Jeremiah 18:23; Ezekiel 16:62–63

Psalm 65:4[3]; 78:38; 79:9



**B. Postscript to Israel's National Anthem**

**1. Reconstructing the Sequence of Events**

**2. Moses' Final Plea**

- a. He appeals to the people to take the song seriously!
  - (1) As in the case of the Shema (6:4–9), they are to take it to heart (commit themselves personally to them).
  - (2) As in the case of the Shema, they are to pass it on to their children. This song has canonical status in perpetuity. Indeed, he give the Song the status of Torah (**כָּל־דִּבֶּרְךָ הַזֹּאת**).
- b. He declares that their very life depends upon their fidelity to this song.  
“I am not kidding!” “This is no empty comment.”

Cf. 6:20; 30:20.