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Summary of the Covenant Demand 29:1 to 30:20



Moses begins this section by reminding **the children of Isra'el** of **YHVH's** faithfulness to them in bringing **them** from **Egypt** to the plains of **Mo'ab**, as well as of the covenantal relationship into which they are entering with **God** - a relationship that promises **cursing** for disobedience and **blessing** for obedience. In the light of those realities, **Moshe** challenges **Isra'el** to renew this covenant and **choose life** and **blessing** rather than **death** and **cursing**.

Chapter 29 is a summons to the covenant oath which is finally taken in **Chapter 30**. It reflects the overall pattern of the Near Eastern Treaty (**to see link click [Ah](#) - Treaty of the Great King**), with a review of **ADONAI's** past works and deliverance (see **[Fm](#) - Renewal of the Covenant**), a call to enter into the covenant (see **[Fn](#) - All of You Are Standing**), a warning that the **curse**s of the covenant will fall on the rebels (see **[Fo](#) - Do Not Worship Other Gods**), although ultimate restoration is intended (see **[Fp](#) - Restoration After Repentance**), and finally a call to the firm decision to accept the covenant (see **[Fq](#) - Choose Life**). So, this whole section is a kind of summary of the total covenant demand.⁶²⁴

This section picks up and summarizes much of the earlier material, condensing the message



of the whole book in two chapters. It concludes with almost evangelical fervor, and it's not surprising that the second half of **Chapter 30** finds echoes in the teaching of both **Yeshua** and **Paul**.⁶²⁵