

## Exegetical Analysis – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15-20 – “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; [16] in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. [17] But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, [18] I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. [19] I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, [20] by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Moses begins this section of the text after reminding Israel about the land promises and restoration that would come to them when they entered the promise land with Joshua.

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The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

Moses here explains that decision that is set before the people of Israel. It is either physical life, which would entail blessings in the land and prosperity, or death, which would entail curses in the land and adversity. \*If\* they obey God they will see blessings in the land. \*If\* they do not obey God they will see curses in the land..This is true for anyone that fell within the Suzerain Treaty. As those under the Suzerain (Yahweh) they were told to obey the Covenant stipulations.

These are land promises made to the Jews. There is nothing about salvation in these passages. We know that from [vs.18] I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong your days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it.