

- c. Among those curses would be not only their land would be destroyed, but that they would be destroyed as a nation and dispersed among the other nations in the world.
 - iii. That sets it up for the renewal of the covenant that the Lord is going to have with his people right there in the plains of Moab.
- 2. Covenant oath (29)
 - i. All the people of Israel are there on the plains of Moab to renew the covenant.
 - ii. The Lord renews the covenant with an oath in order to confirm to them that they are His people and that He is their God (29:12-15).
 - a. The covenant is made both with them and their descendants.
 - iii. Moses then issues a word of warning with the people and says, "Now that the Lord has renewed the covenant with you, don't apostatize and go after other gods because if you do the curses that the Lord has said are going to come upon you. If you do that, one of the things that is going to happen is that as great as the land of Canaan is it is not going to grow anything. And when people look at that land, they are going to ask, Why did this happen? The answer will be, It is because his people abandoned the covenant he made with them when he called them out of Egypt."
- 3. Ratification (30)
 - i. He goes onto say, "But not only that, the Lord will disperse you among the nations of the world. He'll destroy you as a nation. But if when you are ~~scattered~~^{dispersed} among the nations of the world, you will just repent and ask the Lord to forgive you and come back to Him, He'll return you to the land and he'll bless you in even a greater way than he has blessed you before if you'll repent when you are experiencing the curses that the Lord has brought upon you."
 - ii. 30:11ff
 - a. He says, "It boils down to this. I am setting before you life and blessing on the one hand and death and destruction of the other. Now all you have to do is to obey the law of God and you will live long in the land I have promised you and all these blessings that I have mentioned will come upon you. But if you disobey the commandments of God, all these curses that I have mentioned will come upon you and you will be destroyed. You'll be scattered among the nations."
 - b. A long physical life and prosperity or death and destruction are the choices. Moses exhorts them to choose life and blessing and not death and destruction.