

E. Provisions for the continuity of covenant (31-34)

1. Installation of new leader (31:1-8)
 - i. You have the installation of Joshua as the new leader.
 - ii. Moses says to the people of Israel, "I can't go over in the land of Canaan with you because of my disobedience. But Joshua is going to go and lead you. When you go over, don't forget to do what the Lord commanded. Don't forget to totally destroy those people. When you go over, you will be victorious. Don't be afraid or terrified because of them because the Lord will go with you."
 - iii. Moses then summons Joshua to stand before him and he tells Joshua that he is to go over and take that land and divide it as an inheritance among the people.
2. Ritual reading of the law (31:9-13)
 - i. Then Moses writes down all the law that he has given them in the plains of Moab.
 - ii. Moses then takes that law and gives it to the priests and the elders and says, "Here's what I want you to do. Here's the law I have written down. Now when you get over into the land of Canaan and the Lord chooses the place where he is going to put the tabernacle, every 7th year when the feast of tabernacles are observed I want you to gather together all the people together and I want you to read the law that I have written so that they will know what the law is and obey it and so that their children who were born there who don't know it will know it and they will obey it as well."
3. Warning and witnesses against breaking the covenant (31:14-32:47)
 - i. The Lord then tells Moses to bring Joshua to the tabernacle.
 - ii. Moses takes Joshua into the courts of the tabernacle and right there before the tent of meeting he is going to install Joshua as the new leader.
 - iii. The Lord says to Moses, "Now remember Joshua is there so he is going to hear everything the Lord tells Moses. Before I install Joshua as a leader, what I want you to do is this. I am going to give you the words of the song. I know what is going to happen. As soon as the children of Israel get over into the land, they are going to forsake me and turn to other gods. Now I am going to indicate that in this song and I want you to take this song ~~and I want you to take this song~~ and teach it to the leaders of the people so they will teach it to all the people so that it will be taught from generation to generation. And then when they get into the land and they turn away from me just like I said they would, this song is going to be a witness against them because they were warned in advance that this is what would happen."