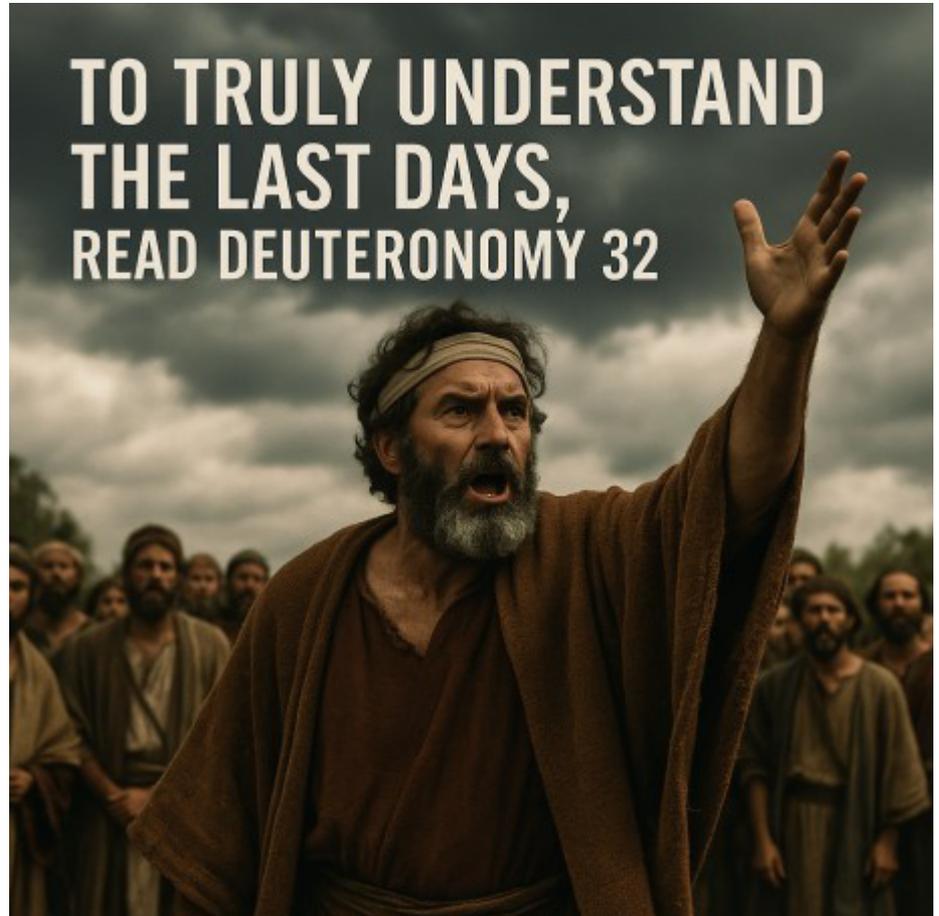


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## Scripture Reading

### [Deuteronomy 32:20](#)

Then He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be; For they are a **perverse generation**, Sons in whom is no faithfulness.

### [Deuteronomy 32:29](#)

Would that they were wise, that they understood this, That they

would discern their **latter end!**

### **Deuteronomy 32:43**

Rejoice, O nations, with His people; For He will **avenge the blood** of His servants, And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land and His people.

† The true "last days" of scripture weren't about the end of humanity, the end of time, or the destruction of planet earth. They were about Israel in her end and her **latter end**. Moses prophesied this to the covenant people. When we read Deuteronomy 32 carefully, it's impossible to miss the covenantal focus. God warned a specific nation of their **latter end** because they'd reject Him. This isn't a global prophecy of the end of creation, but a covenant lawsuit against Old Covenant Israel.

### **A Covenant Song of Witness**

† Deuteronomy 32 is called the "Song of Moses," given to Israel as a witness. God told Moses to teach this song so that when Israel broke the covenant and disaster fell, they'd know that the Lord Himself had foretold it (Deuteronomy 31:19-22). This song is a courtroom declaration. Heaven and earth are called to witness Israel's unfaithfulness (Deuteronomy 32:1). The song speaks of Israel's corruption, their provoking of the Lord with strange gods, and the judgment that would follow.

† The "last days" are therefore the last days of that covenant nation. Hebrews 1:1-2 confirms this: God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son. Those last days were the final days of the Old Covenant, not the end of the material universe.

### **Connection to Revelation 19:2**

† Deuteronomy 32:43 finds its fulfillment in Revelation 19:2: because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her

immorality, and He has **avenged the blood** of His bond-servants on her. The **avenging of the blood** of His servants, the rendering of vengeance on His adversaries, and the atoning for His land and people all point to the judgment of apostate Jerusalem. Jesus Himself said that all the righteous blood from Abel to Zechariah would come upon that generation (Matthew 23:35-36).

### **Light to the Nations**

† Israel was called to be a light to the world (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6). Their covenant story was meant to reveal the character and glory of God to every nation. Yet they turned inward, making the covenant about themselves. Their story is mankind's story of rebellion and God's faithfulness. We've got to learn from their history and stop searching for earthly fulfillments of **their last days**.

### **Judgment and Deliverance**

† Deuteronomy 32 makes a sharp distinction between the apostate and the faithful. Apostate Israel was judged and condemned. Righteous Israel, the remnant who trusted God's Messiah, was saved and delivered. Paul calls this remnant the "Israel of God" (Galatians 6:16). These faithful ones became the foundation of the New Covenant people, Jews and Gentiles together in Christ.

### **The Wedding Offspring**

† Revelation 19 moves from judgment to celebration: the marriage supper of the Lamb. The destruction of the Old Covenant harlot opened the way for the New Covenant bride. We're the offspring of that wedding. The New Jerusalem, described in Revelation 21, is the church, the dwelling of God with His people. Hebrews 12:22-24 shows that believers have already come to this city.

### **Perverse Generation Connection**

† Deuteronomy 32:5 describes Israel as a **perverse generation**

who acted corruptly toward God. Later in the same song God says, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be; For they are a **perverse generation**, sons in whom is no faithfulness (Deuteronomy 32:20). Jesus applied this same language to His contemporaries when He said, O unbelieving and **perverse generation**, how long shall I be with you and put up with you (Matthew 17:17; Luke 9:41). Peter echoed it at Pentecost, warning his hearers, Be saved from this **perverse generation** (Acts 2:40). Paul called the Philippian believers to shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and **perverse generation** (Philippians 2:15).

† The thread is unmistakable. Moses first used the phrase as a covenant indictment of Israel. Jesus and the apostles then applied it to the final generation of the Old Covenant, showing that the corruption Moses foresaw had reached its climax in their day. Those who rejected the Messiah fulfilled the prophecy of Deuteronomy 32 and came under the judgment of that song, while those who followed Christ became the faithful remnant shining in the world.

### **Vengeance for the Blood of His Servants**

† Deuteronomy 32:43 promises that God will **avenge the blood** of His servants. Jesus warned that all the righteous blood shed on earth would come upon that generation (Matthew 23:34-36). Revelation records the martyrs crying out for this vengeance (Revelation 6:10) and celebrates its fulfillment when the great harlot is judged (Revelation 18:20; 19:2). The Song of Moses looks forward to the same judgment realized in the fall of Jerusalem.

### **Hiding of God's Face**

† God declares, I will hide My face from them (Deuteronomy 32:20). Isaiah echoes this truth, Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God (Isaiah 59:2). Jesus speaks it directly to Jerusalem, Your house is left to you desolate (Luke 13:35). When the covenant people rejected the Messiah, the Lord removed His protective presence, fulfilling

this warning.

### **Jealous God and Strange Gods**

† Deuteronomy 32:16-21 describes Israel provoking God to jealousy with strange gods. Stephen recounts this in Acts 7:41-42, showing how Israel turned to idols and God gave them over. Paul applies the same pattern to the nations in Romans 1:21-23, revealing that idolatry always brings divine judgment.

### **Rock of Salvation Rejected**

† The Song of Moses calls the Lord the Rock (Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18) and laments that Israel neglected the Rock who begot them. Paul identifies this Rock with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4) and Peter shows Him as the stone the builders rejected (1 Peter 2:6-8). Israel's rejection of Jesus perfectly fulfills this prophetic image.

### **Nations Rejoicing with His People**

† Moses commands the nations to rejoice with His people (Deuteronomy 32:43). Paul cites this to prove the inclusion of the Gentiles (Romans 15:10). Revelation 21:24-26 depicts the nations bringing their glory into the New Jerusalem, fulfilling the covenant promise that all peoples would share in God's salvation.

### **Application for Today**

† We've got to read scripture in its covenant context. The "last days" were the final days of the Mosaic age. Jesus fulfilled the promises and the judgments. We live in the everlasting kingdom that can't be shaken (Hebrews 12:28). Stop looking for earthly fulfillments of **their last days**. Instead, shine as lights in the world (Philippians 2:15), proclaiming the completed work of Christ and the eternal reign of our King.

### **Historical Context and Additional Evidence**

† Josephus, Wars of the Jews 6.4.5, records the destruction of Jerusalem in vivid detail, describing the burning of the Temple

and the slaughter of more than a million people. This matches Jesus' warning in Matthew 24:2 that not one stone will be left upon another.

† Roman historian Tacitus (Histories 5.13) likewise testifies that Jerusalem fell under extraordinary judgment, calling it a calamity surpassing all previous ones.

† Daniel 9:24-27 foretold that seventy weeks are decreed for Israel to finish transgression, make atonement, and bring in everlasting righteousness. The prophecy concludes with the destruction of the city and sanctuary, language perfectly fulfilled in AD 70.

† Isaiah 65:17 speaks of God creating new heavens and a new earth, a covenant renewal echoed in Hebrews 12:26-28, showing the transition from the old order to the unshakable kingdom.

† Eusebius (Ecclesiastical History 3.5) noted that the Christians in Jerusalem, heeding Jesus' words in Luke 21:20-21, fled to Pella before the Roman siege, proving that the prophecy was recognized and acted on by the first-century church.

† Clement of Rome (c. AD 96) wrote that the apostles were fully assured through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and appointed leaders everywhere, witnessing to the establishment of the New Covenant community immediately after the Temple's fall.

**† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †**

### **Source Index**

† Deuteronomy 31:19-22; Deuteronomy 32:1, 4, 5, 15, 16-21, 18, 20, 29, 43; Isaiah 42:6; Isaiah 49:6; Isaiah 59:2; Isaiah 65:17; Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 17:17; Matthew 23:34-36; Matthew 23:35-36; Matthew 24:2; Luke 9:41; Luke 13:35; Luke 21:20-21; Acts 2:40; Acts 7:41-42; Romans 1:21-23; Romans 15:10; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Peter 2:6-8; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 12:22-24; Hebrews 12:26-28; Galatians 6:16; Philippians 2:15; Revelation 6:10; Revelation 18:20; Revelation

19:2; Revelation 21:2; Revelation 21:24-26; Josephus Wars of the Jews 6.4.5; Tacitus Histories 5.13; Eusebius Ecclesiastical History 3.5; Clement of Rome c. AD 96

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