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 - Moses' final provision and instruction to the Israelites. 31:24-32-47; 33:1-29
 - Final words of warning and instruction 32:44-47
 - Take this seriously
 - Instruct the next generation
 - Your life and possession of the land depend on your obedience

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God's Word is life

- ⁴⁷ For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess." Deuteronomy 32:47 (ESV)
- ²⁵ My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word! Psalm 119:25 (ESV)
- ¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word! Psalm 119:107 (ESV)
- ¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. Proverbs 4:10 (ESV)

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- ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. John 5:24 (ESV)
- ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. John 6:63 (ESV)
- ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, John 6:68 (ESV)
- ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." Acts 5:20 (ESV)

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- ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Philippians 2:14-16 (ESV)
- ¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 1 John 1:1 (ESV)

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 - The imagery of the coronation ceremony for a king and the rising of the sun on a brilliantly clear day is used to describe the establishment of Yahweh as the King of Jeshurun, His righteous nation.

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 - The comments on some of the tribes reflects the situation or character of the namesake of the tribe. Reuben was the firstborn of Jacob but is noted for not living up to that position among his brothers.

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 - Judah was the one who suggested selling Joseph instead of killing him but later before Joseph offered himself as a servant of Joseph instead of Benjamin.

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 - The tribe of Levi is honored as the ones
 - entrusted with discerning the will of God through the Thummim and the Urim,
 - set apart for exclusive service to God,
 - teaching the law to God's people and
 - Entrusted with the sacrifices and offerings

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 - Benjamin is to be blessed with the presence of Yahweh
 - Joseph is recognized as receiving the blessing of the firstborn as he was designated by his father Jacob. The tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh are to enjoy God's bounty and strength with Ephraim increasing over Manasseh.

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 - Zebulun and Issachar are mentioned together. Their inheritance will be adjacent to each other in the mountainous country west and southwest of the sea of Galilee where they will enjoy the fruits of the sea and the land.
 - Gad is destined to faithfully conquer the land allotted to them.

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 - Dan is seen as having the impulsivity of a lion's cub. Originally, Dan was allotted land in the southwestern area of the country but later moved to the extreme north. From Joshua 20 forward the expression is used "from Dan to Beersheba" to describe the land of Israel from one end to the other.

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 - Naphtali is to enjoy the Lord's blessings. (See Matthew 4:13-16)
 - Asher is to have favor among the other tribes, prosper and be strong and vigorous.

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 - The blessing ends as it begins with the focus on God and the reminder that they are designated to be Jeshurun--the righteous nation.
 - God is majestic powerful and desiring to quickly come to their aid.
 - Their dwelling place and care is with the eternal God and they are held in His everlasting arms.

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 - Yet another reminder that God is the One who will secure their victory over their enemies.
 - They will live in safety and security, not under oppression.

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 - They will enjoy the abundance of the land
 - Israel is blessed by being the chosen of Yahweh
 - Israel is blessed by the protection of Yahweh

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- God's command to Moses in preparation for his death. 32:48-52
- The death of and tribute to Moses 34:1-12

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