

Chapters 29, 30

Moses called the whole of Israel together and said to them:
"Keep the words of this covenant and observe them
and you will thrive in all you do.

Let there be no man or woman among you, no clan or tribe,
whose heart turns away from the Lord your God
to go and serve the gods of the nations.

If ever you are scattered from the land God is giving you,
God will bring you back when your hearts turn back to him.
The Lord will circumcise your hearts
until you love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.
This Law I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength
or beyond your reach.

It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder
'who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us
so that we may hear it and keep it?'

Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder
'who will cross the sea for us and bring it back to us,
so that we may hear it and keep it?'

No, the Word is very near to you.

It is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.
See, today I set before you life and prosperity,
death and disaster.

If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God,
if you love the Lord your God and follow his ways,
if you keep his commandments, his laws, his customs,
you will live and increase,
and the Lord your God will bless you
in the land which you are entering to make your own.

But if your heart strays, if you refuse to listen,
if you let yourself be drawn into worshipping other gods