

# Deuteronomy 29:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**These are the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.** This verse introduces covenant renewal - a second covenant beside the covenant...in Horeb (Sinai). This is not replacement but reaffirmation and expansion of the original covenant for the generation entering Canaan.

The location in the land of Moab situates this renewal just before Jordan crossing. The first generation received the law at Sinai; the second generation receives renewed covenant at Moab. Each generation must personally commit, not merely inherit parents' relationship with God.

Moses serves as mediator - the LORD commanded Moses to make - demonstrating the prophetic role of communicating God's word and establishing covenant relationship between God and people. This foreshadows Christ's superior mediation of the New Covenant.

The distinction between Horeb covenant and Moab covenant teaches that while God's law is unchanging, His relationship with His people requires ongoing renewal and fresh commitment.

## Historical Context

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The Horeb (Sinai) covenant was given after the exodus, establishing Israel as theocratic nation. The Moab covenant renewed and expanded these terms forty years later as Israel prepared to enter Canaan.

Deuteronomy as whole functions as extended covenant renewal ceremony, with Moses preaching the law to the new generation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. What does covenant renewal teach about each generation needing personal commitment?
2. How does the Moab covenant relate to the Horeb covenant - replacement or renewal?
3. Why is Moses' mediatorial role significant in foreshadowing Christ?
4. What does the need for ongoing covenant renewal teach about relationship with God?
5. How should each generation of believers personally embrace faith rather than merely inheriting it?

## Interlinear Text

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| אֶלָּה             | דְּבָרִים           | בְּבָרִית           | בְּבָרִית | אֲשֶׁר    | צִוָּה            | אֲשֶׁר    |
| H428               | These are the words | beside the covenant | H1285     | H834      | commanded         | H6680     |
|                    | H1697               |                     |           |           |                   |           |
| which the LORD     | אֲתָה יְהוָה        | מִשְׁמָה            | כְּכֹתֶת  | אֲתָה     | בֶּן              | לִשְׁבָא  |
| H3068              | H853                | Moses               | to make   | H854      | with the children | of Israel |
|                    |                     | H4872               | H3772     |           | H1121             | H3478     |
| in the land        | בָּאָרֶץ            | מִזְמָא בְּ         | מִלְבָד   | בְּבָרִית | אֲשֶׁר            | אֲתָה מִ  |
| H776               |                     | H4124               | H905      | H1285     | H834              | H854      |
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| בְּחַרְבָּה:       |                     |                     |           |           |                   |           |
| with them in Horeb |                     |                     |           |           |                   |           |
|                    | H2722               |                     |           |           |                   |           |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 8:9** (Covenant): Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

**Jeremiah 31:32** (Covenant): Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

**2 Kings 23:3** (Covenant): And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

