XXIX.-XXX. Moses' Third Discourse. Israel formally called upon to enter into the Deuteronomic Covenant.

The Deuteronomic Code ends with c. 28. C. 29-30 is of the nature of a supplement, insisting afresh upon the fundamental principle of the Code, viz. devotion to Jehovah, and calling upon Israel to yield loyal allegiance to it. discourse falls naturally into three parts. In the first, Moses, after referring to what Jehovah has done for israel (291-3 (2-9)), reminds them that the purpose for which they are now assembled together is that they may enter solemnly into covenant with Him, and warns them afresh of the disastrous consequences, including national ruin and exile, which a lapse into idolatry will inevitably entail (299-28 (10-20)); in the second, imagining the threatened exile to have taken place, he promises that even then, if Israel sincerely repents, Jehovah will again receive it into His favour, and restore it to the land of promise (301-10); in the third, he sums up, in brief but forcible words, the two alternatives placed before Israel, life and happiness on the one side, death and misfortune on the other, and adjures the nation to choose wisely between them (3011-20).

In these chapters, the connection is sometimes imperfect, esp. between 301-16 and 3011-20 (see on 3011); several words and phrases occur, not otherwise found in Dt. (Dillim, notes brown 29<sup>16</sup>(9), nbn oath, imprecation, 2011-12, 12, 20, 20(12, 14, 14, 20, 20) 307, idol-blocks and detestations 20<sup>16</sup>(17), 20 18 20<sup>17</sup>(18), more stubbornness 20<sup>16</sup>(18), pin pay and nbn 20<sup>16</sup>(20), nph unto evil 20<sup>20</sup>(20), nmh sicknesses 20<sup>16</sup>(20), forsake the covenant 20<sup>24</sup>(20), 2013 pluck up 20<sup>25</sup>(20), nmh drive away 30<sup>16</sup>; and the phrases 20<sup>16</sup>(9)a. 17 (18)b. 18 (19)b); and the points of contact with Jeremiah are more numerous than usual. A question thus arises, whether the text is throughout in its original order, and whether it is entirely by the same hand as the ody of Dt. 1 see the Introduction, § 4.

XXIX. 1-8 (2-9). Moses reminds the Israelites of all that Jehovah has wrought for them, from the time of their deliverance from Egypt, founding upon it a renewed exhortation to obey the words of the covenant.—The paragraph is a recapitulation of the substance of earlier parts of Dt., stated largely in the same phraseology.—1 (2). And Moses called unto all Israel (11), and said unto them] exactly as 51.—Ye (emph.) have