

# THE PASSOVER IN THE SECOND MONTH

*How Truth Brings Us Together · 2 Chronicles 30*

*The letter asked them to return to the LORD. The feast is what happened after.*

## Introduction: Three Hundred Letters

Same letter. Same words. Why did it do three different things? All month our theme has been How Truth Brings Us

\_\_\_\_\_.

Ahaz closed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of the Lord (28:24). Hezekiah opened them, then wrote to tribes that were not his.

## I. The Letter Crossed a Border (30:1-5)

|      |                                                                     |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| v. 1 | he _____ to all Israel, and Ephraim and Manasseh are not his        |
| v. 2 | the king, his princes and all the assembly had _____                |
| v. 3 | they could not do it at the regular time                            |
| v. 4 | “the thing was _____ in the sight of the king and all the assembly” |
| v. 5 | so they issued the decree, from Beersheba even to Dan               |

The second month: Numbers 9:10-11 provides one for the unclean or the traveler. 30:3 names other grounds. 29:17 has the cleansing finished the sixteenth and the Passover is the fourteenth, so the day was already \_\_\_\_\_.

Doing nothing was not safe either. A clean man who neglects it “shall then be cut off from his people” (Numbers 9:13). The penalty: \_\_\_\_\_.

Three readings, not settled: (1) the Numbers 9 provision applied; (2) extended by analogy to a nation; (3) reported without being authorized.

**Whatever you decide about the calendar, he sent the letter anyway.**

## II. He Told Them the Truth About Their Fathers (30:7)

“Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord God of their fathers, so that He made them a horror, as you \_\_\_\_\_.”

“they did not listen, but \_\_\_\_\_ their neck like their fathers” (2 Kings 17:14). God's own verdict on why the north fell, handed back as a warning.

**A lie can flatter a man. Only the truth can warn him.**

## III. He Asked of Them What He Had Asked for Himself (30:8; 29:10)

Count the verbs. v. 6: \_\_\_\_\_. v. 8: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ His sanctuary, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord your God. Every one is something a man does.

|                                            |                                              |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 29:10, his own house: turn away from _____ | 30:8, the letter north: turn away from _____ |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|

Same sentence, one pronoun apart. And 28:13 has Ephraim's own leading men saying “His burning anger is against \_\_\_\_\_.” The letter brings the remedy for a verdict they had already pronounced.

**There is a way to tell the truth that puts you above, and a way that puts you beside.**

## IV. The Reason He Gave (30:9)

“your \_\_\_\_\_ and your sons will find compassion”: the ones already carried off, not coming back on their own.

“the Lord your God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”, and the condition stays attached: if you return to Him.

## V. Now Notice What Is Not in That Letter (30:6-9)

Read verses 6 through 9 and look for the word that is not there: \_\_\_\_\_. It is in verse 1 and verse 5, in the frame around the letter.

Truth was the \_\_\_\_\_. The gathering is what happened next.

## VI. Three Answers and One Room (30:10-12, 25-26)

|       |                                                                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| v. 10 | the country laughed them to scorn and _____ them                                      |
| v. 11 | some _____ themselves and came. The humbling came first.                              |
| v. 12 | the _____ of God on Judah, one heart by the _____ of the Lord. No courier went there. |

Count the room in v. 25: Judah, priests, Levites, the assembly from Israel, sojourners from Israel, sojourners in Judah. That is \_\_\_\_\_ groups.

“nothing like this in Jerusalem since the days of \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 26). Walk 7:14 through the chapter: humble 11, pray 18, seek 19, turn (the letter), hear 20, forgive 18, heal 20.

**Northerners had come south before. What was new was a king of Judah asking for them.**

## Conclusion: Which Verse Are You

“you are doing just as your fathers did” (Acts 7:51). Who did you quit sending to? And which verse are you this week, when the truth comes at you?