

# Choose Life



*STUDIES IN*  
**DEUTERONOMY**

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**“Jesus, he will go over  
before you”**

*Readings:*

**Deuteronomy 30:11-31:6**

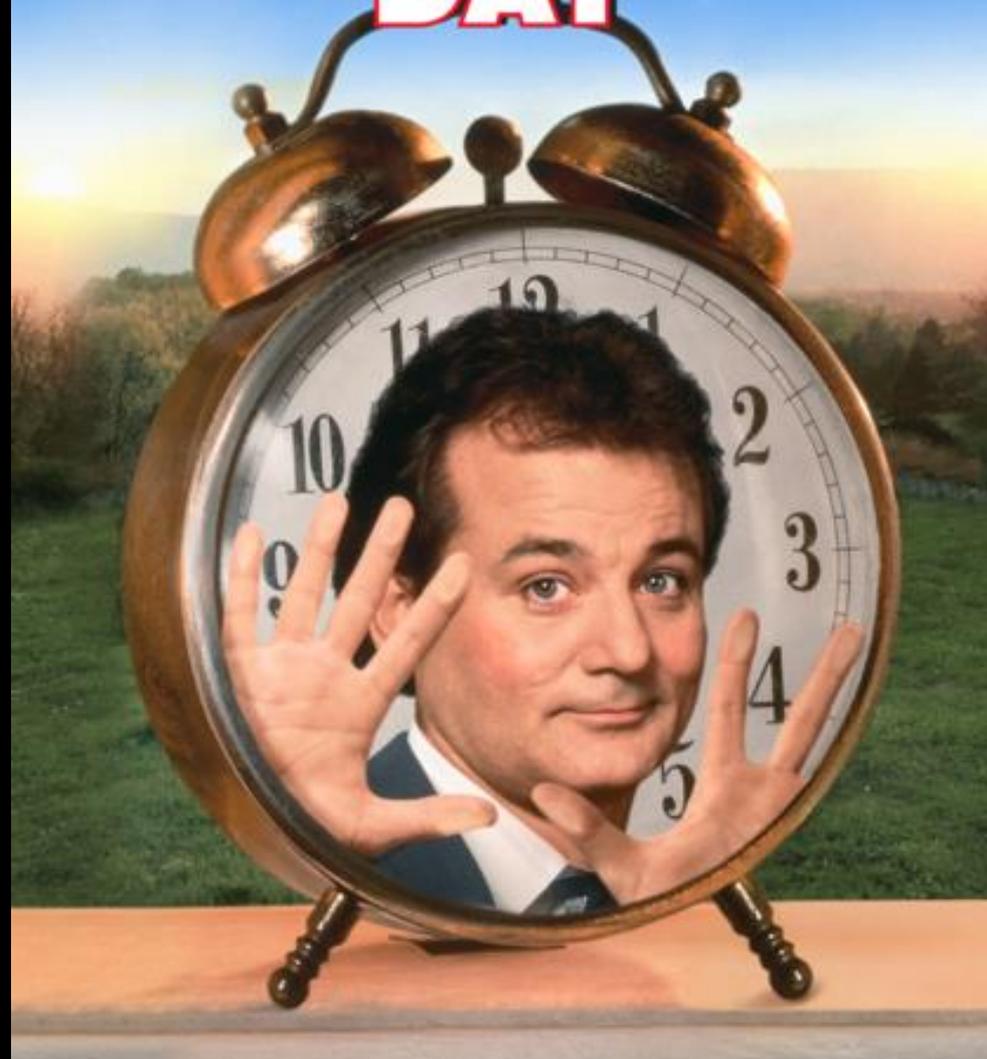
**Deuteronomy 31:23-29**

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**Deuteronomy 34:4-12**

# **GROUNDHOG DAY**

BILL MURRAY  
**GROUNDHOG  
DAY**



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**1. Is the killing just and good?**

**2. How do I apply this today?**

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<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess... *[Deuteronomy 30:17-18]*

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<sup>27</sup>For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD. How much more after my death! ...

<sup>29</sup>For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

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<sup>50</sup>And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, <sup>51</sup>because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. <sup>52</sup>For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel.”

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But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

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