

Text: Deuteronomy 31:14 – 34:12

Deut. 31:14-30

1. Why was Moses to call Joshua and go to the tabernacle? (v14)
2. How did the Lord appear? (v15)
3. What did the Lord tell Moses would happen after his death? (v16)
4. Why was Moses to write a song and teach it to the children of Israel? (v19-21)
5. What did Moses say at the inauguration of Joshua? (v23)

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6. What mountain was Moses to go up? (v49)
7. What was he to view from Mount Nebo? (v49)
8. What else was Moses going to do on Mount Nebo? (v50)
9. Why did Moses not get to go into the land of Canaan? (v51-52)

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10. What did the Lord tell Moses on top of Mount Nebo? (v4)

11. Did Moses die on the Mountain? (v5)

12. Where was Moses buried? (v6)

13. Does anyone know exactly where Moses is buried? (v6)

14. How old was Moses when he died?

15. How did the Lord know Moses? (v10)

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16. Who has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses?

54. MOSES DIES

(DEUTERONOMY 34)

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DIED
DESCENDANTS
MOUNT NEBO
THIRTY DAYS

JOSHUA
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Moses Died

"Faith Knowing God Chooses Faithful Men"

Deut 1, 31:14 — 34:12

- (1) Then the Lord said to _____, "Behold, the time for you to _____ is near; call _____ and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, that I may commission him. Deut 31:14
- (2) This people will arise and play the harlot with the _____ of the land, into the midst of which they are going, and will _____ me and break My _____ which I have made with them. 31:16
- (3) My face I will surely hide, in that day because of all the evil which they will do, for they will turn to other _____. Now therefore write this _____ for yourselves and _____ it to the _____ of _____; put it on their lips in order that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel. 31:18-19
- (4) So _____ wrote this _____ the same day, and taught it to the sons of Israel. 31:22

(5.) Then He commissioned Joshua, and said, "Be _____
and _____, for you shall bring the sons of Israel
to the land which I swore to them, and _____ will
be with you. 31:23

(6) For I know that after my _____ you will act
_____ and turn from the way which I have commanded
you: and _____ will befall you in the latter _____
for you will do that which is evil in the sight of the
Lord, provoking Him to _____ with the work of
your hands. 31:29
The Song of Moses

(7) "For I proclaim the name of the Lord; Ascribe _____
to our God! The _____! His work is _____
For all His ways are _____ 32:3-4

(8) O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your _____
who has _____ you? He has made you and
_____ you. 32:6-7

(9) They _____ to demons who were not God, To gods
whom they have not known, "You _____
the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who
gave you _____ 32:17-18

(10) Vengeance is mine, and _____, In due time
their _____ will slip; For the day of their
_____ is near. 32:35

(11) When Moses had finished speaking all these words
all Israel, he said to them, "Take to your _____
all the words with which I am warning _____
today. 32:46

(12) And the Lord spoke to _____ that very day saying, Go
up to this _____ of the Abarim, Mount _____ 32:48

(13) Then _____ on the mountain where you _____, and
be _____ to your people as _____ your brother
died on _____ and was gathered to his people 31:50

(14) Then the Lord said to him "This is the land which I
swore to _____, and _____, saying, I
will give it to your descendants; I have let you _____ it
with your eyes, but you shall _____ go over there. 34:14

(15) Although Moses was _____ old when he died,
his _____ was not dim, nor his _____ abated. 34:7

(16) Since then no _____ has risen in Israel like
_____, whom the Lord knew _____ to _____,
for all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent
him to _____ in the land of Egypt.
34:10

MD 7-1 Moses writes the Pentateuch

Moses was an old man by now; he was 120 years old. For the first forty years of his life, he had been a prince in Egypt and a candidate for the Egyptian throne; during that time he became learned in all the wisdom of Egypt and enjoyed great wisdom and power. Then, after he killed the Egyptian, he spent the next forty years of his life in Midian and the region around Mount Sinai, tending sheep for his father-in-law, Jethro. And the last forty years of his life he wandered in the wilderness as the leader of Israel.

Now he was finishing one of the most important tasks God had given him—the writing of the first five books of the Bible, called the *Pentateuch*, or the *Books of Moses*. The Books of Moses are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. As God gave Moses the words to write, Moses copied them carefully onto a scroll (a long, rolled piece of paper or animal skin) so that God's words could be preserved for people of all ages. First, Moses wrote the magnificent book of *Genesis*, the Book of Beginnings, which tells of God's creation of all things, the Fall of man and his need of a Savior, the Flood, the tower of Babel, the promise of redemption through the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the adventures of Joseph in Egypt, and the beginnings of the sojourn of the Israelites in Egypt.

MD 4-1 (Use again) Moses reviews his life

We can use our map to review the other four books of Moses, beginning with *Exodus*, the Book of Redemption, where the story of Moses begins. As God spoke, Moses wrote down the events of his own life, beginning with his birth in Egypt's land of Goshen and his rescue from death when Pharaoh's daughter drew him out of the Nile River. Moses recorded how, after forty years of honor and splendor in Egypt, he escaped into the wilderness and toiled as a rough shepherd until one day, near Mount Sinai, he met God at the burning bush. God spoke to him from the burning bush, assured him that He would be with him, and sent him back to Egypt to give Pharaoh God's message: "Let my people go!" During all this time, God's people had suffered indescribable anguish as slaves in Egypt, and finally they had cried out to the Lord in their bondage.

When Moses returned to Egypt and gave Pharaoh God's message, God made things so difficult for the Egyptians that they eventually *thrust* God's people out of Egypt. The final blow to the pride of Pharaoh was the Passover, when God had mercy on the families that applied the blood of the lamb to their doorposts. This was a picture, or type, of Christ, the Lamb of God, whose blood brings salvation to all who trust in Him. Moses wrote all this down in the book of *Exodus* for us to read.

He wrote about the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea, the tree that made the bitter waters of Marah sweet, God's provision of meat and manna in the wilderness, the water from the rock at Rephidim, and the day that prayer brought victory over the fleshly forces of Amalek (also at Rephidim).

Next Moses wrote of the year's encampment at the base of Mount Sinai—the giving of the Ten Commandments and the other laws, the wicked worship of the golden calf, and the constructing of the Tabernacle. In the book of **Leviticus**, Moses wrote down God's instructions for living a holy life before Him. Then in the books of **Numbers** and **Deuteronomy** he recorded the travels of the Israelites from Sinai to the borders of the Promised Land. He wrote about the constant murmuring and complaining of the Israelites, the burning of God's anger at Taberah, God's gracious provision of quails for meat, Miriam's leprosy (at Hazeroth), and the sending out of the spies from Kadesh-Barnea. Then came the forty years of wandering caused by the unbelief of the people. Important events during this time were the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, the budding of Aaron's rod to show that God chooses leadership, Moses' sin of smiting the rock when God told him to speak to it, and the death of Miriam and Aaron. Finally, the wandering was over, the people had encompassed Edom and won victories over their enemies. Now they were at the gate to the Promised Land, waiting for God's instructions.

MD 7-1 (Use again) Moses desires to see the Promised Land

Moses had one great desire now. "O Lord God," he prayed, "Please let me cross over into the Promised Land and see the wonderful land beyond the Jordan River with its beautiful rolling hills." And no wonder he prayed this prayer! For the past eighty years he had dreamed about it. In the dark days of hardships and difficulties in Egypt, and all through the years of wandering in the wilderness, he had thought about it and tried to cheer the discouraged people with stories of the marvelous things they would enjoy in Canaan.

But again God said "**NO!** Speak to me no more about it." It certainly must have been hard to take, and all because of the sin when he had disobeyed God and struck the rock twice when he had been commanded to just speak to it. Then the Lord directed Moses to "go to the top of Mount Pisgah where you can look out in every direction and see the land in the distance. But you shall not cross the Jordan River. Charge Joshua to replace you, and then encourage him, for he shall lead the people across to conquer and divide the land you will see from the mountaintop."

Notice how Moses received God's denial of his repeated request. He did not complain and say he wished he had never started from Egypt or that he wished he had died in the wilderness! No, Moses did not seem to think of himself at all. He was happy and thankful that the Lord had appointed and chosen a younger man as the new leader for the people of Israel. Moses knew that Joshua was Spirit-filled and a man of faith who would seek the Lord's guidance and obey His commands. He wanted the Israelites to have a competent leader so that they would not be "as sheep which have no shepherd." God's work, God's people, and God's glory were first with Moses—never *self*.

Moses knew now that his death was near. He and the people understood that Joshua would take his place and

be their leader. So he called the people together for the last time. They gathered about him, as they had done so many times before.

MD 7-2 Moses addresses the people

Standing before the great congregation, he spoke in a loud, clear voice. Hour after hour he retold the story of the outstanding things that had happened during the forty years of wandering in the desert since the Israelites' great deliverance from Egypt. He especially reminded them of God's merciful guidance and protection. He earnestly warned the people not to forget the Lord nor the covenant they had made with Him. Many of those who listened had never seen Egypt. They had been just boys and girls, or babies, or unborn, when Israel crossed the Red Sea and God gave the law at Mount Sinai and they wandered in the wilderness. They knew nothing of these things except as their parents had told them.

Moses continued his talk by reminding them of God's loving care—how He had been like a father to them, helping them in every time of need. And why? Because He wanted them to be a good example to all the other people in the world. He gave them the Ten Commandments, so that they would know the difference between right and wrong. Moses urged them to keep the commandments and to teach them diligently to their children. He impressed on them that God expected them to be a pure and holy people, and therefore He had instructed them to build a sanctuary (the Tabernacle) that He might live among them.

Moses wrote this long farewell address into the book of **Deuteronomy**.

This great orator Moses closed his last message to his beloved people with these words: "I am 120 years old. I can no longer be your leader; but you be strong and of good courage. Fear not nor be afraid, for the Lord your God goes with you, and He will not fail you nor forsake you. Remember that Canaan will be yours, and Joshua will lead you into the land."

As the people listened, they knew Moses was about to leave them forever. How faithful he had been! He had loved them as a father loves his children. He had been their leader for a long, long time.

Then Moses called Joshua to him so that "in the sight of all the people" God might pass the leadership over to him. He said to the people, "Joshua is your new commander, as the Lord has instructed. Be courageous, for the Lord will give to you the people living in the land." Then to Joshua he said, "You shall lead these people into the land promised by the Lord to their ancestors; see to it that they conquer it! The Lord will go before you and will be with you."

Now the meeting of Moses and the people was over. The people streamed back to their tents. Some were weeping; others were talking about Joshua and the kind of leader he would make.

MD 7-3 Moses views the Promised Land

Slowly, through the darkening twilight, Moses climbed Mount Nebo to the "top of Pisgah" to meet the One he had served so long. With the dawn, he looked down upon the camp of the people he had loved so much. Then the Lord pointed out to him the Promised Land. "There it is," the Lord said.

"What a beautiful country!" Moses thought as he looked across its lovely wooded hills and green valleys. He knew that his people would soon be in the land that

God had promised them. Yes, it was worth all the struggle, battles, toil, and waiting!

So Moses, the servant of the Lord, died in the land of Moab as the Lord had said. The Lord Himself buried him, and no one knows the exact place of his burial.

Some say, "What a pity that Moses was not allowed to go into the Promised Land." The truth is Moses *did* go into the Promised Land, but in a much better way than he could have planned.

MD 7-4 Moses talks with Jesus

Years after Moses' death, while Jesus was here on earth, Jesus took three of His disciples up to the top of a high mountain inside the Promised Land and two men who had lived on earth long ago came and talked with Jesus. One of these men was the prophet Elijah; the other man was Moses. It must have been thrilling to Moses to be in the Promised Land at last, but it was far more wonderful to him to talk face to face with the Promised *One*—the Redeemer whom God had promised at the beginning of human history and Whom Moses had only written about in pictures (types) in the first five books

of the Bible. Moses and Elijah talked with Jesus there on the mount about the death that Jesus would die for our sins so that we might receive Him as Savior and be saved.

Moses was one of the greatest men who ever lived. No other prophet knew God as intimately as he did. At God's command, he performed amazing miracles which have never been equaled. No other prophet ever talked to God face to face. Despite his greatness, the Bible describes him as the meekest of all men.

Saddened by the death of Moses, Israel wept and mourned for him thirty days. Immediately after Moses' death, Joshua took charge of the people, and the Israelites accepted him as their leader and did what he commanded. Joshua's leadership of the children of Israel into the Promised Land is recorded in the book of **Joshua**, which follows the five Books of Moses in our Bible. Moses' work was done, but God's work continued on, as it does in our day and in our hearts. Are we letting God work through us as Moses let Him work through him? Let's ask God to help us be as faithful to Him as Moses was. [PRAYER.] □