

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

(1) Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

(2) And he said to them: "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. **Also the LORD has said to me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.'**

(3) The LORD your **God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as the LORD has said.**

(4) And the LORD will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them.

(5) The LORD will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you.

(6) **Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."**

A) God goes before you - There is nothing that God will tell you to do that He, Himself does not know the outcome of it.

B) God fights for you - We need to remember that we are not alone, that God fights for us.

C) God gives you those to help you - God gives us His Holy Spirit, and other people in our life to help us.

(7) Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. (8) And the LORD, **He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you;** He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

(Moses then tells the people to read the Law every 7 years to remind the people.)

Deuteronomy 31:12-13

(12) Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, **that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,**

(13) and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and **learn to fear the LORD your God as long as you live** in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess."

A) The Word of God must be preached and taught in our lives.

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Deuteronomy 31:14-15

(14) Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting, that **I may inaugurate him.**" So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting.

(15) Now the LORD appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle.

(16) And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people **will rise and play the harlot** with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and **they will forsake Me and break My covenant** which I have made with them.

(17) Then **My anger** shall be **aroused against** them in that day, and **I will forsake them**, and I will **hide My face from them**, and **they shall be devoured**. And **many evils and troubles shall befall them**, so that they will say in that

day, 'Have not these evils come upon us
because our God is not among us?'

(18) And I will surely hide My face in that day because of all the evil which they have done, in that they have turned to other gods.

A) It was never God's intention to destroy the Israelites or those who believe in His name.

However, when we choose to follow the ways of the world instead of following God, we place ourselves in opposition to Him and reject His promises. The consequences we experience are not because God desires our destruction, but because we have turned away from His truth and His gracious provision.

(GOD GIVES THEM A SONG - FOUND IN
CHAPTER 32:1-47)

Deuteronomy 31:23-29

(23) Then He inaugurated Joshua the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of good courage;

for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and I will be with you." So it was, when Moses had completed writing the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, (25) that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying: (26) "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, **that it may be there as a witness against you;** (27) for I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. **If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD, then how much more after my death?**

(28) Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing and call heaven and earth to witness against them. (29) For I know that after my death **you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil**

in the **sight of the LORD**, to provoke **Him** to anger through the work of your hands."

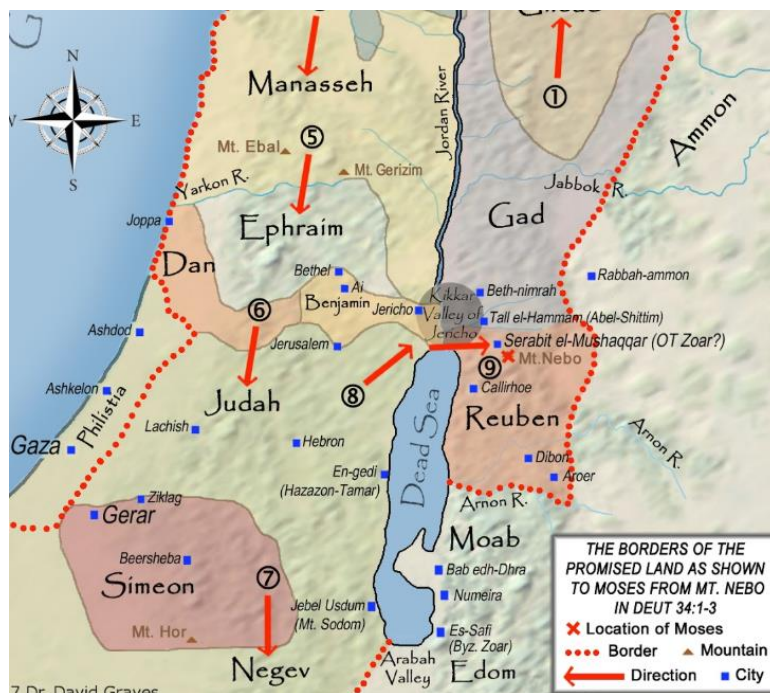
Death of Moses and Burial

Deuteronomy 32:48-52 Then the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: (49) "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; (50) and **die on the mountain which you ascend**, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people; (51) because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel. (52) Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel."

Chapter 33 – Blesses the Tribes

Chapter 34 -

Deuteronomy 34:1-8 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, (2) all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, (3) the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.



(4) Then the LORD said to him, **"This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there."**

(5) So Moses the servant of the **LORD died there in the land of Moab**, according to the word of the LORD.

(6) And **He buried him** in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; **but no one knows his grave to this day.**

(7) Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

(8) And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So, the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended.

A) Why did God show Moses the Promised Land knowing he was about to die?

While there may be several reasons God chose to do this, one question naturally arises: **Why didn't God simply show Moses the land after he died?**

This account, along with many other passages in Scripture, suggests that those who have died are not presently in heaven looking down upon the affairs of those still living on earth.

The Bible repeatedly points our hope toward the **resurrection** and the **final judgment**. Our future is not centered on watching the events of earth unfold after death, but on the day when God calls every person to stand before Him.

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." — **Hebrews 9:27**

For the believer, death is not the end but the doorway to eternal life. Whether one understands the intermediate state as unconscious rest until the resurrection or conscious fellowship with Christ, once a person dies, this world for them is no more.

A person who rejects Christ will face the final judgment and the Lake of Fire, while those who belong to Him will inherit eternal life in the presence of God (Revelation 20:11–15; Revelation 21:1–7).

Know this important point. God loves His servants today. God took love for Moses in that He buried Moses, himself. While this life is

here and gone, God still moves in us and
prepares us for eternal life with Him!

Where will you go when you close your eyes for
the last time in this world?