

Special Sight-Seeing

Dt.34:1, Nebo: 2600 ft



I. The Promised Land, 1-4

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Dt.1³⁷ Even with me the LORD was angry on your account and said, You also shall not go in there. ³⁸ Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.

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Dt.1:37-38
 - Faithful enter heaven; others do not.
Mt.7:13-14, 21-23

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1. One sin is serious. Nu.13-14; 20. Dt.32:48-52
2. Edification is important. Num.12 / 20
3. Reverence God, not self. Nu.20. Dt.34; Mt.4

God sent Moses to the mountain	Satan led Jesus to mountain, Mt.4:8
Moses saw all land / tribal portions	Lord saw all kingdoms of world, v.8
God refused to let Moses enter	Jesus refused satan's offer to rule... v.9

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4. Self-control is critical. Ja.3; Jn.1. Ac.2, 7, 8
5. God will punish sin. Dt.1:41-43
6. Sin may exact consequences that forgiveness cannot remove. Dt.3:23-29
7. Establishes credibility of Scripture; exposes flaws of heroes – Abraham, David, Hezekiah...
Ex.32 (Aaron); Lv.10 (sons); Nu.12...
8. Proves impartiality of God. Ac.10:34-35

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II. Death, The Great Leveler, 5-7

Moses, great . . .

- A. Giver of the law, yet expendable. Christians face death in peace. Ph.1:23.
- B. Servant of God: dies with boots on; works up to last hours of his life. Cf. Ex.18.
- C. Leader of Israel, dies in Moab; helped Israel enter, but he cannot.
- D. Man of faith in God's house. Hb.3:2, 5-6.
- E. Length of life: 120... Ec.12. Ps.90.

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III. Israel Wept..., 8

During Moses' life, Israel did not appreciate him

Some do not appreciate blessings
until they lose them

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IV. Fill In The Breach, 9-10

- Older generations die out; others must 'stand in the breach.' Ps.106:19-23
- Joshua prepared for years to follow Moses (comrade, not competitor); filled with wisdom (cf. Ac.6); led Israel...Israel followed
- For church to survive, ground youth today in knowledge, courage
- 'But I'm no Moses' (10). Mt.11:11

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V. Too Stout To Doubt, 11-12

- Evidence: signs, wonders...
 - Ex.14, Red Sea
 - Ex.19, Mt. Sinai
 - Ex.20, Ten Commandments
- Explanation: how to deny or explain away such notable signs?
 - **Finger of God**: Ex.8:19, signs; 31:18, Word; Lk.11:20, same finger
 - **Foes of God**: Pharaoh and magicians prove Moses' divine commission – Ex.8:19
 - Pharisees, Jn.3:2
 - Sanhedrin, Ac.4:16

- Moses: reluctant (Ex.3-4)
- Apostles: Mk.16; Jn.20, etc.
 - Moses:
 - fear became courage...
 - unbelief became faith...
 - idleness became activity
 - Sanhedrin did not try to duplicate signs of apostles as Egyptian magicians did with Moses, Ac.5

*Deut.31:16, *lit.*, lie down with (NASB)

- Jews: God took away his soul with a kiss
- God's care for His own does not cease in death or in life

- After 40 years of service, Moses never stepped foot into the Promised land; Joshua led Israel instead
 - Moses finally made it (Mt.17)
 - Even this could not compare to the land above

Jn.1:17

- Moses represented God's Law
 - It could not lead into God's rest
 - Moses had to yield to Joshua (*Jesus*) –
Hb.4
- Was Moses a good shepherd? Ex.32

Jude 9, Michael / archangel . . .

- Controlled his speech – avoided reviling
- Lofty angel – did not speak evil of satan

Moses and Joshua

- Moses led his people to Joshua ... just as the law led people to Jesus, the true Joshua (Hb.4:8-9)