

Deuteronomy Lecture IV

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2. Studying the Law (31:9-13)
3. Song of Moses (31:14-32:47)
4. Moses' blessings for Israel (32:48-33:29)
5. Moses' death (34:1-12)



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Deuteronomy 31:1,2

1 Then Moses went out and spoke these words to
all Israel:

2 “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I
am no longer able to lead you. The Lord has said
to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’

Deuteronomy 31:7,8

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.

8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”



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Deuteronomy 31:12,13

12 Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.

13 Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

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Deuteronomy 31:16-18

16 And the Lord said to Moses: “You are going to rest with your ancestors, and these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them.

17 And in that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and calamities will come on them, and in that day they will ask, ‘Have not these disasters come on us because our God is not with us?’

18 And I will certainly hide my face in that day because of all their wickedness in turning to other gods.

Deuteronomy 31:19

“Now write down this song and teach it to the Israelites and have them sing it, so that it may be a witness for me against them.

Song of Moses

1. How much God loved Israel and showed his mercy on them (1-14).
2. But Israel abandoned and rejected God when they were filled with food and grew fat (15-18).
3. Calamities follow (19-36).
4. When Israel has fallen down as much as possible, they finally will recognize that God is the only true God. Then, when they repent, God will restore them (26-43).

Deuteronomy 32:46,47

46 he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law.

47 They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

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Deuteronomy 33:1

This is the blessing that Moses the man of God pronounced on the Israelites before his death.

The blessing of Moses

- Blessing for Reuben (6)
- Blessing for Judah (7)
- **Blessing for Levi (8-11)**
- Blessing for Benjamin (12)
- **Blessing for Joseph (13-17)**
 - Ephraim & Manasse (16-17)
- Blessing for Zebulun and Issachar (18-19)
- Blessing for Gad (20-21)
- Blessing for Dan (22)
- Blessing for Naphtali (23)
- Blessing for Asher (24-25)

Tribe	Verse	Blessing
Reuben	6	Live and increase in numbers
Judah	7	Become mighty and overcome all his foes
Levi	8-11	Faithful servant. Watch over God's word. Guard the covenant. Teach the law to Israel. Offer incense and burnt offerings. Spiritual rulership.
Benjamin	12	Beloved and secure in God
Joseph	13-17	Favored by God
Zebulun and Issachar	18-19	Master of the sea and the sand
Gad	20-21	He is a leader
Dan	22	He is a lion
Naphtali	23	Full of favor and blessing of the Lord
Asher	24-25	Favored by his brothers

Deuteronomy 33:8-11

8 About Levi he said: “Your Thummim and Urim belong to your faithful servant. You tested him at Massah; you contended with him at the waters of Meribah.

9 He said of his father and mother, ‘I have no regard for them.’ He did not recognize his brothers or acknowledge his own children, but he watched over your word and guarded your covenant.

10 He teaches your precepts to Jacob and your law to Israel. He offers incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar.

11 Bless all his skills, Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands. Strike down those who rise against him, his foes till they rise no more.”

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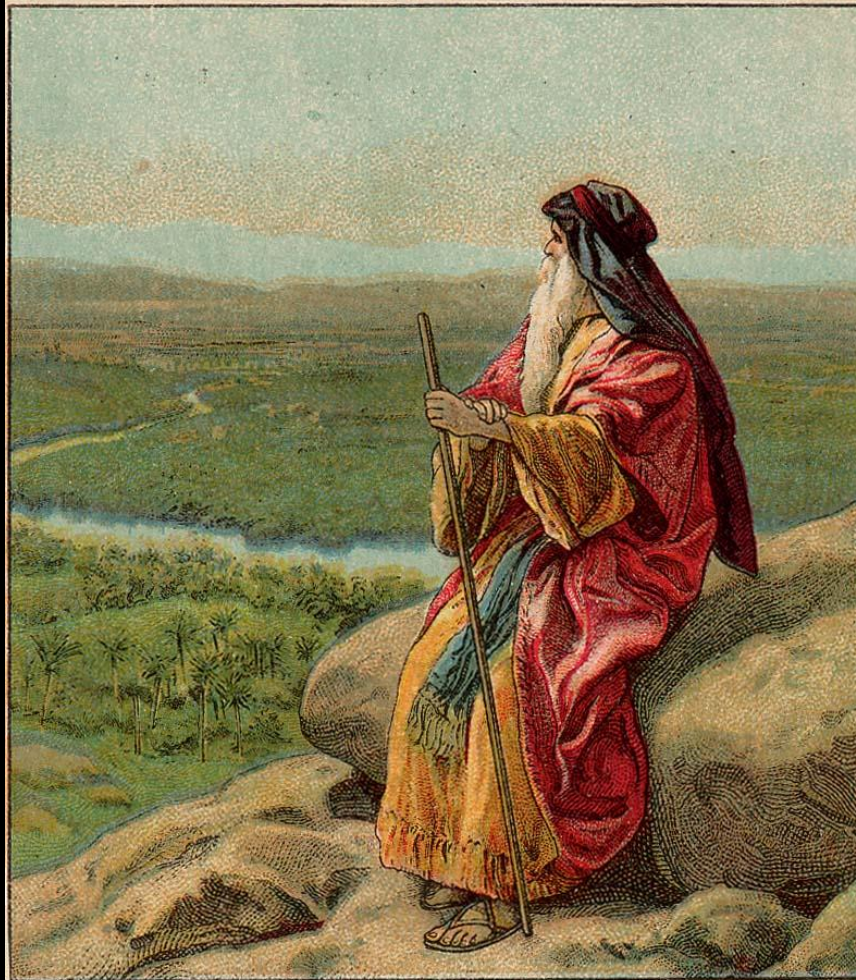
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Deuteronomy 34:1-3

1 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,
2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea,
3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.





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THE DEATH OF MOSES

Deut. 34:1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Ps. 116:15.

BIBLE ATLAS



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Map 3.6—The Plains of Moab and Mount Nebo



Deuteronomy 34:9

Now **Joshua son of Nun** was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.



Deuteronomy 34:10-12

10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like
Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face,

11 who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent
him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials
and to his whole land.

12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or
performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the
sight of all Israel.

Moses blessed life

- 1. Prayerful servant**
- 2. Messenger of God's words**
- 3. Shepherd and Intercessor**