



Deuteronomy 34

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

INTRODUCTION: this is a continuation of the previous chapter; Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

DEUTERONOMY 34 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

- **Deuteronomy 34:1-12** Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴ And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go 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 the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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The Death of Moses

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho and the LORD showed Moses all the Promised Land, so Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and the LORD buried Moses in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor (No one knows the place of Moses burial to this day).

Moses was one-hundred and twenty years old when he died and his eye was undimmed and vigour was unabated, the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him the people of Israel obeyed Joshua and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. There has not arisen a prophet since in all Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face and with all the signs and wonders, the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that the LORD sent Moses to do in Egypt in the sight of all Israel.

Notes on Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy is basically Moses speaking to the generation that came out of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness and is now about to cross the River Jordan under the leadership of Joshua and enter the Promised Land. Moses is re-telling the new generation of Israel all the laws, commandments and statutes of the LORD their parents were given at Mount Sinai, because all the people he is speaking to now except for Caleb and Joshua were only children when the LORD spoke from Mount Sinai and Israel agreed to the covenant. After Moses finishes giving Israel all the LORD'S commandments, the entire nation of Israel once again enters into the covenant with the LORD to obey and do all the words that the LORD has spoken by Moses. This is not a new covenant but a re-commitment to the original covenant made at Mount Sinai by the parents of this new generation who have grown up with their fearful and unbelieving parents through the forty years of wilderness wanderings. Deuteronomy finishes with the LORD burying Moses, and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land.

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