

# MOSES GOES AND JOSHUA COMES

Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Joshua 1:1–18.

LESSON 46 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: “Lo, I am with you alway” (Matthew 28:20).

## BIBLE REFERENCES

### Deuteronomy 34:1–12

1 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan,

2 And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea,

3 And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.

4 And the LORD said unto him, This is the land which I swear unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

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, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

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 were ended.

9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened

unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 In all the signs and the wonders, which 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 in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel.

### **Joshua 1:1-18**

1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great

sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that

thou mayest prosper  
whithersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

11 Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half

the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,

13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;

15 Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us, we will go.

17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy

commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

## NOTES

### **God's Goodness to the People**

God had been very patient with the people who complained against Him and against Moses so very often. God had given them water when they needed it, and manna for food. He had taken such good care of them that their clothes and their shoes had not worn out all those years. When they complained and disobeyed and God needed to punish them, Moses would pray for them and ask God to have mercy on them; and God would forgive them. Moses could do that because he loved and obeyed God. God forgave them because He loved Moses.

### **Near the Promised Land Again**

After many years of troubles and discouraging wanderings in the wilderness, they had come back to the place where they were to cross the Jordan River and come into the good land that God had promised to give them.

But God told Moses that because he had made a great mistake when he struck the rock twice to get water when God had said, "Speak ye unto the rock" (Numbers 20:8), he could not take the people into the good land. God said Moses would die.

## **Moses Called to Heaven**

The people had often complained about the food and the water and the hard travelling, and had caused Moses much sorrow; but the people seemed to love him and he loved them, and had been with them a long time. After he was taken from the little basket on the river he was in the king's house 40 years. Then he was in a lonely place 40 years, taking care of sheep and cattle, when God called him to come and lead the people out of their hard life in Egypt and to the good land he had for them. He had led the people nearly 40 years and was an old man. Even though he had been a good man and had always obeyed God, when he made a sad mistake God had to punish him for it.

God told Moses that He would take him to the top of the mountain and show him the wonderful land to which they had been travelling all those years, but Moses would not be the one to take the people into it. Then Moses died, and the Bible tells us that God buried him. No one has ever found his grave.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. God said that there never was another prophet like Moses whom the Lord knew face to face. God loved Moses because Moses loved God and obeyed Him and with the exception of this one instance was faithful in what God told him to do.

## **Joshua Chosen**

Joshua had been a faithful worker with Moses and now God called him to be the leader of the people. God told Joshua that as he had been with Moses so He would also be with Joshua. This must have been a great encouragement to Joshua, because he knew he had a hard task before him. The people did not always obey God.

God told Joshua to be brave, and he would go with him wherever he went. Then He told Joshua to take the people across the Jordan River into the good new home He had for them.

## **Obedience Promised**

When Joshua told the people what God had said to him, they said that they would do just what Joshua told them to do, and they asked God to bless Joshua as he had blessed Moses. But they sometimes forgot their promises.

## **QUESTIONS**

1. Did Moses get to go over into the Promised Land?  
Deuteronomy 34:4.
2. Who buried Moses when he died? Deuteronomy 34:6.
3. Who took the place of Moses as leader of the people? Joshua 1:1,
4. What promises did the Lord make to Joshua? Joshua 1:5.
5. Did the people obey Joshua? Joshua 1:16, 17.

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# The Old Time Religion

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And it's good enough for me

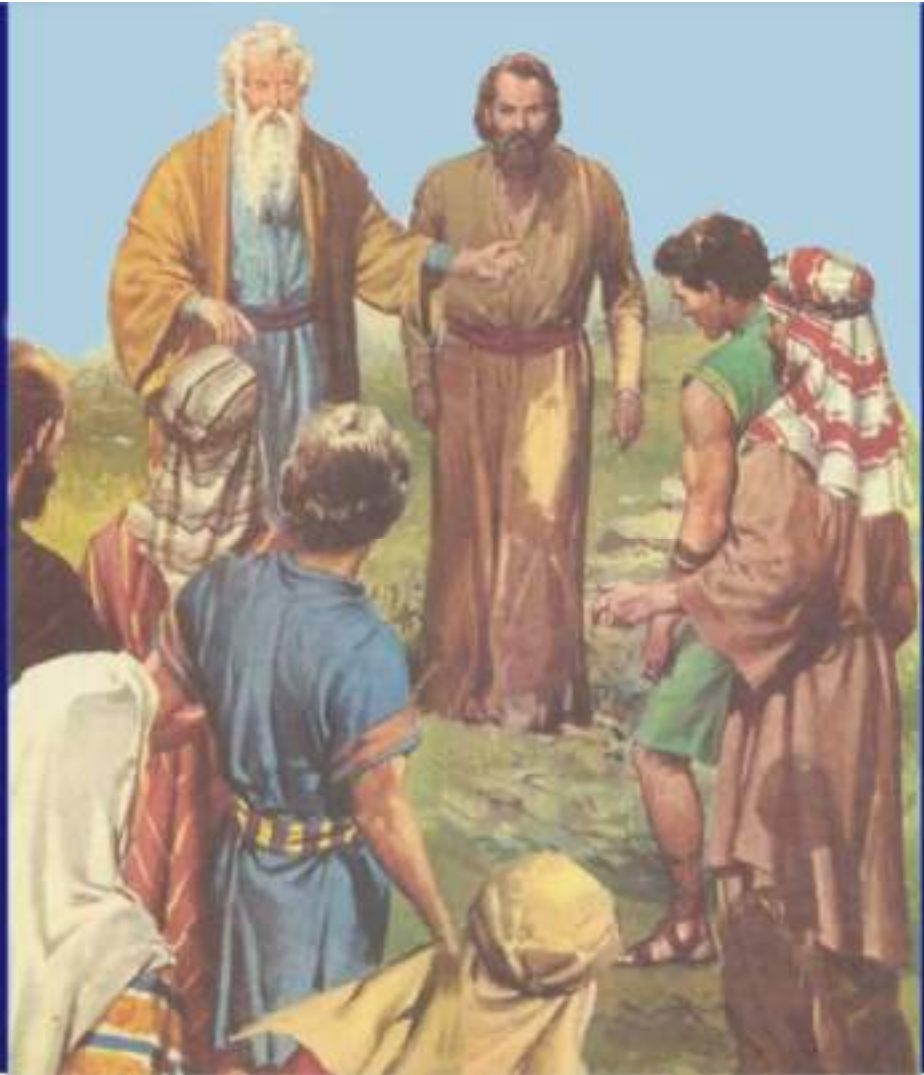
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2. Makes me love everybody - 3ces

And it's good enough for me

**PICTURE 1**



**PICTURE 2**



**PICTURE 3**

