

The Resurrection of Moses

Commentary for December 1, 2023 – What Will It Be Like For Him?

Try to imagine the experience of Moses as he looked across the Jordan River Valley above the northeast corner of the Dead Sea, southwest of modern Amman, Jordan. Moses led the people of Israel for 40 years. Now they arrived at their goal, to enter the land God said He would give to Israel. God said Moses could not enter into the promised land.

I want to give additional background to the article “New Prophetic Discoveries Concerning the End Time,” introduced by the “[December 2023 Newsletter](#).” Dr. Ernest Martin points out that Moses prophesied a “second Moses” (Deuteronomy 18:15) returning to earth at Mount Nebo to resurrect Moses with all the saints who died since Adam. From Mt Nebo, on to Jerusalem.

In Deuteronomy 32:1–43, Moses reviews what God did for Israel during the past 40 years. In his account of Israel’s history since departing from Egypt, Moses presents the triumphs, tragedies, violations of YHWH’s laws, as well as God’s judgments and punishments upon the people of Israel. Some judgments were imposed on individuals and other judgments to groups such as families, clans, Levites, priests, and tribal leaders.

This “Song of Moses” of Deuteronomy chapter 32 (called thus verse 44) was written by Moses himself, or dictated to a scribe. At the end Moses tells the people about his soon-coming death. YHWH told Moses that he was forbidden to enter the land. Moses was to be punished for offending YHWH by his presumptive thoughts and actions when Israel stopped to camp at Kadesh in the wilderness.¹ Note the offense by Moses and his brother Aaron:

“Go up to this mount of the Abarim range (Mount Nebo which is in the land of Moab that is overlooking Jericho), and see the land of Canaan that I am giving to the sons of Israel for a holding; and [you Moses will] die on the mount where you are going up, and be gathered [buried] to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, [Why?]

[1] **because BOTH of you OFFENDED Me in the midst of the sons of Israel ...**

[2] **because NEITHER of you HALLOWED Me in the midst of the sons of Israel.**

For from a distance shall you see the land, yet you shall not enter there into the land that I am giving to the sons of Israel.

• ***Deuteronomy 32:49–52, Concordant Literal Version***

Moses and Aaron were sentenced to death by YHWH for offending God. He was nonetheless in God’s favor at his death.

“Then Moses ascended from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, the summit of the

¹ Angels were delegated to represent YHWH and interact with Moses. They gave him laws that were “**not good**” (Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2, with context). These laws came from YHWH, but through angels. See Dr. Martin’s article, “[Lingering Idolatry in the Temple of God](#).”

Pisgah ridge, which is overlooking Jericho [west across the Jordan River Valley]. **And Yahweh showed him all the land ... Then Yahweh said to him:**

'This is the land about which I had sworn to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob ... I have let you see it with your eyes, yet you shall not cross over there.'

Moses, the servant of Yahweh, died there in the land of Moab in accordance with the word of Yahweh. Then He entombed him in a ravine in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor. And no man knows his tomb until this day [Jude verse 3] ...

No prophet arose again in Israel like Moses, whom Yahweh knew face to face, NONE LIKE HIM in all the signs and the miracles which Yahweh sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his servants and to all his land, and NONE LIKE HIM in all the steadfast hand and in all the great and fear-inspiring deeds which Moses had done before the eyes of all Israel."

• **Deuteronomy 34:1, 4-7, 10-12 (CLV)**

Indeed, the apostle John records that in heaven "... they are singing **the song of Moses, the slave of God ...**" (Revelation 15:3, CLV). Moses will rise in the air with you, me, and all believers. Jesus confirmed this from the "vision" of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8 and Mark 9:2-8), where Moses in a vision, spoke with Jesus and Elijah. This special vision for three apostles to see, indicates that both Moses and Elijah (and all believers) will be resurrected to glory.

"As they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead."

• **Mark 9:9 (and Matthew 17:9).**

What Will the Resurrection Be Like for Moses?

Millennia later (and future to us) at Christ's return at Mt. Nebo, Moses will rise from the dead and finally enter (or fly over) the Promised Land with Christ. Because in death you cease to exist; there is no consciousness, and no passage of time. For Moses, his next conscious moment after death, will be a trumpet blast and he will rise in the air in glory.

"for the Lord Himself will be descending from heaven with a shout of command, ... with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall be rising first, Thereupon we, the living ... [shall] ... be snatched away ... to meet the Lord in the air ..."

• **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (CLV)**

Moses knew, like Job, that his Redeemer lived (Job 19:25). He also knew God's anger and punishment was temporary, lasting until his death. Moses did not know Christ will raise and glorify all believers from Adam.² Both your experience and that of Moses will be overwhelmed with the love of God and Christ at the moment of our rising in the clouds.

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² What will the resurrection be like for you and me? All believers raised from the dead to glory will be overwhelmed with the love of God and Christ at the moment we begin to rise in the clouds. Read Psalms 146 to 150 to get a tiny sense of that exaltation. Moses did not know what to expect from God. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Read Chapter 16 "[Resurrections From the Dead](#)" from Dr. Martin's book, [The Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#). For my take of the same information see my works: "[Your Resurrection](#)" and "[Your Resurrection; Paul's Comparisons](#)."