

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

### JOURNEYING

Moses had gone to the mountain top in order to receive the Law from God. The children of Israel became very discontent and decided that Moses was not going to return. Aaron made a molten calf from the jewelry of the people. This calf became their idol for worship. This displeased God.

**EXOD 32:7-11**

**7 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, GO, GET THEE DOWN; FOR THY PEOPLE, WHICH THOU BROUGHTEST OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, HAVE CORRUPTED THEMSELVES:**

**8 THEY HAVE TURNED ASIDE QUICKLY OUT OF THE WAY WHICH I COMMANDED THEM: THEY HAVE MADE THEM A MOLTEN CALF, AND HAVE WORSHIPPED IT, AND HAVE SACRIFICED THEREUNTO, AND SAID, THESE BE THY GODS, O ISRAEL, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT.**

**9 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, I HAVE SEEN THIS PEOPLE, AND, BEHOLD, IT IS A STIFFNECKED PEOPLE:**

**10 NOW THEREFORE LET ME ALONE, THAT MY WRATH MAY WAX HOT AGAINST THEM, AND THAT I MAY CONSUME THEM: AND I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION.**

**11 AND MOSES BESOUGHT THE LORD HIS GOD, AND SAID, LORD, WHY DOTH THY WRATH WAX HOT AGAINST THY PEOPLE, WHICH THOU HAST BROUGHT FORTH OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT WITH GREAT POWER, AND WITH A MIGHTY HAND?**

Moses interceded. Notice in verse 7, God refers to the people as belonging to Moses. In verse 11, Moses reminds God that the people belong to Him. God spared the people. But when Moses saw the calf, he became angry and broke the two stone tablets. He ground the calf into powder, put it in water, and made the people drink the water. After he calmed down, he prayed for the people. Moses returned to the presence of the Lord.

**EXOD 32:31-33**

**31 AND MOSES RETURNED UNTO THE LORD, AND SAID, OH, THIS PEOPLE HAVE SINNED A GREAT SIN, AND HAVE MADE THEM GODS OF GOLD.**

**32 YET NOW, IF THOU WILT FORGIVE THEIR SIN--; AND IF NOT, BLOT ME, I PRAY THEE, OUT OF THY BOOK WHICH THOU HAST WRITTEN.**

**33 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, WHOSOEVER HATH SINNED AGAINST ME, HIM WILL I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK.**

**God told Moses to go ahead and lead the children of Israel to the land. God said that an angel would go before them, but that He would not go with them. Again Moses talked with God. God listened. The people saw the cloudy pillar and they all began to worship God.**

**EXOD 33:14**

**14 AND HE SAID, MY PRESENCE SHALL GO WITH THEE, AND I WILL GIVE THEE REST.**

Moses asked to see the glory of God. God told him that it was not possible for man to look upon His face and live, but that He would show him His hinder parts. The physical human body cannot comprehend all of the glory of God at once. This is why people are slain in the Spirit. The only time that we will be able to look upon God is when we, too, have be glorified.

God then told Moses to hew out two more stones like the first two tablets and that He would write on them. Moses did as God had said. The next day, Moses went up into the mountain and God passed before him. God established a covenant with Moses and then wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, better known as the ten commandments. When Moses returned to the people his face shined with the glory of God. He had to cover his face with a veil while he talked with the people. Moses told them about the necessary offerings which would be required to construct the tabernacle that God had instructed him to build while he had been on the mountain. The people responded and the tabernacle was built.

**EXOD 40:34**

**34 THEN A CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF THE CONGREGATION, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE.**

God would lift the glory when the children of Israel were to travel. They were to remain still when the cloud was over the tabernacle. Sure enough, on the 20th day of the 2nd month of the 2nd year, the cloud lifted. The journey from Sinai was begun. They headed toward the Land of Promise.

Moses asked his father-in-law to accompany them to the promised land. He apparently agreed. The ark of the covenant went before the people.

**NUM 10:35**

**35 AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE ARK SET FORWARD, THAT MOSES SAID, RISE UP, LORD, AND LET THINE ENEMIES BE SCATTERED; AND LET THEM THAT HATE THEE FLEE BEFORE THEE.**

Please note that at this point, we have moved into the Book of Numbers. We are going to find the in this book, Jesus is pictured as the Provider. The apostle Paul wrote that Christ was the spiritual Rock that followed the Israelites through the wilderness and gave them spiritual drink.

**1 COR 10:4**

**4 AND DID ALL DRINK THE SAME SPIRITUAL DRINK: FOR THEY DRANK OF THAT SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT FOLLOWED THEM: AND THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST.**

Paul emphasizes the provision of Christ for the needs of His people whom He has delivered from bondage. Even with their needs being met, the children of Israel did not stay happy very long. They began to cry and complain about not having the kind of food that they had had while back in Egypt. They now had only manna to eat. Manna was made from the seeds of a plant in the carrot family. It tasted like fresh oil. The people gathered the seed from the ground and beat it into flour from which they were able to make a cake. Some people think honey was added to the mixture. That would help the taste a little.

Both God and Moses were displeased with the attitude of the people. Moses asked God why he had to bear the burdens of the people. They were too much to handle even with the assistance of the father-in-law. God told him to select seventy men and bring them to the tabernacle and He would take the spirit that was upon Moses and put it upon them.

God also told Moses that He would supply flesh for the people to eat. Moses asked, "How?"

**NUM 11:23**

**23 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, IS THE LORD'S HAND WAXED SHORT? THOU SHALT SEE NOW WHETHER MY WORD SHALL COME TO PASS UNTO THEE OR NOT.**

God fulfilled His Word. Quails were blow in from the sea. This was a miracle. The Children of Israel should not have anything left to complain about. Miriam and Aaron became jealous of Moses. As a result Miriam became leprous for seven day before she was healed.

God told Moses to send men into the promised land to spy out the land, the land which God had promised to give them. Moses sent twelve men, one from each tribe. They were gone for forty days. Their report was that the land was just as God had said, flowing with milk and honey. The grapes were so big that it took two men to carry one cluster.

But, that was not all that was big.

**NUM 13:28-33**

**28 NEVERTHELESS THE PEOPLE BE STRONG THAT DWELL IN THE LAND, AND THE CITIES ARE WALLED, AND VERY GREAT: AND MOREOVER WE SAW THE CHILDREN OF ANAK THERE.**

**29 THE AMALEKITES DWELL IN THE LAND OF THE SOUTH: AND THE HITTITES, AND THE JEBUSITES, AND THE AMORITES, DWELL IN THE MOUNTAINS: AND THE CANAANITES DWELL BY THE SEA, AND BY THE COAST OF JORDAN.**

**30AND CALEB STILLED THE PEOPLE BEFORE MOSES, AND SAID, LET US GO UP AT ONCE, AND POSSESS IT;**

**FOR WE ARE WELL ABLE TO OVERCOME IT.**

**31BUT THE MEN THAT WENT UP WITH HIM SAID, WE BE NOT ABLE TO GO UP AGAINST THE PEOPLE; FOR THEY ARE STRONGER THAN WE.**

**32 AND THEY BROUGHT UP AN EVIL REPORT OF THE LAND WHICH THEY HAD SEARCHED UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, SAYING, THE LAND, THROUGH WHICH WE HAVE GONE TO SEARCH IT, IS A LAND THAT EATETH UP THE INHABITANTS THEREOF; AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WE SAW IN IT ARE MEN OF A GREAT STATURE.**

**33AND THERE WE SAW THE GIANTS, THE SONS OF ANAK, WHICH COME OF THE GIANTS: AND WE WERE IN OUR OWN SIGHT AS GRASSHOPPERS, AND SO WE WERE IN THEIR SIGHT.**

Please note that the giants did not say that the spies were nothing more than grasshoppers. The spies saw themselves as grasshoppers. Many Christians do not know who they are in Christ. They still think that they are only sinners saved by grace and have no value. This is not true. We were sinners, but when we accepted Jesus as our Savior, we became new creations in Him. We became like Him. We acquired the righteousness of God through Christ Jesus. Do not insult our Lord by saying that you are a nobody.

The people again began to complain and discuss choosing a captain for the purpose of returning to Egypt. Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the congregation. Joshua and Caleb, both having been spies, said that the Lord was with them and that they could possess the land. The people stoned them. Again the anger of the Lord was upon the people.

**NUM 14:11-12**

**11 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, HOW LONG WILL THIS PEOPLE PROVOKE ME? AND HOW LONG WILL IT BE ERE THEY BELIEVE ME, FOR ALL THE SIGNS WHICH I HAVE SHEWED AMONG THEM?**

**12 I WILL SMITE THEM WITH THE PESTILENCE, AND DISINHERIT THEM, AND WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREATER NATION AND MIGHTIER THAN THEY.**

Moses interceded for the people again and the Lord responded.

**NUM 14:13-19**

**13 AND MOSES SAID UNTO THE LORD, THEN THE EGYPTIANS SHALL HEAR IT, (FOR THOU BROUGHTEST UP THIS PEOPLE IN THY MIGHT FROM AMONG THEM;)**

**14 AND THEY WILL TELL IT TO THE INHABITANTS OF THIS LAND: FOR THEY HAVE HEARD THAT THOU LORD ART AMONG THIS PEOPLE, THAT THOU LORD ART SEEN FACE TO FACE, AND THAT THY CLOUD STANDETH OVER THEM, AND THAT THOU GOEST BEFORE THEM, BY DAY TIME IN A PILLAR OF A CLOUD, AND IN A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT.**

**15 NOW IF THOU SHALT KILL ALL THIS PEOPLE AS ONE MAN, THEN THE NATIONS WHICH HAVE HEARD THE**

**FAME OF THEE WILL SPEAK, SAYING,  
16 BECAUSE THE LORD WAS NOT ABLE TO BRING THIS PEOPLE INTO THE  
LAND WHICH HE SWARE UNTO  
THEM, THEREFORE HE HATH SLAIN THEM IN THE WILDERNESS.  
17 AND NOW, I BESEECH THEE, LET THE POWER OF MY LORD BE GREAT,  
ACCORDING AS THOU HAST SPOKEN, SAYING,  
18 THE LORD IS LONGSUFFERING, AND OF GREAT MERCY, FORGIVING  
INIQUITY AND TRANSGRESSION, AND BY NO MEANS CLEARING THE GUILTY,  
VISITING THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN UNTO THE  
THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION.  
19 PARDON, I BESEECH THEE, THE INIQUITY OF THIS PEOPLE ACCORDING  
UNTO THE GREATNESS OF THY  
MERCY, AND AS THOU HAST FORGIVEN THIS PEOPLE, FROM EGYPT EVEN  
UNTIL NOW.**

**God replied.**

**NUM 14:20-25**

**20 AND THE LORD SAID, I HAVE PARDONED ACCORDING TO THY WORD:  
21 BUT AS TRULY AS I LIVE, ALL THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE  
GLORY OF THE LORD.  
22 BECAUSE ALL THOSE MEN WHICH HAVE SEEN MY GLORY, AND MY  
MIRACLES, WHICH I DID IN EGYPT AND IN THE WILDERNESS, AND HAVE  
TEMPTED ME NOW THESE TEN TIMES, AND HAVE NOT HEARKENED TO MY  
VOICE;  
23 SURELY THEY SHALL NOT SEE THE LAND WHICH I SWARE UNTO THEIR  
FATHERS, NEITHER SHALL ANY OF THEM THAT PROVOKED ME SEE IT:  
24 BUT MY SERVANT CALEB, BECAUSE HE HAD ANOTHER SPIRIT WITH HIM,  
AND HATH FOLLOWED ME FULLY, HIM WILL I BRING INTO THE LAND  
WHEREINTO HE WENT; AND HIS SEED SHALL POSSESS IT.  
25 (NOW THE AMALEKITES AND THE CANAANITES DWELT IN THE VALLEY.)  
TO MORROW TURN YOU, AND GET YOU INTO THE WILDERNESS BY THE WAY  
OF THE RED SEA.**

**Moses told the people what God had said. The people decided that they could make it on their own. Moses warned them that they would be destroyed. Some went on any way. Sure enough, The Amalekites came down and smote them. Those remaining went into the desert of Zin. There they complained against Moses because they had no water. Moses and Aaron prayed. God told Moses to speak to a rock and water would come forth. Moses struck the rock with his rod instead. Water came forth. (Jesus is our Rock who was smitten so living water could come forth.)**

**Because of Moses' action, God told him that he and Aaron would not be allowed to enter the promised land either. The children of Israel did not find favor among the people through whose land they wandered. Many times they were attacked. Fiery serpents were sent among the children of Israel. These serpents bit the people and many of the people died. Moses prayed and God told him to make a serpent of brass and put it on a pole.**

**Moses did this and when the people were bitten, they did not die if they looked upon this serpent of brass.**

**NUM 21:5-9**

**5 AND THE PEOPLE SPAKE AGAINST GOD, AND AGAINST MOSES, WHEREFORE HAVE YE BROUGHT US UP OUT OF EGYPT TO DIE IN THE WILDERNESS? FOR THERE IS NO BREAD, NEITHER IS THERE ANY WATER; AND OUR SOUL LOATHETH THIS LIGHT BREAD.**

**6 AND THE LORD SENT FIERY SERPENTS AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND THEY BIT THE PEOPLE; AND MUCH PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DIED.**

**7 THEREFORE THE PEOPLE CAME TO MOSES, AND SAID, WE HAVE SINNED, FOR WE HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST THE LORD, AND AGAINST THEE; PRAY UNTO THE LORD, THAT HE TAKE AWAY THE SERPENTS FROM US. AND MOSES PRAYED FOR THE PEOPLE.**

**8 AND THE LORD SAID UNTO MOSES, MAKE THEE A FIERY SERPENT, AND SET IT UPON A POLE: AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT EVERY ONE THAT IS BITTEN, WHEN HE LOOKETH UPON IT, SHALL LIVE.**

**9 AND MOSES MADE A SERPENT OF BRASS, AND PUT IT UPON A POLE, AND IT CAME TO PASS, THAT IF A SERPENT HAD BITTEN ANY MAN, WHEN HE BEHELD THE SERPENT OF BRASS, HE LIVED.**

**This brass serpent was representative of Jesus Christ, who is the Healer, because He took upon Himself sickness and disease and went into satan's territory and paralyzed satan as if he were made of brass.**

**JOHN 3:14-16**

**14 AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP:**

**15 THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.**

**16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.**

**Israel requested to pass through the land of the Amorites but the request was denied. Israel proceeded anyway and was able to take many cities of the enemies. This shows that God never leaves and forsakes people even when they have not carried out His will.**

**Still another miracle took place. The Angel of the Lord caused Balaam's donkey to talk to him. This was to prevent Balaam from joining forces with Balak, king of Moab, who planned to war against the children of Israel. Through the donkey, God instructed Balaam to go ahead and meet with Balak, but to speak only what God told him to say. Balaam agreed. Balak took Balaam to different positions to look down upon the children of Israel. Balaam was supposed to speak a curse upon the Israelites, but God instructed him to pronounce a blessing instead. Every time that Balaam spoke a blessing, Balak got more and more upset. Balaam told him that he could not curse what God had blessed.**

Now get the picture. The children of Israel were set up in a formation with the rectangular-shaped tabernacle in the middle and three tribes in formation at the north end of the tabernacle, three on the south end, and three tribes on the east and three tribes on the west side respectively. This meant that regardless of Balaam and Balak's position overlooking the children of Israel, they were looking down upon a perfect cross.

It is no wonder that Balaam could not pronounce a curse on the Israelites. Balaam then proceeded to tell Balak what the children of Israel would later do to the people of Moab. It was in Balaam's forth prophecy that he gave a Messianic promise.

**NUM 24:17-19**

**17 I SHALL SEE HIM, BUT NOT NOW: I SHALL BEHOLD HIM, BUT NOT NIGH: THERE SHALL COME A STAR OUT OF JACOB, AND A SCEPTRE SHALL RISE OUT OF ISRAEL, AND SHALL SMITE THE CORNERS OF MOAB, AND DESTROY ALL THE CHILDREN OF SHETH.**

**18 AND EDOM SHALL BE A POSSESSION, SEIR ALSO SHALL BE A POSSESSION FOR HIS ENEMIES; AND ISRAEL SHALL DO VALIANTLY.**

**19 OUT OF JACOB SHALL COME HE THAT SHALL HAVE DOMINION, AND SHALL DESTROY HIM THAT REMAINETH OF THE CITY.**

A star is a natural image of greatness and splendor. The words, "a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel" is based on Genesis 49:10.

**GEN 49:10**

**10 THE SCEPTRE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM JUDAH, NOR A LAWGIVER FROM BETWEEN HIS FEET, UNTIL SHILOH COME; AND UNTO HIM SHALL THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE BE.**

A sceptre is symbolic of dominion. It is easily understood that this is a reference to Jesus. He would be a King. Notice what Balaam says-that he will see Him. The Israelites once again began to ignore God. They began to mix and mingle with the people of Moab, people who in actuality were enemies.

The people were then numbered and the inheritance of the land was divided accordingly. God told Moses to go up into Mount Abarim and look over into the land of promise. He reminded Moses that he would not be allowed to enter the land. Moses asked for a successor. God selected Joshua. God then instructed that offerings were to be observed on a regular basis.

Other instructions were also given, such as, vows were not to be broken, instructions regarding marriage and divorce, instructions for cities of refuge, and instructions regarding the penalty for murder. For information on all these different topics you will need to read Numbers 26-36. It was in these chapters that Moses gave the children of Israel the final instructions that he had received from God.

Moses then reviewed the history of the people and some of the instructions that God had given along the way. We have this review in the book of Deuteronomy. It is referred

to as the "Book of Remembrance." Moses was the first writer to prophesy the coming of the Messiah who would be a prophet like himself. Moses wrote this prophesy in Deuteronomy.

**DEUT 4:41**

**41 THEN MOSES SEVERED THREE CITIES ON THIS SIDE JORDAN TOWARD THE SUNRISING;**

**42 THAT THE SLAYER MIGHT FLEE THITHER, WHICH SHOULD KILL HIS NEIGHBOUR UNAWARES, AND HATED HIM NOT IN TIMES PAST; AND THAT FLEEING UNTO ONE OF THESE CITIES HE MIGHT LIVE:**

These cities of refuge were like Christ in that like they were places for criminals to hide. We all have sinned and Jesus is our place of refuge.

**DEUT 18:15**

**15 THE LORD THY GOD WILL RAISE UP UNTO THEE A PROPHET FROM THE MIDST OF THEE, OF THY BRETHREN, LIKE UNTO ME; UNTO HIM YE SHALL HEARKEN;**

This is interesting because Jesus only compared Himself to one other person. That person was Moses.

**JOHN 5:46-47**

**46 FOR HAD YE BELIEVED MOSES, YE WOULD HAVE BELIEVED ME: FOR HE WROTE OF ME.**

**47 BUT IF YE BELIEVE NOT HIS WRITINGS, HOW SHALL YE BELIEVE MY WORDS?**

Jesus often quoted from Deuteronomy. When asked to name the most important commandment, Jesus responded with Deuteronomy 6:5.

**DEUT 6:5**

**5 AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT.**

When confronted by Satan at His temptation, Jesus quoted exclusively from Deuteronomy.

**DEUT 8:3**

**3 AND HE HUMBLLED THEE, AND SUFFERED THEE TO HUNGER, AND FED THEE WITH MANNA, WHICH THOU KNEWEST NOT, NEITHER DID THY FATHERS KNOW; THAT HE MIGHT MAKE THEE KNOW THAT MAN DOETH NOT LIVE BY BREAD ONLY, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF THE LORD DOETH MAN LIVE.**

**DEUT 6:16**



**16 YE SHALL NOT TEMPT THE LORD YOUR GOD, AS YE TEMPTED HIM IN MASSAH.**

**DEUT 6:13**

**13 THOU SHALT FEAR THE LORD THY GOD, AND SERVE HIM, AND SHALT SWEAR BY HIS NAME.**

**DEUT 10:20**

**20 THOU SHALT FEAR THE LORD THY GOD; HIM SHALT THOU SERVE, AND TO HIM SHALT THOU CLEAVE, AND SWEAR BY HIS NAME.**

**It is significant that Christ, who was perfectly obedient to the Father, even unto death, used this book on obedience to demonstrate His submission to the Father's will. Some other Scriptures that need to be noted in Deuteronomy are:**

**DEUT 26:16-19**

**16 THIS DAY THE LORD THY GOD HATH COMMANDED THEE TO DO THESE STATUTES AND JUDGMENTS: THOU SHALT THEREFORE KEEP AND DO THEM WITH ALL THINE HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL.**

**17 THOU HAST AVOUCHED THE LORD THIS DAY TO BE THY GOD, AND TO WALK IN HIS WAYS, AND TO KEEP HIS STATUTES, AND HIS COMMANDMENTS, AND HIS JUDGMENTS, AND TO HEARKEN UNTO HIS VOICE:**

**18 AND THE LORD HATH AVOUCHED THEE THIS DAY TO BE HIS PECULIAR PEOPLE, AS HE HATH PROMISED THEE, AND THAT THOU SHOULDEST KEEP ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS;**

**19 AND TO MAKE THEE HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS WHICH HE HATH MADE, IN PRAISE, AND IN NAME, AND IN HONOUR; AND THAT THOU MAYEST BE AN HOLY PEOPLE UNTO THE LORD THY GOD, AS HE HATH SPOKEN.**

**Moses declared that blessings would come upon the children of Israel. These are blessings of spiritual life, health, and prosperity.**

**DEUT 28:1-14**

**1 AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN DILIGENTLY UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD, TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, THAT THE LORD THY GOD WILL SET THEE ON HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH:**

**2 AND ALL THESE BLESSINGS SHALL COME ON THEE, AND OVERTAKE THEE, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD.**

**3 BLESSED SHALT THOU BE IN THE CITY, AND BLESSED SHALT THOU BE IN THE FIELD.**

**4 BLESSED SHALL BE THE FRUIT OF THY BODY, AND THE FRUIT OF THY GROUND, AND THE FRUIT OF THY CATTLE, THE INCREASE OF THY KINE, AND THE FLOCKS OF THY SHEEP.**

**5 BLESSED SHALL BE THY BASKET AND THY STORE.**

**6 BLESSED SHALT THOU BE WHEN THOU COMEST IN, AND BLESSED SHALT THOU BE WHEN THOU GOEST OUT.**

**7 THE LORD SHALL CAUSE THINE ENEMIES THAT RISE UP AGAINST THEE TO BE SMITTEN BEFORE THY FACE: THEY SHALL COME OUT AGAINST THEE ONE WAY, AND FLEE BEFORE THEE SEVEN WAYS.**

**8 THE LORD SHALL COMMAND THE BLESSING UPON THEE IN THY STOREHOUSES, AND IN ALL THAT THOU SETTEST THINE HAND UNTO; AND HE SHALL BLESS THEE IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE.**

**9 THE LORD SHALL ESTABLISH THEE AN HOLY PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF, AS HE HATH SWORN UNTO THEE, IF THOU SHALT KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD THY GOD, AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.**

**10 AND ALL PEOPLE OF THE EARTH SHALL SEE THAT THOU ART CALLED BY THE NAME OF THE LORD; AND THEY SHALL BE AFRAID OF THEE.**

**11 AND THE LORD SHALL MAKE THEE PLENTEOUS IN GOODS, IN THE FRUIT OF THY BODY, AND IN THE FRUIT OF THY CATTLE, AND IN THE FRUIT OF THY GROUND, IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD SWARE UNTO THY FATHERS TO GIVE THEE.**

**12 THE LORD SHALL OPEN UNTO THEE HIS GOOD TREASURE, THE HEAVEN TO GIVE THE RAIN UNTO THY LAND IN HIS SEASON, AND TO BLESS ALL THE WORK OF THINE HAND: AND THOU SHALT LEND UNTO MANY NATIONS, AND THOU SHALT NOT BORROW.**

**13 AND THE LORD SHALL MAKE THEE THE HEAD, AND NOT THE TAIL; AND THOU SHALT BE ABOVE ONLY, AND THOU SHALT NOT BE BENEATH; IF THAT THOU HEARKEN UNTO THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD THY GOD, WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, TO OBSERVE AND TO DO THEM:**

**14 AND THOU SHALT NOT GO ASIDE FROM ANY OF THE WORDS WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, TO THE RIGHT HAND, OR TO THE LEFT, TO GO AFTER OTHER GODS TO SERVE THEM.**

On the other hand, Moses told the people that those who refuse to obey the law of God will place themselves outside the realm of God. This meant that they soon would be subject to satan and his curses of spiritual death, sickness, and poverty. These curses are talked about in Deuteronomy 28:15-68. If you are really dedicated to the Lord you will not have to be concerned about these curses.

Moses then charged Joshua with the challenge of going forth into the Promised Land.

**DEUT 31:7-8**

**7 AND MOSES CALLED UNTO JOSHUA, AND SAID UNTO HIM IN THE SIGHT OF ALL ISRAEL, BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE: FOR THOU MUST GO WITH THIS PEOPLE UNTO THE LAND WHICH THE LORD HATH SWORN UNTO THEIR FATHERS TO GIVE THEM; AND THOU SHALT CAUSE THEM TO INHERIT IT.**

**8 AND THE LORD, HE IT IS THAT DOTHTH GO BEFORE THEE; HE WILL BE WITH THEE, HE WILL NOT FAIL THEE, NEITHER FORSAKE THEE: FEAR NOT, NEITHER BE DISMAYED.**

Moses then went up to Mount Nebo, looked over into the Land of Promise, and then died. The question is: What was the significant of Moses' life and his death? Let's check this out!

**ROM 5:14**

**14 NEVERTHELESS DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES, EVEN OVER THEM THAT HAD NOT SINNED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF ADAM'S TRANSGRESSION, WHO IS THE FIGURE OF HIM THAT WAS TO COME.**

It seems that death still reigns, people die every day. Therefore, this must be referring to spiritual death. Death reigned from Adam to Moses. We know that death started with Adam because of his sin. But how does Moses fit into this? We are going to find that Moses represents all the spiritual dead that are in their graves when Jesus comes back.

**DEUT 34:1-7**

**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 SWARE 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.**

Moses led the Children of Israel toward the Promised Land, but he did not get to enter it. He died on his 120<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Promised Land does not represent heaven. Instead, it represents the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus. There were wars to be fought before the people could enter the land. Anyway, Moses' burial site could not be found. Our bodies will not be found here on earth after the resurrection. This is an indication that Moses was a type of the righteous dead.

Another indication is found in Exodus 24.

**EXOD 24:15-17**

**15 AND MOSES WENT UP INTO THE MOUNT, AND A CLOUD COVERED THE MOUNT.**

**16 AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD ABODE UPON MOUNT SINAI, AND THE CLOUD COVERED IT SIX DAYS: AND THE SEVENTH DAY HE CALLED UNTO**

**MOSES OUT OF THE MIDST OF THE CLOUD.**

**17 AND THE SIGHT OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD WAS LIKE DEVOURING FIRE ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNT IN THE EYES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**

Moses went above the cloud into the glory of God after six days. In the Scripture, the word mountain often means a place of victory. Add to this the fact that when he died he was in perfect health. We will be perfected when we leave here as well. Joshua became the leader after Moses. Joshua is the Hebrew name for Jesus. Joshua said to the Children of Israel that they would cross the Jordon in three days time. Jordon is a type of physical death. When they started across, the river stopped. A wall of water was built up as if a dam was holding it. It backed up all the way to the City of Adam.

**JOSH 3:16**

**16 THAT THE WATERS WHICH CAME DOWN FROM ABOVE STOOD AND ROSE UP UPON AN HEAP VERY FAR FROM THE CITY ADAM, THAT IS BESIDE ZARETAN: AND THOSE THAT CAME DOWN TOWARD THE SEA OF THE PLAIN, EVEN THE SALT SEA, FAILED, AND WERE CUT OFF: AND THE PEOPLE PASSED OVER RIGHT AGAINST JERICHO.**

Spiritual death had reigned from Adam through the time of Moses, but it came to a halt when Jesus arrived on the scene. Down stream, the river dried up all the way to the Dead Sea.

**MATT 16:26-17:3**

**26 FOR WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED, IF HE SHALL GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?**

**27 FOR THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS ANGELS; AND THEN HE SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS.**

**28 VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THERE BE SOME STANDING HERE, WHICH SHALL NOT TASTE OF DEATH, TILL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM.**

**MATT 17:1-3**

**1 AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TAKETH PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND BRINGETH THEM UP INTO AN HIGH MOUNTAIN APART, 2 AND WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM: AND HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AS THE LIGHT.**

**3 AND, BEHOLD, THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM MOSES AND ELIAS TALKING WITH HIM.**

Verse 28 does not say there were some present who would still be alive when His kingdom is established here on earth. It says that would be some who would see Him coming in His kingdom. That is exactly what happened. After six days, now isn't that interesting, Peter, James, and John got to see a vision of Jesus in His glorified form. With Him were also

**Moses and Elijah in their glorified form. This means that these men were able to see a time immediately after the rapture had taken place. How do I know this? Moses represents the righteous dead whose graves cannot not be found.**