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## Deuteronomy 32

(B) Moses' song (Deut 32:1-47)

(a) Heaven and earth as witnesses (32:1-4)

**1** "Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth!

**1** "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.

**1** Hear, heavens, and I will speak! Listen, earth, to the words of my mouth!

**1** Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

- Isaiah records this same call; it is the way the Book of Isaiah opens: "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me" (Is 1:1-2). When God put Israel into the land, He called heaven and earth to witness. When God is ready to put them out of the land, about 700 years later, He again calls heaven and earth to witness.

**2** "May my teaching drip as the rain, My speech trickle as the dew, As droplets on the fresh grass, And as the showers on the vegetation.

**2** "Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb.

**2** May my instructions descend like rain and may my words flow like dew, as light rain upon the grass, and as showers upon new plants.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 "For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God!

3 "For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God!

3 For I'll proclaim the name of our LORD. Ascribe greatness to our God!

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and just is He.

4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

4 Flawless is the work of the Rock, because all his ways are just. A faithful God—never unjust— righteous and upright is he.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

(b) Israel rebuked because of her sinfulness (32:5-6)

5 "They have acted corruptly against Him, *They are* not His children, *because of* their defect; *But are* a perverse and crooked generation.

5 "They have acted corruptly toward Him, *They are* not His children, because of their defect; *But are* a perverse and crooked generation.

5 But those who are not his children acted corruptly against him; they are a defective and perverted generation.

5 They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 "Is this *what* you do to the LORD, You foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father *who has* purchased you? He has made you and established you.

6 "Do you thus repay the LORD, O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your Father who has bought you? He has made you and established you.

6 This is not the way to repay the LORD, is it, you foolish and witless people? Is he not your father, who bought you, formed you, and established you?

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

- Rock song, indeed (7x). Heb. *tsur*, employed as a symbol of God in the OT (1 Sam 2:2; 2 Sam 22:3; Is 17:10; Ps 28:1; 31:2-3; 89:26; 95:1)

— New Testament (Matt 16:18; Rom 9:33; 1 Cor 10:4)

— In Dan 2:45 the Chaldaic form of the Hebrew word is translated “mountain”; it should be translated “rock” as in Hab 1:12

(c) God's grace to Israel (32:7-14)

7 “Remember the days of old, Consider the years of all generations. Ask your father and he will inform you, Your elders, and they will tell you.

7 “Remember the days of old, Consider the years of all generations. Ask your father, and he will inform you, Your elders, and they will tell you.

7 Remember the days of old, reflect on the years of previous generations. Ask your father, and he'll tell you; your elders will inform you.

7 Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of mankind, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the sons of Israel.

8 “When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, When He separated the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples According to the number of the sons of Israel.

8 When the Most High gave nations as their inheritance, when he separated the human race, he set boundaries for the people according to the number of the children of God.

8 When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

- Astonishing: The nations of the earth are measured according to the number of the children of Israel

— In other words, the bounds that the nations have are arranged according to the number of Israelites

— Jewish commentators, following the Masoretic text, saw a correspondence of the 70 nations of Gen 10 to the 70 Israelites of Gen 46:27

9 “For the LORD’S portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

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9 For the LORD’s portion is his people; Jacob is his allotted portion.

9 For the LORD’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 “He found him in a desert land, And in the howling wasteland of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the apple of His eye.

10 “He found him in a desert land, And in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

10 The LORD found him in a desert land, in a barren, eerie wilderness. He surrounded, cared for, and guarded him as the pupil of his eye.

10 He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

11 "As an eagle stirs up its nest, *And* hovers over its young, He spread His wings, He caught them, He carried them on His pinions.

11 "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, That hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions.

11 Like an eagle stirs its nest, hovering near its young, spreading out his wings to take him and carry him on his pinions,

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 "The LORD alone guided him, And there was no foreign god with him.

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12 the LORD alone guided him. There was no foreign god with him.

12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

13 "He had him ride on the high places of the earth, And he ate the produce of the field; And He had him suck honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock,

13 "He made him ride on the high places of the earth, And he ate the produce of the field; And He made him suck honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock,

13 He mounted him on a high place above the earth, feeding him from the produce of the field. He nourished him with honey from the rock and with oil from the flint rock,

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

14 Curds of the herd, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs And rams, the breed of Bashan, and of goats, With the best of the wheat; And you drank wine of the blood of grapes.

14 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs, And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the finest of the wheat— And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.

14 with curds from cattle and with milk from sheep, with the fat of lambs, with rams from Bashan, with the fat of goats, with the finest of wheat— and from the juice of grapes you drank wine.

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the

grape.

(d) Israel's rebellion (32:15-18)

**15** "But **Jeshurun** became fat and kicked— You have become fat, thick, *and* obstinate— Then he abandoned God who made him, And rejected the Rock of his salvation.

**15** "But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked— You are grown fat, thick, and sleek— Then he forsook God who made him, And scorned the Rock of his salvation.

15 Jacob dined until satisfied; Jeshurun grew fat and kicked. He grew fat, coarse, and gross, so that he abandoned the God who made him and spurned the Rock that was his salvation.

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

- "...Jeshurun" - a poetical name for the people of Israel, normally used as a token of affection, meaning, "the dear upright people" (Deut 32:15; 33:5,26; Is 44:2). Here, it is used reproachfully...

16 "They made Him jealous with strange *gods*; With abominations they provoked Him to anger.

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16 They provoked him to jealousy over foreigners and to anger over detestable things.

16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 "They sacrificed to demons, *who were* not God, To gods *whom* they have not known, New *gods* who came lately, Whom your fathers did not know.

17 "They sacrificed to demons who were not God, To gods whom they have not known, New *gods* who came lately, Whom your fathers did not dread.

17 They sacrificed to demons— not to the real God— gods whom they didn't know, new neighbors who had recently appeared, whom your ancestors never feared.

17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not.

18 "You forgot the Rock who fathered you, And forgot the God who gave you birth.

18 "You neglected the Rock who begot you, And forgot the God who gave you birth.

18 You neglected the Rock that fathered you; you abandoned God, who was awaiting your birth.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

(e) Israel's coming judgment (32:19-33)

19 "The LORD saw *this*, and spurned *them* Because of the provocation *by* His sons and daughters.

19 "The LORD saw *this*, and spurned *them* Because of the provocation of His sons and daughters.

19 The LORD saw it and became jealous, provoked by his sons and daughters.

19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters.

20 "Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *will be*; For they are a perverse generation, Sons in whom there is no faithfulness.

20 "Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*; For they are a perverse generation, Sons in whom is no faithfulness.

20 So he said: "Let me hide my face from them. I will observe what their end will be, because they are a perverted generation, children within whom there is no loyalty.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

21 'They have made Me jealous with *what* is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with *those who are not a people*; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

21 'They have made Me jealous with *what* is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with *those who* are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,

21 They provoked me to jealousy over non-gods, and to be angry over their vanity. Now I'll provoke them to jealousy over a non-people; and over a foolish nation I'll provoke them to anger.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

- "...not a people" - an allusion to the Church; Paul quotes this verse to demonstrate that Israel knew the truth, but didn't choose to believe (Cf. Rom 10:19)

- Is there anything sillier—or more insulting to the Creator Himself—than the insistence, in every aspect of our society, that no "creation" was even necessary: that everything just "evolved"?!

22 For a fire has flared in My anger, And it burns to the lowest part of Sheol, And devours the earth with its yield, And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

22 For a fire is kindled in My anger, And burns to the lowest part of Sheol, And consumes the earth with its yield, And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

22 For a fire breaks out in my anger— burning to the deepest part of the afterlife, consuming the earth and its produce and igniting the foundations of the mountains.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

**23** 'I will add misfortunes to them; I will use up My arrows on them.

**23** 'I will heap misfortunes on them; I will use My arrows on them.

23 I'll bury them in misfortunes and bring them to an end with my arrows.

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 '*They will be* wasted by famine, and emaciated by plague And a bitter epidemic; And the teeth of beasts I will send against them, With the venom of crawling things of the dust.

24 '*They will be* wasted by famine, and consumed by plague And bitter destruction; And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them, With the venom of crawling things of the dust.

24 Emaciated from famine, feverish from plague, and destroyed by bitterness, I'll send fanged beasts against them, along with poisonous snakes that glide through the dust.

24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 'Outside the sword will make *them* childless, And inside, terror— Both young man and virgin, The nursing child with the man of gray hair.

25 'Outside the sword will bereave, And inside terror— Both young man and virgin, The nursling with the man of gray hair.

25 Outside, the sword will cause bereavement; within, there will be terror for the young man and virgin alike, also for the nursing infant and the aged man."

25 The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

26 'I would have said, "I will wipe them out, I will remove the mention of their name from humanity,"

26 'I would have said, "I will cut them to pieces, I will remove the memory of them from men,"

26 "I said, 'I will scatter them, erasing their memory from the human race,

26 I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

- As a result of the siege, Israel would be removed from God's kingdom and become herself a "no-people" (Cf. Hosea 1:9)

- In the further unfolding of redemptive revelation God was to promise a renewal of his mercy whereby the no-people would become again "my people" (Cf. Hosea 1:10; 2:23)

— Paul interpreted that as fulfilled in the coming of Gentiles as well as Jews into the New Covenant in Christ Jesus (Rom 9:25-26)

— In that connection Paul also gives a turn to the idea of Israel's jealousy at the favor shown by God to the Gentiles (Rom 11:11ff.; Cf. 10:19)

- The Mosaic Song of Witness itself anticipates the redemptive mercy and blessing that lie beyond the predicted cursing of Israel (see what follows: Deut 32:26-43)

27 Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy, That their adversaries would misjudge, That they would say, "Our hand is triumphant, And the LORD has not performed all this."

27 Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy, That their adversaries would misjudge, That they would say, "Our hand is triumphant, And the LORD has not done all this."

27 if it weren't for dreading the taunting of their enemies— otherwise, their adversary might misinterpret and say, "Our power is great. It isn't the LORD who made all of this happen.""

27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and the LORD hath not done all this.

**28** "For they are a nation destitute of counsel, And there is no understanding in them.

**28** "For they are a nation lacking in counsel, And there is no understanding in them.

28 They are a nation devoid of purpose and without insight.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them.

29 "If only they were wise *and* they understood this; *If only* they would discern their future!

29 "Would that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would discern their future!

29 O, that they were wise to understand this and consider their future!

29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

- God's own glory is at stake in the complete destruction of Israel. If their enemies were successful, then the enemy would triumph and boast about his victory. [What are the implications for today?!]

30 "How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had given them up?

30 "How could one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had given them up?

30 How can one person chase a thousand of them and two put a myriad to flight, unless their Rock delivers them and the LORD gives them up?

30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?

31 "Indeed, their rock is not like our Rock; Even our enemies themselves judge this.

31 "Indeed their rock is not like our Rock, Even our enemies themselves judge this.

31 For their rock isn't like our Rock, as even our enemies admit.

31 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 "For their **vine is from the vine of Sodom**, And from the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of poison, Their clusters, bitter.

32 "For their vine is from the vine of Sodom, And from the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of poison, Their clusters, bitter.

32 Instead, their vine is from the vines of Sodom and the vineyards of Gomorrah. Their grapes are poisonous, their clusters bitter.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter:

- "...vine is from the vine of Sodom" - Cf. "vine of the earth" as a reference to the Antichrist in Rev 14:18

33 "Their wine is the venom of serpents, And the deadly poison of vipers.

33 "Their wine is the venom of serpents, And the deadly poison of cobras.

33 Their wine is the venom of serpents, a poisonous cobra.

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.

(f) Israel's eventual vindication (32:34-43)

**34** 'Is it not stored up with Me, Sealed up in My treasuries?

**34** 'Is it not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up in My treasuries?

**34** "Is this not kept in reserve, sealed up with me in my treasury?

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures?

35 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution; In *due* time their foot will slip. For the day of their disaster is near, And the impending things are hurrying to them.'

35 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.'

35 To me belong vengeance and recompense. In due time their feet will slip, because their time of calamity is near and the things prepared for them draw near.

35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

36 "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* strength is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.

36 "For the LORD will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants, When He sees that *their* strength is gone, And there is none *remaining*, bond or free.

36 For the LORD will vindicate his people and bring comfort to his servants, because he will observe that their power has waned, when neither prisoner nor free person remain.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

- For NT quotation of 32:35-36, see Rom 12:19; Heb 10:30

37 "And He will say, 'Where are their gods, The rock in which they took refuge?

37 "And He will say, 'Where are their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge?

37 "He will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge?

37 And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,

38 'Those who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *And* drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you, Let them be your protection!

38 'Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, *And* drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you, Let them be your hiding place!

38 Who ate the fat of their offerings and drank the wine that was their drink offering? Let them rise and help you and be your hiding place!'

38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection.

39 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; *It is* I *who* put to death and give life. I have wounded and *it is* I *who* heal, And there is no one who can save *anyone* from My hand.

39 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.

39 "Look now! I AM, and there is no other god besides me. I myself cause death and I sustain life; I wound severely and I also heal; from my power no one can deliver.

39 See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.

40 'Indeed, I raise My hand to heaven, And say, as I live forever,

40 'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven, And say, as I live forever,

40 "I solemnly swear to heaven— I say 'As certainly as I'm alive and living forever,

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.

41 If I have sharpened My flashing sword, And My hand has taken hold of justice, I will return vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me.

41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me.

41 I'll whet my shining sword, with my hands in firm grasp of judgment. I'll show vengeance on my adversary and repay those who keep on hating me.

41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

42 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword will devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'

42 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword will devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'

42 I'll make my arrows drunk with blood. My sword will devour flesh, along with the blood of the slain, and I'll take their enemy leaders captive.'

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

- As the Lord added oath to promise in the Abrahamic Covenant, so also he did in this New Covenant, swearing by himself, for there is no other (Cf. Is 45:22-23; Heb 6:13), that his judgment would be terrible against those who hate him (Deut 32:41-42; Cf. v35; Is 63:1ff)

43 "Rejoice, you nations, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And will return vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land *and* His people."

43 "Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land *and* His people."

43 "Sing for joy, nations! Sing for joy, people who belong to him! For he'll avenge the blood of his servants, turn on his adversary, and cleanse both his land and his people."

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

(g) Concluding exhortation to obey (32:44-47)

**44** Then Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he, with **Joshua** the son of Nun.

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**44** So Moses and Nun's son Joshua came and recited all the words of this song while the people were assembled.

**44** And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

- "...Joshea" - Joshua was associated with Moses in proclaiming the song to Israel

45 When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel,

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45 When Moses had finished addressing all of these words to all Israel,

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel:

46 he said to them, "Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you will command your sons to follow carefully, all the words of this Law.

46 he said to them, "Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, *even* all the words of this law.

46 he told them, "Take to heart my entire testimony against you today. Command your children to observe carefully every word of this Law,

46 And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

47 For it is not a trivial matter for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

47 For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life. And by this word you will prolong your days in the land, which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

47 because they're not just empty words for you—they are your very life. Through these instructions you will live long in the land that you are about to cross over the Jordan River to possess."

47 For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

(C) Moses' death (Deut 32:48—34:12)

(a) Announcement of Moses' death (32:48-52)

**48** Now the LORD spoke to Moses that very same day, saying,

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**48** Later that day, the LORD told Moses,

**48** And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,

49 "Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel as a possession.

49 "Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab opposite Jericho, and look at the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel for a possession.

49 "Ascend this Abarim mountain range toward Mount Nebo in the land of Moab across from Jericho, and look out over the land of Canaan that I'm about to give to the Israelis as a possession.

49 Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:

50 Then you are to die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

50 Then die on the mountain where you ascend, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

50 You will die on the mountain that you are about to ascend and be taken to be with your ancestors, just as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was taken to be with his ancestors.

50 And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:

- Aaron had been informed that he and Moses would not be among those entering Canaan because of their failure (Num 20:10-13; Cf. Num 27:14; Deut 1:37; 3:26; 4:21)

— Enroute, Aaron died at Mount Hor (Num 20:22-29; 33:37-38; Deut 10:6)

Mt. Nebo: The promontory of Pisgah is 2,740 feet above sea level. It lies just 12 miles east of the place where the Jordan empties into the Dead Sea, itself 1,292ft below sea level. Looking toward Canaan, Moses would have seen the snowy peak of 9,232ft Mt. Hermon over a hundred miles to the north, as well as the rocky highland and lush Jordan Valley of the Promised Land.

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51 Both of you acted unfaithfully against me among the Israelis at Meribah-kadesh in the desert of Zin, when you failed to uphold my holiness among the Israelis.

51 Because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 For you will see the land at a distance but you will not go there, into the land which I am giving the sons of Israel."

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52 You'll see the land from a distance, but you won't be able to enter the land that I am about to give to the Israelis."

52 Yet thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

- Cf. Num 20:7-12