

# Bible 101

## Lesson 32 - Moses Dies, Joshua Succeeds

### Deuteronomy 34-Joshua 1

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#### Note About Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy means “second law.” God gave the Law to Moses, the children of Israel refused to invade Canaan, that generation died, and a new generation was poised to invade. Deuteronomy consists of Moses recounting lessons from the rebellious generation and reminding the next generation of various commands God revealed forty years earlier.

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#### Deuteronomy 34

1. Why does God take Moses to the top of Mount Pisgah?
2. Why, do you suppose, did God hide the body of Moses?
3. How did God bless Moses in his advanced years?
4. What made Moses unique among the prophets?
5. What lesson(s) should we learn from Moses failing to enter the promised land?

Deuteronomy 34 concludes the five books of Moses. We call these books “The Law.” The Jews call it “The Torah” or “The Pentateuch.”

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#### Joshua 1:1-9

We are first introduced to Joshua in Exodus 17:8-16 when he leads Israel in a great victory over the Amalekites. Exodus 24:13 tells us he accompanied Moses up Mt.

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Sinai. According to Exodus 33:11, Joshua never left the tent where Moses met with God. He represented Ephraim when 12 spies were sent into Canaan and, along with Caleb, urged the first generation to trust in God and invade Canaan. Consequently, Joshua, Caleb, and their families were the only ones to survive the forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

1. What was Joshua's relationship with Moses?
2. How does God promise to support and help Joshua?
3. What does God say to Joshua three different times in verses 6-9?
4. What must Joshua do for God to bless him and his mission?

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### **Joshua 1:10-18**

Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh received an inheritance on the east side of the Jordan. In exchange, they pledged to help their fellow tribes secure their inheritance on the west side of the Jordan (see Numbers 32:20-28).

1. Where would the families and possessions of Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh go during the invasion?
2. When will the pact between those three tribes and the rest of Israel be fulfilled?
3. How do they assure Joshua that they will keep their side of the agreement?

Joshua 1 begins the section of the Old Testament known as the books of history. They conclude with Esther.