

## Lesson #12 – Blessing Israel

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God's people had been wandering in the wilderness for almost 40 years. Most of the adults (grown-ups) had died during this time. The children who left Egypt had now grown up and more children had been born. It had been a hard journey, but God had been with them and given them what they needed.

The Israelites were very near to the Promised Land now. They had camped beside the Jordan River and across that river was the land flowing with milk and honey. At this time there were only three men who were over 20 when they left Israel. These were Moses, Joshua, and Caleb. These were the ones who had faith that they could enter the land forty years before.

Moses was now 120 years of age. God told him to number the men in their camp who were over 20 years old. Moses counted 603,550 men plus the women and children: that is a lot of people – probably over two million.

Now the work of Moses was almost done. He knew he was not going into the Promised Land. He had not completely obeyed God when he struck the rock instead of just speaking to it.

God did allow Moses to go up into Mt. Nebo and look over into the land, but before this happened, the Lord needed to find someone to take Moses' place as leader. Who do you think this person was? It was Joshua, Moses' helper. Moses put his hands upon Joshua's head and told the whole congregation that Joshua was God's choice to be their leader as they went into the Promised Land. They were to listen to Joshua and do what he said for God was speaking to him now.

Moses then spoke to the people before he went up the mountain. He told them to always do what God asked them to do. They were to teach their children to love God and obey Him also. If they followed God, things would go well with them in their new home. They must tear down all the idols in the land and only worship God.

Moses blessed the people and walked slowly up Mt. Nebo all alone. He saw the beautiful land in the valley on the other side of Jordan. Then Moses died. No one saw him again. They mourned for Moses as they prepared to go forth when God gave the word.

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### QUESTIONS

- T. F 1. The Israelites had wandered for 10 years.
- T F 2. There were many adults who had died.
- T F 3. There were only 10 adults left who had been alive when they left Egypt.
- T F 4. Moses found 603,550 adult men. .
- T F 5. Moses was now 100 years old.
- T F 6. Moses was not to enter the Promised Land.
- T F 7. Joshua was to be the new Leader.
- T F 8. Moses told the people to always obey God.
- T F 9. Moses went upon Mt. Sinai.
- T F 10. Moses got to see the Promised Land.
- T F 11. Moses took Joshua and Caleb upon Mt. Nebo.
- T F 12. Only God knows where Moses was buried.