

This week we will study how after 40 years, the Children of Israel were finally ready to enter the Promised Land—the land of Canaan.

A DAY WITH THE KING



"But when it was declared that because of that one sin Moses and Aaron were not to enter Canaan, the people knew that God is no respecter of persons, and that He will surely punish the transgressor. ... The fact that Moses had enjoyed so great light and knowledge made his sin more grievous. Past faithfulness will not atone for one wrong act. The greater the light and privileges granted to man, the greater is his responsibility..." – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 420



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THE PROMISED LAND

Daily Devotional 26



LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for preserving the Bible down through the ages, so I now have the privilege of studying Your Word. Help to understand what I read now so I can walk closer with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

"You are my friends if you do whatever I command you."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The Children of Israel started complaining again about there being no water to drink. Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle to pray to God. God asked Moses to speak to the rock but in verse 10 Moses said, "Must we bring water for you out of the rock"? We know that God provided the water, not Moses and Aaron. Verse 11 tells us that Moses struck the rock twice. Moses wasn't supposed to strike the rock but speak to it as God asked him to. Our reading tells us that because of their sin, Moses and Aaron were not to lead the Israelites into the Prom-

ised Land. The Children of Israel had complained and rebelled for the past 40 years and Moses had finally lost his patience, and with anger, he had struck the rock. Moses had dishonoured God by his behaviour. Moses and Aaron repented immediately and God forgave them but the damage had been done. God had planned a peaceful journey for the Israelites through the land of Edom to reach their destination of the Promised Land. Here they could have bought water, but because of their distrust in God, with their murmuring and complaining, they had to go around Edom, making their journey a lot longer.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 20:2

"Now there was no Moses for the congregation; so they gathered together water against and Aaron."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Numbers 20:1–21







LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for keeping me safe. Help me to be kind and patient and do not let me get angry when things go wrong. Help me to trust in You more. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

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LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us about Aaron's death. He was 123 years old. God had called him, at 83 years of age, to work with Moses in leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land. God had highly honoured Aaron and his family with the sacred office of the priesthood. God was now appointing Eleazar, Aaron's son, to take Aarons place as high priest.

Aaron had been Moses constant companion for the past 40 years. Moses now

leaned more heavily on God, who was his best friend. God can become your best friend as well. Claim the memory verse for this week over your life and remember that, just like Moses, you can lean on God for all your needs.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 20:29

"Now when all Aaron the congregation saw that house was dead, all the thirty of Israel mourned for Aaron days."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Numbers 20:22–29







LET'S PRAY Dear God, I want to be Your friend and do what You command me to do. Help me to surrender my heart to You. Please be with me and help me to share Your truth with someone today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

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LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we have started in the book of Deuteronomy, which covered a time span of approximately 60 days. Through the writings of Deuteronomy, Moses told the younger Children of Israel where they had come from, what God had done for them and what God would do for them in the future if they would be obedient to God's law. Many verses in the book of Deuteronomy, including chapter 4 verses 1 & 2, instruct the Israelites to be obedient to the law God had given them. In chapter 5, Moses repeated the Ten Commandments to the younger Israelites. Chapter



7 is a reminder that the Children of Israel were a chosen people to represent God's character before the world. They were to be a holy people, and were not to bow down to idols.

The Bible, at times, can repeat things over and over again. God is your heavenly Father who loves you so much; He wants the very best for you. As our Father, He is constantly reminding, teaching and reminding us again, so as His children, we will not forgot His requirements. He wants to make sure we don't forget anything! He wants to give us every opportunity of forming a relationship with Him so we can live eternally with Him in heaven. He doesn't want you to miss out!

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - NUMBERS 5:6

"I am the your God who brought LORD you out house of Egypt, out of the of bondage."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 5:1–22 & 7:1–11







LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for my good night's sleep. Thank You for the air I breathe, and the sunshine and the rain that helps things to grow so that I can eat. Help me to be faithful and to only worship You alone, not the idols of this world. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

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LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today, starting in Chapter 8, God reminded the Children of Israel of His care for them through their wilderness journey and is told them of the blessings that they could experience in the Promised Land, if they kept His commandments. The land, into which they were going, was inhabited by groups of people who worshipped idols and placed their own children on the altar. They also practised witchcraft and spiritualism, supposedly calling up the dead. God called these practices "an abomination to the LORD". God warned the Israelites not to follow these



practices.

We know from our Bibles that no one can raise the dead except God the Father and His Son, Jesus. They are the only ones who have the power to do so. Check out these verses: *John 5:28–29*, *Job 7:9–10* and *1 Thessalonians 4:16–17*.

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 8:1

"Every possess which I command you today you commandment must be to observe, that you may swore and multiply, and go in careful and the land of which the LORD live to your fathers."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Deuteronomy 8:1–10 & 18:9–14







LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for keeping me safe and taking care of my needs. Help me to be obedient to You and my Mum and Dad. Thank You for my Bible, please help me to understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

"You are my friends if you do whatever I command you."

LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

From our reading of the Bible today, we learn that God was letting the Children of Israel know that if they were obedient to Him then the blessings were to be very great. In verse 13, God mentioned He would make the Israelites "the head and not the tail," meaning they would be great leaders and be the forefront of everything. God wanted to make them a very great nation, to which people would come from all over the then-known world to enquire of the great God whom they served. Sadly, from verse 15 onwards, God warned them what would happen if they didn't obey Him. Obedience to God was a requirement for

them to be able to live in the Promised Land.

If we put God first in everything we do, God will bless us in so many different ways. Do not be afraid or embarrassed to shine your light for God, do not compromise your standards. Remember to obey God. And if you are obedient to God, one day you will live in the eternal Promised Land.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 28:6

"Blessed shall you be when blessed shall you come in, and you be when you go out."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Deuteronomy 28:1–25







LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help me to have greater faith in You and help me to keep Your commandments. Help me to understand Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

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LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Moses reminded the Children of Israel that he could not enter the Promised Land with them. Joshua, God's newly appointed leader, would be the one who would lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the land of Canaan. Moses encouraged them to not be afraid and to know that God would be with them. The Bible also tells us that God wanted the Ten Commandments and the laws to be read every seven years to the Children of Israel so they would not forget them.



There are lots of verses in the Bible that we can claim to help us not be afraid. Check these out: *Psalm 27:1, Psalm 91:4–7, Psalm 112:7, John 6:20, Mark 5:36* and *Proverbs 1:33*.



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - DEUTERONOMY 31:8

"And the, He is the fear who goes before you. He with will be you, He will not leave you LORD nor forsake you; do not One nor be dismayed."

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Deuteronomy 31:1–13







LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You so much for loving me. Thank You for the Sabbath Day and please help me to keep it holy. Help me to be a blessing to someone today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 15:14

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THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Deuteronomy 34:1–12



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Before the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan River to go into the Promised Land, God told Moses to climb Mt Nebo so he could see the land of Canaan from afar. In verse 4 the Lord reminded Moses that He had kept His promise of bringing them to the land which He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moses was 120 years old when he died. God sent His angels to earth to bury Moses. We are told in Jude 9, and Mrs White's writings in Patriarchs and Prophets p. 478, that Moses was raised from the dead to be with God, his forever friend!

Do you remember our memory verse from devotional 14? It told us of the faithfulness of Moses' parents in hiding Moses from the Pharaoh because he wanted to throw all the baby boys in the River Nile. I think their faithfulness 'paid off'! We just read in verses 10–12 that Moses was one of the greatest prophets that "knew God face to face." Never forget the amazing story of Moses and how God worked through him in an extraordinary way. This story has been put in the Bible for us so we can learn from the experience of Moses and the Israelites to help us with our own journey with God.



SABBATH QUIZ

- 1. How many times did Moses strike the rock at Kadesh?
- 2. What country refused to allow the Israelites to journey through?
- 3. What age was Aaron when he died?
- 4. Who was the new leader to take Moses place?
- 5. What mountain did Moses have to climb to view the Promised Land?