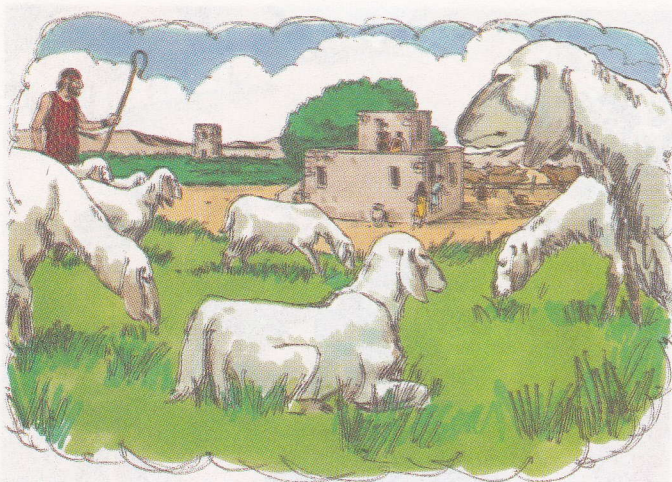


# The Last Days of Moses



**1** The people of Israel had wandered for forty years in the wilderness. Now, at last, they were to enter the land God had promised them. For Moses the joy was mixed with disappointment.



**2** Moses had failed to honor the Lord before the people when they were in the wilderness of Sin. For that reason, God would not permit Moses to enter the promised land with the rest of the people of Israel.



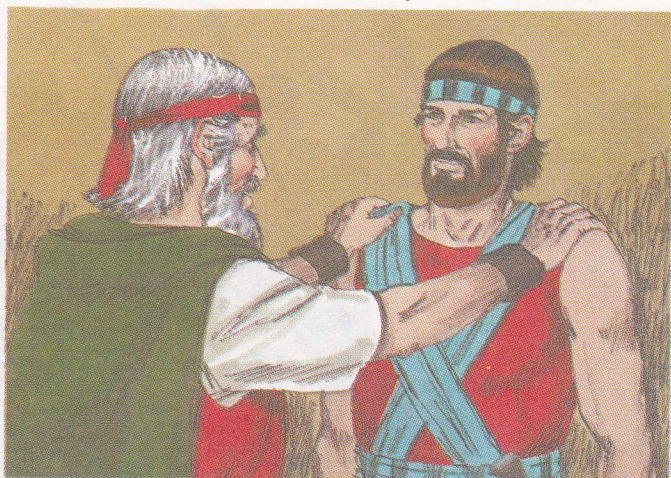
**3** Since he himself could not enter Canaan, Moses asked the Lord to appoint someone in his place to lead the people and to command them in battle, so the Israelites would not be like sheep without a shepherd.



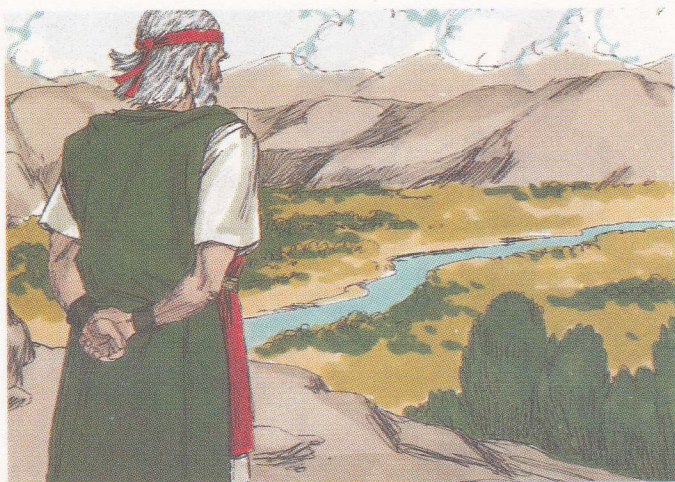
**4** The Lord chose Joshua the son of Nun to be the next leader. Joshua was one of the twelve spies who spied out Canaan. Moses had Joshua stand before the people and gave him authority to be their leader.



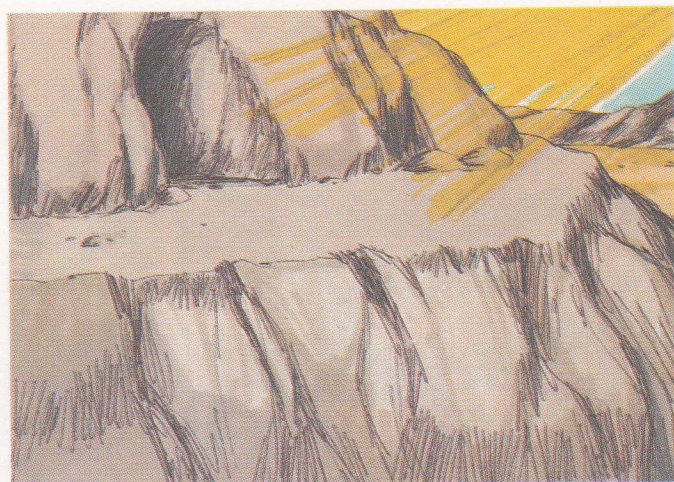
**5** Moses really wanted to enter the promised land. He prayed that God would let him. But God said, "That's enough! Don't mention this again! You may see the land from afar, but you may not enter it."



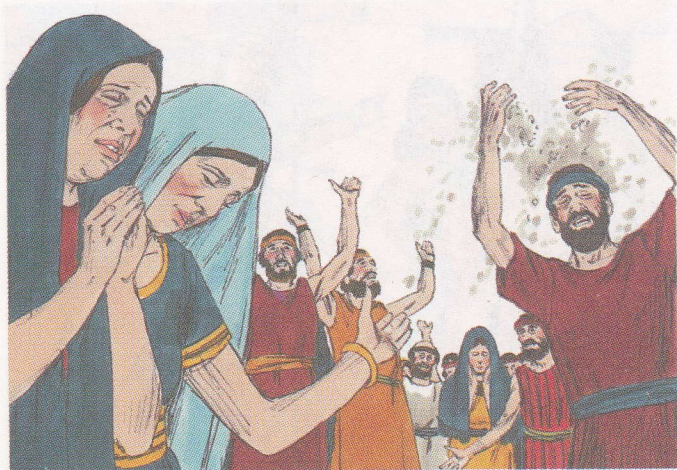
**6** So Moses said to Joshua, "You are the one who will lead these people into the land the Lord promised our ancestors. The Lord himself will lead you and be with you, so do not lose courage or be afraid."



**7** Then Moses climbed the mountains east of Jericho and looked out over all the land. The Lord said, "This is the land I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob I would give to their descendants."



**8** After Moses saw the promised land, he died and God buried him in the land of Moab. He was 120 years old when he died, but he was still strong as ever and his eyesight was good.



**9** The Israelites mourned for Moses for thirty days there in the plains of Moab.



**10** There has never been another prophet in Israel like Moses. The Lord spoke with him face to face. No other prophet has ever done miracles like the Lord sent Moses to perform against the king of Egypt.



**11** Joshua, Moses' successor, was filled with wisdom. The people of Israel obeyed Joshua and kept the commands the Lord had given through Moses.



**12** With the death of Moses, one chapter in the history of Israel ends and a new one begins. God has kept many of his promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Now he is ready to fulfill the remaining promises.