

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

DEUTERONOMY 34

Deuteronomy 34

Deuteronomy thirty-four is a continuation of God's instruction in chapter thirty-two, verses 48-52. Chapter thirty-three is the final blessing of Moses upon the people before he leaves them to go up the mountain to die.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses that very same day, saying: "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession; and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people; because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel." Deut. 32:48-52

Beginning in chapter thirty-four, God gives the coordinates of the area where Moses is to view the land he will never

enter. God took him to the highest peak of this particular mountain range atop the eastern slopes of the ridge that rises above the Dead Sea, the lowest place on planet earth. Moses was able to see the land from one end to the other. God allowed him to see as far as Dan, which is the northern most border in a particular time in Israel's history, as it is today. He would see Mt. Herman snowcapped and glistening in the sun. He would see the rolling, wavy hills of the inheritance of Naphtali, the northernmost tribe that has a mountainous inheritance. Moses would also be able to see the Mediterranean sparkling in the sunlight as an azure gem in the westernmost field of vision. He would see the great rift valley below him and the Arava and Negev to his south that he had become so familiar with during the last four decades of leading a rebellious people through a wilderness of their choosing through disobedience to take the land at Kadesh Barnea.

Prayer and Action Steps

Lord, teach me to number my days and to realize the choices I make today can determine my future. Make good choices today.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

