

Numbers 27:12-23. *Retirement*. The Lord God Yahweh tells Moses to review the land He is giving to the Israelites. God notes that after you see the land, you will die because just as your brother Aaron disobeyed Me—you did not honor Me before the people.

Moses was contrite. *May the Lord God Yahweh, the god of the spirits of all people, appoint a man to guide this community, to go out and come in before them, one to lead them outward and inward. The Lord's people should not be like sheep without a shepherd.*

So Yahweh tells Moses: *Take Yeshua (aka Joshua), a man filled with Holy Spirit and lay your hand on him. Make sure he stands before Eleazar the priest and the entire community in assembly—make sure you commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority now so they will obey him. He is to stand before priest Eleazar who will use the urim to get decisions from the Lord God. From his command, the entire community will go out, and at his command, come in.*

Moses did as he was commanded.

Q To what extent was this a death sentence, or merely a restatement of what must happen as a function of the two hitting the rock instead of speaking to it for water?

Q Who suggested that a leader be appointed to replace Moses?

Q Why did the Lord God direct Moses to commission a roman catholic as the new leader?

Q How was this transition to be manifested according the Lord God Almighty?

Q To what extent did Moses accept the consequences of his behavior at Meribah Kadesh?

NUMBERS 27:12-23

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go up this mountain in the Abarim range and see the land I have given the Israelites. ¹³After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, ¹⁴for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes." (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶"May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. ²⁰Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him.

²¹He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

²²Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

Deuteronomy. *Kvetching by Moses & His Exclusion from the Promised Land.*

1:37-40

1. It's your [the Israelite community] fault.
2. You're not going to take possession, but I will give the children, the ones you worried about the land.
3. You leave—go back to the desert to die.

3:23-27

1. I pleaded with the Lord God, reminding Him He of His greatness and strength; no other god can do what He does.
2. Let me go over to the land anyhow.
3. But because of you the Lord God Yahweh was angry with me; in fact, He told me He would no longer listen and, I quote, "Do not speak to me anymore about this!!"

4:21-24

1. Yahweh was angry with me because of you; He solemnly swore I would not cross the Jordan.
 2. I will die in Moab, but you—you get to take possession of the land.
 3. Don't mess around with idols, nor forget the covenant the Lord God Almighty made with and for you.
 4. The Lord Your God is a jealous god, a consuming fire as it were.
- Q To what extent was it the fault of the community at Meribah Kadesh? Be their defense attorney in response to Moses' indictment.
- Q Was the Lord God unfair to Moses?
- Q How did Moses know in fact the Lord God Yahweh is a consuming fire of jealousy?



DEUTERONOMY 1:37-40

Because of you the LORD became angry with me also and said, "You shall not enter it, either. ³⁸But your assistant, Joshua son of Nun, will enter it. Encourage him, because he will lead Israel to inherit it. ³⁹And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it. ⁴⁰But as for you, turn around and set out toward the desert along the route to the Sea of Reeds."

DEUTERONOMY 3:23-27

At that time I pleaded with the LORD: ²⁴"O Sovereign LORD, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do? ²⁵Let me go over and see the good land beyond the Jordan—that fine hill country and Lebanon." ²⁶But because of you the LORD was angry with me and would not listen to me. "That is enough," the LORD said. "Do not speak to me anymore about this matter. ²⁷Go up to the top of Pisgah and look west and north and south and east. Look at the land with your own eyes, since you are not going to cross this Jordan. ²⁸But commission Joshua, and encourage and strengthen him, for he will lead this people across and will cause them to inherit the land that you will see." ²⁹So we stayed in the valley near Beth Peor.

DEUTERONOMY 4:21-24

The LORD was angry with me because of you, and he solemnly swore that I would not cross the Jordan and enter the good land the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance. ²²I will die in this land; I will not cross the Jordan; but you are about to cross over and take possession of that good land. ²³Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. ²⁴For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.