

**The Blessing of Moses (February 1406 BC)**

## Deuteronomy 33

**Introduction and Historical Review**

1 Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 He said,

“The LORD came from Sinai,  
And dawned on them from Seir;  
He shone forth from Mount Paran,  
And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; [cf. [Acts 7:53](#); [Gal. 3:19](#); [Heb. 2:2](#)]  
At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

3 “Indeed, He loves the people;  
All Your holy ones are in Your hand,  
And they followed in Your steps;  
*Everyone* receives of Your words.

4 “Moses charged us with a law,  
A possession for the assembly of Jacob.

5 “And He was king in Jeshurun,  
When the heads of the people were gathered,  
The tribes of Israel together.

**Reuben**

6 “May Reuben live and not die,  
Nor his men be few.”

**Judah**

7 And this regarding Judah; so he said,

“Hear, O LORD, the voice of Judah,  
And bring him to his people.  
With his hands he contended for them,  
And may You be a help against his adversaries.”

**Levi**

8 Of Levi he said,

“*Let* Your Thummim and Your Urim *belong* to Your godly man,  
Whom You proved at Massah,  
With whom You contended at the waters of Meribah;

9 Who said of his father and his mother,  
‘I did not consider them’;  
And he did not acknowledge his brothers,  
Nor did he regard his own sons,  
For they observed Your word,  
And kept Your covenant.

10 “They shall teach Your ordinances to Jacob,  
And Your law to Israel.  
They shall put incense before You,

And whole burnt offerings on Your altar.

- 11 “O LORD, bless his substance,  
And accept the work of his hands;  
Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him,  
And those who hate him, so that they will not rise *again*.”

### **Benjamin**

12 Of Benjamin he said,

“May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him,  
Who shields him all the day,  
And he dwells between His shoulders.”

### **Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh**

13 Of Joseph he said,

- “Blessed of the LORD *be* his land,  
With the choice things of heaven, with the dew,  
And from the deep lying beneath,  
14 And with the choice yield of the sun,  
And with the choice produce of the months.  
15 “And with the best things of the ancient mountains,  
And with the choice things of the everlasting hills,  
16 And with the choice things of the earth and its fullness,  
And the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush.  
Let it come to the head of Joseph,  
And to the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.  
17 “As the firstborn of his ox, majesty is his,  
And his horns are the horns of the wild ox;  
With them he will push the peoples,  
All at once, *to* the ends of the earth.  
And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim,  
And those are the thousands of Manasseh.”

### **Zebulun and Issachar**

18 Of Zebulun he said,

- “Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going forth,  
And, Issachar, in your tents.  
19 “They will call peoples *to* the mountain;  
There they will offer righteous sacrifices;  
For they will draw out the abundance of the seas,  
And the hidden treasures of the sand.”

### **Gad**

20 Of Gad he said,

“Blessed is the one who enlarges Gad;  
He lies down as a lion,

And tears the arm, also the crown of the head.

- 21 “Then he provided the first *part* for himself,  
For there the ruler’s portion was reserved;  
And he came *with* the leaders of the people;  
He executed the justice of the LORD,  
And His ordinances with Israel.”

#### **Dan**

22 Of Dan he said,

“Dan is a lion’s whelp,  
That leaps forth from Bashan.”

#### **Naphtali**

23 Of Naphtali he said,

“O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,  
And full of the blessing of the LORD,  
Take possession of the sea and the south.”

#### **Asher**

24 Of Asher he said,

“More blessed than sons is Asher;  
May he be favored by his brothers,  
And may he dip his foot in oil.

- 25 “Your locks will be iron and bronze,  
And according to your days, so will your leisurely walk be.

#### **Conclusion—General Praise and Blessing**

- 26 “There is none like the God of Jeshurun,  
Who rides the heavens to your help,  
And through the skies in His majesty.
- 27 “The eternal God is a dwelling place,  
And underneath are the everlasting arms;  
And He drove out the enemy from before you,  
And said, ‘Destroy!’
- 28 “So Israel dwells in security,  
The fountain of Jacob secluded,  
In a land of grain and new wine;  
His heavens also drop down dew.
- 29 “Blessed are you, O Israel;  
Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,  
Who is the shield of your help  
And the sword of your majesty!  
So your enemies will cringe before you,  
And you will tread upon their high places.”

**The Death of Moses (February 1406 BC)**

Deuteronomy 34:1–7

1 Now Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,  
2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,  
3 and the Negev and the plain in the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.  
4 Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”  
5 So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD.  
6 And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day. [[Jude 1:9](#)]  
7 Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

**Israel Mourns Moses’ Death (Adar [March] 1406 BC)**

Deuteronomy 34:8–12

8 So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses came to an end.  
9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; and the sons of Israel listened to him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.  
10 Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,  
11 for all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land,  
12 and for all the mighty power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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