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## This is the Blessing 33: 1-29

**On the day Moses died, he delivered his final blessing and then ascended Mount Nebo to view the Land of Promise from afar.**



The previous chapters were surely not easy ones for **Moses** to write. There were **the curses** of **Chapter 28** and those prophecies of the Great Tribulation found in **his song** in **Chapter 32**. But praise **God**, this was not the end of the book of **Deuteronomy**. As all the other prophecies of the end times, **ADONAI** ends the story on a bright note when it concerns **His** own. So, in **Chapter 33**, **Moshe** takes us past all **the curses** and the Great Tribulation, right into the Messianic Kingdom and **the blessings** that will be bestowed on the people of **God**.

There is one sad note in the listing of these tribes. **Simeon** is not listed. There is always a reason why one tribe is omitted from the list of tribes in the Scriptures. While we cannot be dogmatic about it, some say that **Simeon's** territory was absorbed into that of **Judah**. We know that **Simeon** and **Levi** had taken cruel revenge on the men of Shechem for the rape of their sister Dinah (see the commentary on **Genesis [1e](#) - The Slaughter at Shechem by Simeon and Levi**). Jacob had condemned both of them (see the commentary on **Genesis [1f](#)**

- **Simeon and Levi are Brothers, Their Swords are Weapons of Violence**). But because the tribe of **Levi** was the only tribe to show **their** allegiance to **ADONAI** during the golden calf incident (see the commentary on **Exodus Gv - And All the Levites Rallied to Moses**) they were set apart by **God** for **His** service. **Simeon**, however, was implicated in another great sin in the wilderness. Because **the curses** of **Balaam** did not achieve **their** goal, **he** sent Moabite women to seduce the men of **Isra'el** to sin. **Moses** ordered that all who participated in that sin should be killed. But the carnage stopped when **Zimri**, a leader in the rebellion, and **a prince of a Simeonite ancestral household, was killed (Numbers 24:14)**. Evidently, because of these two sins, **Moses** had omitted the tribe of **Simeon** from these prophecies at the time of the writing of **Deuteronomy**.

Nevertheless, because of the grace of our **Lord**, we see the tribe of **Simeon** included in the **144,000** during the Great Tribulation (see the commentary on **Revelation Cr - Then I Heard the Number of Those Who Were Sealed, 144,000 from all the Tribes of Isra'el**), the allocation of land during the Messianic Kingdom (**Ezeki'el 48:24-25**), and **his** name written on one of the **twelve gates** in the **New Jerusalem** (see the commentary on **Revelation Fu - The New Jerusalem had a Great, High Wall with Twelve Gates**). This should be an encouragement for all believers. For it teaches us that although we might go through difficult times, they are only for a brief moment. **For our trouble, light and momentary, is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comprehension (Second Corinthians 4:17)**.

*Dear loving Heavenly **Father**, What a joy it is to look ahead from life's trials to our eternal inheritance and blessing **You** have for all **Your** children. **The Ruach Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, also heirs - heirs of God and joint-heirs with Messiah - if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed to us (Romans 8:16-18)**. The joy of heaven will be forever and life's trials will all be over. I desire to bless **You** with my life on earth. In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*