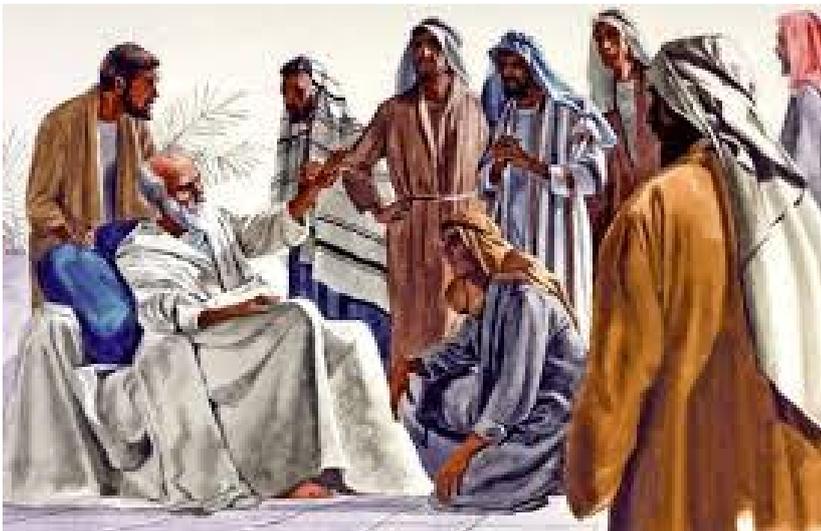


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This is the Blessing 33: 1-29

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*