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Words of Warning and Encouragement to the Wilderness Generation **33:50 to 36:13**



The Promised Land has been **Isra'el's** goal throughout the book of **Numbers**. It is only fitting, therefore, that the last section of the book deals specifically with the settlement of **Canaan**. These last four chapters round out the book. **Chapter 33**, with its "travel log" (**to see link click [Gc - Isra'el's Travel Log](#)**), and final blessing and warning, serves as a climax of the book. The prospects for conquest and the warning of failure were just as real for **the Wilderness Generation** as it was for **their** parents. **Chapters 34, 35, and 36** are appendages to the book of **Numbers**. Its theological climax comes at **33:54** when **ADONAI** declares: **You will inherit the land by lot according to your tribes. You are to give more land to the larger tribes and less to the smaller ones. Wherever the lot falls to any particular person, that will be his property. You will inherit according to the tribes of your ancestors.** The message was this: **The Land** is before **you** for the taking; but do not behave like your fathers and mothers did. Instead, move on in faith to occupy **the Land God** is offering **you**. **You** are responsible for the decisions **you** are about to make. And just remember that **ADONAI** has time . . . and the wilderness has no shortage of sand to accommodate **your** remains. If **you** behave like **your** parents did, **Ha'Shem** can wait for



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your children or **your** children's children to act courageously and to respond in faithful action. Just before entering **the Promised Land**, **Moshe** gave **his** final speech (see the commentary on **Deuteronomy** [Fa](#) - **The Warnings of the Covenant**).