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Moses & Joshua

Raising up Next generation leader

Moses.

Moses was a great leader who brought out of the Israelites out of Egypt.

He led them through the wilderness for 40 long years. God supernaturally provided for them all their needs through Moses.

Moses brought them to the shores of River Jordan.
Now it is time for him to pass the mantle.

Deuteronomy 31:1-8, *Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. ²And he said to them: "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. I can no longer go out and come in. Also the Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.' ³The Lord your God Himself crosses over before you; He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua himself crosses over before you, just as*

the Lord has said. ⁴ And the Lord will do to them as He did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites and their land, when He destroyed them. ⁵ The Lord will give them over to you, that you may do to them according to every commandment which I have commanded you. ⁶ Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

⁷ Then Moses called Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. ⁸ And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

Deuteronomy 31:14-16, *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, the days approach when you must die; call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting, that I may inaugurate him.” So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting. ¹⁵ Now the Lord appeared at the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the pillar of cloud stood above the door of the tabernacle. ¹⁶ And the Lord said to Moses: “Behold, you will rest with your fathers; and this people will rise and play the harlot with the gods of the foreigners of the land, where they go to be among them, and they will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them.*

Moses passed on his mantle over to Joshua and he crowned him as the new leader who will lead the people of God.

Moses had two sons: Gershom and Eliezer. They were not part of the Exodus proper. While still in Egypt, Moses had sent them off with their mother Zipporah to their grandfather Jethro in Midian. After the Exodus, they joined their father in the desert.

Exodus 18:3-4, *with her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land")⁴ and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");*

King David appointed Moses' grandson as his treasurer.

1 Chronicles 26:24-26, *Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was overseer of the treasuries.²⁵ And his brethren by Eliezer were Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son, Joram his son, Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.*

²⁶*This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things which King David and the heads of fathers' houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated.*

Moses did not appoint his father-in-law who gave wonderful advice how to judge the people of Israel.

Moses did not elevate his sons to higher position.

But he chose Joshua.

Moses seems to be a failure whereas Joshua is the one who made it possible to the promised Land.

But when Joshua was finishing in his final days, he did not name anyone as the successor.

Joshua 24:13-15, *I have given you a land for which you did not labour, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.*¹⁴ *“Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!”*¹⁵ *And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

Joshua 24:24-25, *And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!”*²⁵ *So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.*

Joshua 24:29-31, *Now it came to pass after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, being one hundred and ten years old. ³⁰And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. ³¹Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the Lord which He had done for Israel.*

Joshua did finish well but then he failed to name someone as the successor for the people of God to follow.

Judges 2:7-10, *So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. ⁸Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died when he was one hundred and ten years old. ⁹And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.*

What follows the death of Joshua is a great tragedy of the history of Israel.

Judges 2:11-12, *Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; ¹² and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger.*

Judges 3:7, *So the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. They forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baals and Asherahs.*

Judges 3:12, *And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord strengthened Eglon king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord.*

Judges 4:1, *When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord.*

Judges 6:1, *Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years,*

Judges 8:34-35, *Thus the children of Israel did not remember the Lord their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; ³⁵ nor did they show kindness to*

the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

Judges 10:6, *Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the Lord and did not serve Him.*

Judges 13:1, *Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.*

Summary of the book of Judges in one verse.

Judges 21:25, *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

In the worldly view success and God's perspective are different.

Maybe this is the reason why Joshua was not appreciated much in the New Testament.

What about Moses?

Hebrews 3:2-5, *who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He*

who built the house has more honour than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. ⁵ And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward,

The faith of Moses applauded by God.

Hebrews 11:23-29, *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.*

Why?

Exodus 32:31-32, *Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! ³² Yet now, if You will forgive their*

sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.”

Exodus 33:15-17, *Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”*

¹⁷ So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”

Who are you developing?

Who is going to take care of the next generation?

Have you identified someone who will be like you?

Do you want to finish like Joshua or Moses?