

## THE GLORY OF GOD - 2025

### ADDENDUM TO “PLEASE SHOW ME YOUR GLORY”

I’ve been thinking MUCH about Moses – and the anger he/Moses demonstrated in striking the rock twice when he was told by God to speak to the rock! I took the route of CROSS REFERENCING in my research.

Remember God telling Moses to strike the rock once? Ex. 17:6 – when the children of Israel had no water – shortly after they left Egypt. And, Moses did not heed God’s voice. AND...

NOTE: I Cor. 10:4.

Let’s think through Scripture a bit further...

...in Numbers 20 both Miriam & Aaron died.

Did both Miriam and Aaron rebel against God? YES! Both laced into Moses – whom God had anointed as His leader for 2.5M Jewish people at this time! (Prophets were anointed. God called Moses a prophet [Deut. 18:15-19; commissioning Moses in Ex. 3]).

In Num. 12, both Miriam and Aaron came against Moses – which was rebellion against God. (Miriam was struck with leprosy by God)

Num. 20 – the 40<sup>th</sup> year in the wilderness. If you didn’t know it, there is a 37-year interval between Num.

Num. 20:1 – Miriam died. No explanation is given. BUT CONSIDER: Miriam was of the first generation. SO? What does that mean? **God said the first generation would not enter into the land of promise because they rebelled against God (Num. 14:20-23; Num. 14:29-32)**. Hmmm. It hit me for the first time this past week – to include Miriam in the mix of the first generation! But she was.

Num. 20:22-29; Num. 33:38-39 – Aaron died. God told Aaron that he would *be gathered to his people. He will not enter the land I give the Israelites, because both of you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah.* Hmmm – Aaron and Moses both rebelled against God!

Num. 20:9-11 – Moses contended with Israel and with the LORD.

*So Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels! (And, who was rebelling against God’s words?) Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” (God did NOT tell Moses to rail against the children of Israel! Was Moses claiming credit for giving God’s people water?) Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.*

As we read this passage, are we envisioning a LOOK OF AMAZEMENT spreading across Moses’ face...and perhaps Aaron’s as well?

This is GOD’S GRACE – toward the people of Israel!!!

GOD PROVIDED WATER IN ABUNDANCE!!!! In spite of their complaining!!!! God had a GREATER PURPOSE in mind!

HIS GLORY!!!!

God didn't tell Moses to call the people rebels. WHO was rebelling? Moses and Aaron – against God's command re: HOW to get water out of the rock!!!

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Num. 20:12-13 - *Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, God told Moses and Aaron, 'Because you **did not believe Me, to hallow Me** (to reflect My holiness) in the eyes of the children of Israel, **therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.**'*

Deut. 32:51-52 - *...because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel. <sup>52</sup> Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel.*

CONSIDER: An act of disobedience/a public act of disobedience diminishes the glory of God!!!  
Do God's words sound familiar???

Num. 14:20-23 – (re: the 10 spies unwilling to go into the land) *truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord— <sup>22</sup> because all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, <sup>23</sup> they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it.*

Num. 14:29-30 - *The carcasses of you who have complained against Me (rejected My words) shall fall in this wilderness, ..... <sup>30</sup> **Except for Caleb** the son of Jephunneh **and Joshua** the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.*

Moses failed to honor God's words. And so, in rebelling and focusing on self-glory, Moses suffered the same result as the first generation of the children of Israel – Moses was not allowed into the land – along with Miriam (Num. 20:1) – and Aaron (Num. 20:22-29).

I mentioned I Cor. 10:1, 3-5 at the outset...

The Apostle Paul wrote... *brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ... <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. (from God) For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. (That Rock from above/from heaven/Who is God. Paul's spiritual verbiage speaks to the LITERAL TRUTH!!! – JESUS!) <sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.*

Have you heard it said that Moses hitting the rock – when GOD had asked Moses to do so (Ex. 17:6 - *Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink*) And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. It has been suggested – based on I Cor. 10:4 - the rock providing water in the wilderness...was a picture of the Messiah as the Redeemer?

The water-giving rock is used as a symbol of Jesus in 1 Cor.10:4. The rock was struck in Ex. 17:6; Jesus, being struck once at His crucifixion, provided life for all who would drink of Him. Heb. 7:27 tells us that Jesus Christ was crucified/was struck once.

When Moses angrily struck the rock in Num. 20, Moses essentially destroyed the biblical foreshadowing, in effect, crucifying Jesus again – and having to be sacrificed repeatedly for our salvation – which we know is Biblically incorrect.

The Bible says repeatedly in Psalms and Isaiah that Jesus is our Rock and Cornerstone struck (i.e., killed) for our sake, and He will bring forth streams of living water (i.e., salvation). John 4:10 - Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well - *If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have*

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*given you living water.* Moreover, Hebrews says Christ died once for all and no further sacrifice for sins is required. So the Lord intended Moses strike the rock in the desert only once in the scene from Exodus 17, thus picturing Jesus sacrificed once to bring us salvation. Later in Numbers 20, the Lord instructed Moses to only speak to the rock to preserve the picture created in Exodus 17. When Moses chose to strike the rock a second time instead, he disrupted the picture created in Exodus 17. Had God allowed Moses' mistake to go unchallenged, we would likely be confused by the distorted picture, concluding it was necessary for Christ (i.e., the rock) to be sacrificed (i.e., struck) repeatedly for our salvation.

By barring Moses from the Promised Land, the Lord illustrated that we cannot enter into salvation (i.e., the Promised Land) by works of Law (i.e., by Moses) but only by the work of Jesus (i.e., by Joshua, which is the name Yeshua or Jesus).

Did Moses express remorse?

Deut. 3:23-28 – In speaking his final words throughout Deuteronomy to his brethren (Dt. 4:4 - *But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you*) – of the second generation. *I pleaded with the Lord at that time, saying: 24 'O Lord God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds? 25 I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon. 26 But the Lord was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the Lord said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan. 28 But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'*

And what do we behold? Moses COMPLIED with God. Moses did command and encourage Joshua. And then we read of Moses telling the children of Israel to encourage Joshua.

Dt. 1:38 – Moses told the people in his final words, *Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it.*

I'm suggesting that Moses, who seemed to NOT express satisfaction as we read of all his questions for God after the golden calf episode and not experiencing God's presence...Moses finally, I'm suggesting, DEMONSTRATED SATISFACTION IN GOD'S JUDGMENT AND GRACE! And so, we read in Deut. 34...

Deut. 34 - Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the South, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." (God did NOT show the land to Miriam and Aaron when they died) <sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And He/God buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. (God did not bury Miriam or Aaron) <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished. <sup>8</sup> And

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the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. <sup>9</sup> Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, <sup>12</sup> and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

A memorial to Moses was recorded at the end of Deuteronomy.

Moses is described as a faithful servant in Hebrews 3:5.

Num. 20:1 - Miriam died and was buried;

Num. 20:22-25 - Moses took Aaron up to Mt. Hor by the border of Edom – but no grand panorama of the land was highlighted to Aaron.

Deut. – God continued to use Moses as the leader...speaking his final words to his brethren who would enter the land. Dt. 6:4-6; Dt. 30:1-6. THE GLORY OF GOD