

3rd Quarter – Week 8

(The Death of Moses – Joshua Leads)

Day 1 Deuteronomy 32	Key Thoughts: • The song of Moses is recorded. The first part emphasizes the perfection of God (32:1-4). The unfaithfulness of Israel is then contrasted (32:5-6). • Israel is encouraged to look to their past and highlight the faithfulness of God. The purpose is to build their faith in God for the present (32:7-14). • Moses then gives a prophetic warning. Israel needs to be careful not to forget God when they experience peace and prosperity. If they do, they will feel the wrath of God (32:15-27). • The futility of idols are mentioned showing that nothing can substitute for the living God. Moses offers a final charge to obey God's Word as the guiding light for the Nation and their individual lives. God then commands Moses to climb Mt. Nebo to see the promised land before he dies (32:28-52). Jesus Christ: 1 Corinthians 10:4 calls Jesus the Rock of Deuteronomy 32:4, 15.
Day 2 Deuteronomy 33	Key Thoughts: • Moses gives out blessings to the tribes of Israel. He begins by speaking of the majesty of God (33:1-5). • Moses then intercedes for each tribe except for the tribe of Simeon. Possibly, they lost their blessing from Moses because of their excessive involvement at Baal -Peor in Numbers 25. • Moses' concluding thoughts center upon the Lord. Israel is reminded of the everlasting arms of God. They are uniquely blessed by God's choice of them and His commitment to bless them (33:26-29). Jesus Christ: Jesus delivers the daily sustaining grace to His followers which was mentioned by Moses to Israel (2 Cor. 12:9).
Day 3 Deuteronomy 34 Psalms 91	Key Thoughts: • The last chapter was likely written by Joshua. Moses ascended Mount Nebo and God shows Moses the Promised Land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He then dies at the age of 120. He is buried in a Valley in Moab, but no one knew the location. Jude 9 explains the secrecy to keep any idolatry from occurring. The record shows Moses' eyesight was not dim, and his strength was not diminished (34:1-7). • The people mourn the death of Moses and final eulogy is given (34:8-12). • Psalm 91 is connected to Moses' final song and thoughts. The Psalm focuses on eternal security, divine protection, and God's blessings to those who trust in Him. Jesus Christ: The burial of Moses was secret and his body awaits the resurrection. In contrast, Jesus' body was buried in a public place and He was resurrected from the grave.

Day 4 Joshua 1	Key Thoughts: • The Book of Joshua continues the history of Israel as they enter the Promised Land. God commissions Joshua telling him to lead the people of Israel across the Jordan River. God promises Israel the land and His continued presence (1:1-6). • God instructs Joshua to obey the entire law and meditate upon it day and night. He encourages Joshua not to be discouraged (1:7-9). • Joshua prepares the people to cross the Jordan River. They gather food and provisions in preparation to cross (1:10-11). • Joshua reminds the eastern tribes, the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh of their commitment to send their fighting men to help take the Promised Land (1:12-15). • The people respond with a pledge of obedience to Joshua (1: 16-18). Jesus Christ: Joshua is a type of Christ. Joshua is the Hebrew name for the Greek Name Jesus. The Hebrew name means “Yahweh is Salvation”.
Day 5 Joshua 2	Key Thoughts: • Joshua sends two spies into Jericho. The spies enter the city and lodge at Rahab’s house. The king learns of the spies and Rahab hides them and misleads the guards searching for them (2:1-7). • Rehab declares her faith in Yahweh in discussions with the spies. She reveals the fear of Jericho of the Israelites because of their God (2:8-11). • The spies make a promise to Rehab to spare her and her family in exchange for her help. She lowers the spies down the city wall and plans to mark her home with a scarlet cord in the window when they return. The spies return and give a conflicting report to Joshua (2:12-24). Jesus Christ: Rahab’s faith is rewarded as she becomes a part of the lineage of Jesus (Matt. 1:5).
Day 6 Joshua 3	Key Thoughts: • The Israelites move to the banks of the Jordan River and camp for three days. The priests carry the Ark of the Covenant and the people follow behind approximately one thousand yards away (3:1-4). • The people are told to consecrate themselves. Joshua relays God’s message to the priests to head to the Jordan River where God will make the way clear and confirm Joshua as God’s leader (3:5-8). • Joshua delivers a message to the people with God’s promise to drive out the enemy and stop the river’s flow to allow them to cross (3:9-13). • The priests lead the way and the river stops flowing and the river bed dries up allowing the people to cross while the priests stood in the river (3:14-17). Jesus Christ: Though the work of Jesus, believers can cross safely into eternal life.