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    - Beginning with the death of David and continuing during the time of the kings the term to describe the death of a king was “he slept with his fathers”.

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    - There is not a fully developed revelation of the afterlife in the Old Testament but these terms give a glimpse of the truth later revealed in the New Testament that death is not the end of existence.

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    - The other phrase used in the Old Testament is Sheol. Most of the time the focus there is the end of a person’s life here on earth with the resulting burial. Psalm 16:10 is quoted in Acts 2:27 in support of the resurrection of Jesus.

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- God’s command to Moses in preparation for his death. 32:48-52
  - God reminded Moses of the reason he would not enter the promised land.
    - When Moses struck the Rock at Meribah rather than speaking to it as God has instructed. (See Numbers 20:10-13)
  - Moses sin is described as being twofold:
    - He “broke faith” with God. Previously God had commanded Moses to strike the rock (Exodus 17:1-7). Moses chose to strike the rock again here rather than doing as God commanded, thus trusting in his previous act rather than trusting God to provide in a way they had not seen before.

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  - Moses sin is described as being twofold:
    - He did not treat God as holy. In striking the rock Moses would have focused the attention on himself since he had brought water out a rock by striking it before thus not focusing the attention of the fact that in each of the cases God was the source of the miracle.

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### Lessons

- Sin most often has more far-reaching consequences than we notice at the time.
- We must always carefully walk in relationship with God to discern His will rather than assuming God wants us to replicate an action taken in the past.
- A focus on bringing honor and glory to God will always lead us to act in the right way. (see the focus of Moses in Numbers 20:10)

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### Transition in leadership

- The death of and tribute to Moses 34:1-12
  - Went up to the mountain range of the Abraim (regions beyond) to the peaks of Nebo and Pisgah.
    - Across the Jordan from Jericho. It is 30 miles from Jerusalem and 60 miles to the Mediterranean Sea at a point between Tel Aviv and Ashdod.
    - From this vantage point he would see a large swath of the land he would not be permitted to enter.

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### Modern Day Map of Mount Pisgah




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Transition in leadership

- The death of and tribute to Moses 34:1-12
  - Moses viewed the land and heard the assurance from God that He would bring the people into the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
  - After this Moses died on the mountain and was buried by God in an undisclosed location.
  - Moses was 120 years old and still in vigorous health.
  - The people mourned for him for 30 days which was the same period of mourning for Aaron.

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Transition in leadership

- The death of and tribute to Moses 34:1-12
  - Joshua, who had accompanied Moses, since early in the Exodus and had proven himself faithful in obedience to God became the new leader in the place of Moses.
    - Chosen to lead the fight against the Amalekites between Egypt and Sinai. Exodus 17:9
    - Accompanied Moses on Mount Sinai when Moses met with God to receive the Law. Exodus 24:13
    - Stayed at the Tent of Meeting. Exodus 33:11

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    - Referred to as “the assistant of Moses from his youth”. Numbers 11:28
    - One of the men chosen to spy out the Promised Land and along with Caleb brought back a good report and urged the people to possess the land. Numbers 13-14
    - Ordained by God as Moses’ successor. Numbers 27:18

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  - Joshua, who had accompanied Moses, since early in the Exodus and had proven himself faithful in obedience to God became the new leader in the place of Moses.
  - Joshua described as:
    - One in whom the Spirit [of God] dwells. Numbers 27:18
    - One along with Caleb who wholly followed the LORD. Numbers 32:12
    - Full of the spirit of wisdom. Deuteronomy 34:9

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Transition in leadership

- The death of and tribute to Moses 34:1-12
  - Moses was unique as a prophet with whom God spoke face to face.
  - Unprecedented in the signs and wonders God worked through him.

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