

Deuteronomy -- The Spirit of the Law

Lesson 46: Chapter 34
Signers and Witnesses (pt 4): The Death of Moses
Generational Transition Is the Time to Pray!

- We Are Entering a Tumultuous Time ☹️
 - Moral Decline
 - Danger of Economic Collapse
 - Terrorist Threats
- We Are Losing Great Spiritual Giants ☹️
 - Already: Bill Bright; D. James Kennedy ...
 - Soon: Billy Graham, James Dobson ...
 - We Are in a Time of Midgets ☹️
- We Have a Generational Disconnect ☹️
 - Culturally
 - Technologically
 - Mental Worlds

A Time of Transition

- Israel's Census: 20-60 Year Old Male (Num 1:21)
- The First Generation at the End of the 40-year Wandering: 60-100 Years Old
- The Second Generation at the End of the 40-year Wandering: 20-60 Years Old
- Age of Moses: 0-40 Prince of Egypt; 40-80 Shepherd; 80-120 Savior of Israel; Death at 120
- Age of Joshua: 55 at Exodus; 95 Successor of Moses; 95-102 Commander of Conquest; Death at 110 (Josh 24:29; Judg 1:1)
- Age of Caleb: 38 at Exodus; 78-85 Conquest (Josh 14:10)

Analysis of Generations: Israel



US Birth Rate Analysis

- Current Generation Markers in the US:
 - The Perfect Generation: b. 1914-1946 (Now 60s+)
 - Born between World Wars: Patriotic
 - Held Traditional Social Value: Conservative
 - Suffered Greatly in Depression: Strong, Frugal; Political Liberal Tendency: Big Government
 - The Baby Boomers: b. 1946-1964 (Now 40s-60s)
 - Rejected Traditional Moral Value
 - Economic Big Spender
 - Great Influence for Its Size: Facing Retirement
 - Generation X: b. 1964-1982 (Now 30s-40s)
 - Partial Recovery of Traditional Value: Libertarian
 - Generation Y: b. 1982-2000 (Now 10s-30s)
 - Tech Savvy
 - Generation Z: b. 2000-now (Now 0-10s)

Analysis of Generations: US

- Moses Could See the Promised Land, but Could Not Enter (cf. Deut 32:48-52)
 - He Did Not Glorify God as Much as God Expected Him to Do (Num 20:2, 7, 11, 12)
 - He Failed When He Let Passion of Frustration Overcome His Mind of Reason and Will of Obedience (Num 20:11)
 - His Personal Life Is Not Spotless:
 - Once a Murderer of Passion (Exod 2:11-12)
 - Repeatedly Resisted God's Calling (Exod 4:10-16)
 - Marriage and Divorce of a Nonbeliever (Exod 2:21; 4:25; 18:5)
 - Controversy at Remarriage (Num 12:1-15)

The Older Generation Is Imperfect (34:1-4)

- **Moses Is a Prophet Like No Other (34:10)**
 - He Knows God Face to Face (34:10b)
 - He Experienced God Personally (Exod 3-4)
 - He Received Direct Revelation (e.g. Exod 20)
 - He Saw God's Glory (Exod 33:18-21)
 - He Also Served as de facto King/Judge and Priest
 - He Served God in a Mighty Way (34:11-12)
 - To the World (e.g. Egyptians) (34:11)
 - To the People of God (Israelites) (34:12)

The Older Generation Is Great (34:10-12)

- **Moses Died and Was Buried in Moab (v.5-6)**
 - His Tomb Remain Hidden (v.6)
 - His Body Was Kept by God (Jude 9)
 - He Will Come Back as One of the Two Great Witnesses (Moses and Elijah) during the Great Tribulation (Rev 11:3-12), to Complete His Unfinished Mission (Establish Kingdom of God)
- **Moses Had Great Health till Death (v.6)**
 - He Lived 120 Years, the Ideal Post-deluvian Lifespan (Gen 6:3)
 - He Served with Full Energy till Death
- **Moses Was Honored by Israelites (v.8)**
 - Younger Generation Need to Respect the Older
 - Younger Generation Need to Receive the Legacy with Thanksgiving and Understanding

The Older Generation Was Blessed (34:5-8)

- **Joshua Was Assisting Moses for Many Years (e.g. Exod 17:9; 24:13; 33:11)**
- **Joshua Was Chosen as Leader because He Was Filled with the Holy Spirit (v.9)**
- **Joshua Needed God's Direct Help to Fit in the Big Shoes of Moses; God Did**
 - He Encouraged Joshua (Josh 1:1-9)
 - He Worked for Joshua (Josh 3:7)

Younger Generation Is Hopeful (34:9)

- **Joshua Was Deceived by the Gibeonites and Made Covenant with Them, before He Consulted God (Josh 9)**
- **This Caused the Impossibility to Remove All Canaanites, and Great Weeping (Bokim) (Judg 3:1-5)**
- **Joshua's Retired after the 7-year National Conquest, but Only after His Death 8 Year Later Did Israel Do the Tribal Conquest (Judg 1:1).**

Younger Generation Is Imperfect, Too

- **Older Generation:**
 - What Is My Legacy?
 - What Do I Report to God?
 - Do I Served Faithfully to the End?
 - Do I Disciple People and Have Replacements?
- **Younger Generation:**
 - What Have the Older Generation Contributed?
 - What Can Be Made Better?
 - What Can I Learn?
 - What Can I Do?
 - Am I Doing What I Think Should Be Done?
- **It Is Time to Pray!**

Duties to Reflect