

Side 3

START >>>

MOSES TAKES A DEEP BREATH.

MOSES

I... I will not be going with you.

WALLA: GASPS AND SHOCKED MURMURS FROM THE CROWD.
THE JOY TURNS TO DISBELIEF AND SORROW.

JOSHUA

(stepping forward)

What do you mean? Of course you're coming with us!

BENJAMIN

Moses, you're our leader! You brought us out of Egypt!

ABIGAIL

(desperately)

We can't enter the Promised Land without you!

MOSES

(raising his voice)

My people, listen to me! The Lord has commanded that I shall not cross the Jordan with you. I will see the good land from afar, but I will not enter it.

ABIGAIL

But Moses, why won't God let you come with us?

AZA

(pleading)

Moses, please! Ask God again! Surely He will change His mind!

BENJAMIN

We need you! You've been with us for forty years!

WALLA: A CHORUS OF BEGGING VOICES.

MOSES

No, my children. I will not go, because the Lord God has commanded me not to. But hear this - and hear it well - the Lord your God, He will go over before you!

SILENCE.

**FYI: This is a
time jump.
MOSES is now
in his 70-80s.**

MOSES

He will destroy the nations before you, and you shall dispossess them! The Lord your God, He fights for you! Do not fear them, for the Lord your God is the one who fights for you!

JOSHUA

But Moses... how can we go without you?

MOSES

Listen carefully, all of you. The Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are today as numerous as the stars of heaven. May the Lord, the God of your fathers, increase you a thousand times more, and bless you as He has spoken to you!

CALEB

Moses, you have been our teacher! Who will teach us God's laws?

JOSHUA

And all of His commandments?

MOSES

What I am about to tell you. These words I speak to you today, they must be upon your heart!

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COMPLETE REVERENT SILENCE.

MOSES

Shema Israel, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad!

JOSHUA

(whispering)

Shema...

SOFT INSPIRING MUSIC BEGINS, BUILDING SLOWLY.

MOSES

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is One! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you today shall be upon your heart.