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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!

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.



WALLA: LOW WHISPERS OF AGREEMENT.

MOSES

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.

MUSIC SWELLS.

MOSES

(solemnly)

And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates!

WALLA: MORE MURMURS OF AGREEMENT.

MOSES

(lovingly)

Remember this always: when the Lord your God brings you into the land, keep His commandments! Do not forget the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery!

WALLA: EMOTIONAL STIRRING IN THE CROWD. JOSHUA APPROACHES MOSES.

JOSHUA

(emotionally)

Moses, you are my teacher... my father in faith...

MOSES AND JOSHUA EMBRACE.

JOSHUA

(still hugging)

I promise you... your words will remain with us forever.

THEY SEPARATE.

JOSHUA

(through tears)

If you're not coming... who will guide us? How will we know what to do?

WALLA: MURMURS OF QUESTION. A SUDDEN, TENSE
SILENCE. MOSES PATS JOSHUA'S SHOULDER, SOFTLY.

MOSES
Joshua, son of Nun... You will
guide them.

WALLA: GASPS FROM THE CROWD. MURMURS OF SURPRISE
AND CONCERN.

JOSHUA
(shocked)
But... I'm just a soldier.

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A RESONANT THUNDER SOUNDS IN THE DISTANCE.

MOSES
God has chosen you, Joshua.

WIND SETTLING.

MOSES
(calling out)
Eleazar, son of Aaron, bring forth
the bread and the wine.

ELEAZAR APPROACHES THEM.

ELEAZAR
I am here, Moses. The manna, from
the sky... the wine from the grapes
of the Promised Land.

MOSES LIFTS THE BREAD, HOLDING IT ALOFT FOR ALL
TO SEE.

MOSES
Joshua, as this manna has sustained
Israel in the wilderness, so shall
the Lord sustain you as you lead
His people!

MOSES BREAKS THE BREAD. HE SHARES IT WITH
JOSHUA. THEN HE LIFTS THE WINE.

MOSES
And as these grapes that came from
the land of promise and transformed
into wine, so shall you bring
Israel into that good land!

WINE IS POURED ON A CUP. MOSES DRINKS AND THEN
GIVES THE CUP TO JOSHUA.