

EXT. MOUNT HOR - DAY

THE WIND BLOWS. MOSES, AARON AND ELEAZAR WALK
OVER LOOSE ROCKS.

START >>> **ELEAZAR**
We're almost at the top. *

THEY STOP. THEIR BREATHING IS RAGGED.

MOSES
There... do you see it? The cave in
the mountain slope. We must go in
here.

ELEAZAR
In the cave? Why?

MOSES
Because...Aaron...It's time - *

AARON
I know Moses...Am I...am I about to
die? *

MOSES
(moved)
Aaron... my dear brother. It is
time for you to meet the Lord. *

AARON
It is, Moses. It is. *

ELEAZAR
But... Father, you have to come
with us to the Promised Land -

AARON
No, Eleazar. I won't be coming with
you. *

ELEAZAR
Why not?!

AARON
Because we didn't trust the Lord at
Meribah, when He told us to command
the rock to yield its water. *

MOSES
Aaron...

AARON

I was the High Priest, Moses. I
should have acted differently. I
should have had more faith in the
Lord.

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MOSES

Don't blame yourself, brother. We
both failed that day.

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MOSES EXHALES HEAVY. AARON LETS OUT A DEEP,
SHAKING SIGH.

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ELEAZAR

(strained)

Father...

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AARON

That's why the Lord asked you to
come with us, son. You'll be the
High Priest now.

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MOSES

Eleazar, your firstborn, will carry
on the sacred duties.

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AARON

(weakening)

This... this comforts me greatly.
The priesthood will continue. Our
covenant with the Lord will not be
broken.

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ELEAZAR

Father... I am not ready...

AARON

If God thinks you're ready, then
you are, son.

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ELEAZAR kneels in front of AARON.

ELEAZAR

Please, Father. Give me your
blessing.

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AARON

Come near to me, son.

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ELEAZAR kneels in front of AARON.

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AARON

Yevarechecha Adonai
v'yishmerecha...

(MORE)

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