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Introduction

The Almighty tells Moses to ascend to the heights of Mount Abarim to view the land the Israelites will enter, after which he, too, shall die.

Numbers 27:12-14

12 The LORD said to Moses, "Go up into this mountain of Abarim and see the land that I have given to the people of Israel. ¹³ When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, ¹⁴ because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarreled, failing to uphold me as holy at the waters before their eyes." (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) (ESV)

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Meaning: *to be contentious or rebellious*

Moses had disobeyed the Holy One before Israel when he struck the rock, not once, but twice to bring water forth. He did it out of frustration with the Children of Israel, but in doing so he inadvertently disobeyed the Almighty, and the Holy One considered what Moses had done as being rebellious. The one thing the Almighty would allow Moses to do was to see the Promised Land from the top of Mount Abarim, and then he would join his brother Aaron in death. He would not enter the Promised Land, even though it was what he had led Israel for the past forty years helping to build them into a nation that could stand on their collective "two feet." Notice the Almighty told Moses he did not uphold Him as holy in the eyes of Israel. One thing we must keep in mind is that leaders are held to a higher level of accountability.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (ESV)

The idea of submission to one's leaders, I believe, is to respect them if they give you the respect you warrant and even if you do not. I say this because I have seen people, over my years in ministry, who believe they know better than their leaders, a change in attitude

towards their leaders takes place, and they begin to treat their leaders without respect. Leaders should not think they are better than the people they minister to because the only difference between them and the people they lead is they have been called into leadership, but they are still no different than the people they lead. Leaders are to teach their flocks and watch over their souls by teaching them about Yeshua and the way of Torah. Yeshua taught the right way to walk out Torah in our lives, and while He was the Son of the Most High the Messiah of Israel, and the redeemer of mankind, He was a humble man just as Moses was. Moses was a king in everything but title. Yeshua is the King of Israel, but many only see Him as Messiah, and many more see Him as no one special.

Psalm 106:32 They angered him at the waters of Meribah, and it went ill with Moses on their account, ³³ for they made his spirit bitter, and he spoke rashly with his lips. (ESV)

The Psalmist writes that Moses was angered by the people at the waters of Meribah and because of what happened, he was held accountable by his Creator since he had a bitter spirit and spoke without thinking. He was held accountable and punished by the Almighty the same way we are when we disobey Him. If Moses is held accountable, then why would we think we won't be? The idea of "once saved always saved" is unfortunately a fallacy because if this were true, then if we sin after redemption by Yeshua, do you believe there are no longer any consequences for our sin? Redemption is the beginning of the road, the path we take can be very winding, and we may take the wrong way from time to time. If we choose to follow the path that leads away from Messiah, then you have turned your back on Him, and you will be blotted out of the Lamb's book of Life.

Revelation 21:27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (ESV)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." (ESV)

Jeremiah is told he was a prophet before he was formed by his Creator in the womb. The Almighty knows who we are before we come into being, and once we are formed in the womb, our lives are His and not to be thrown away as so much rubbish because there are those who claim reproductive rights. They say a woman has a right to do whatever she wants with her body, and yet if she carries life within her, it is her responsibility to care for that life and not to consider it an inconvenience she can cast aside. Life is precious, and if you feel that bearing a child is a burden, you need to abstain from sexual

relations or protect yourself. If you do not want to keep the child, there are many couples who would love to care for that bundle of joy you did not want. Adoption is the way, and if you think long and hard about it, Messiah Yeshua was adopted by Joseph to be his son even though His Father was God. His mother, Miriam, did not want to cast Him aside. She had been blessed by the Almighty to carry His Son, and Joseph would provide for them.

Ezekiel 2:6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. (ESV)

Ezekiel 3:9 Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." (ESV)

Jeremiah had been sent to Israel to tell them to repent before it was too late. The people were a stubborn lot just like the ones who had been condemned to die in the wilderness by the Holy One. Things became so bad for him; the people threw him down into a cistern. He was rescued by the enemy who had been sent by the Almighty to punish His people once again. This time they would go into exile until the time was right for Him to call them to come back home.

Luke 1:11-17

11 And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. ¹² Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. ¹⁴ "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵ "For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. ¹⁶ "And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ "It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (NAU)

There was no greater Son of man than Yeshua, but there was one who would come before Him in the spirit of Elijah. Yochanan, the Immerser, would be a Nazirite filled with the Ruach HaKodesh who would turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Holy One of Israel. He would prepare the way for the coming of his cousin, Yeshua, who once He came would cause the light of Yochanan to dim until it was snuffed out, but it was for this purpose he had been created. He would fulfill this purpose if he had the breath of life in his body. When his time came, he knew where his life lay. It belonged to the Holy One of Israel who he had served from the beginning.

Malachi 4:6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." (NAU)

Isaiah 49:1 Listen to Me, O islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; from the body of My mother He named Me. ² He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; and He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. ³ He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, in Whom I will show My glory." ⁴ But I said, "I have toiled in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD, and My reward with My God." ⁵ And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and My God is my strength). (NAU)

Amen and then I say again, Amen.

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