

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

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Then, leaving the plains of Moab, Moses went up Mount Nebo, and Yahweh showed him the whole land, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea. Yahweh said to him, 'This is the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying: I will give it to your descendants. I have let you see it with your own eyes, but you shall not cross into it.' There in the land of Moab, Moses the servant of Yahweh died as Yahweh decreed, he buried him in the valley, in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but to this day no one has ever found his grave. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye undimmed, his vigour unimpaired. The sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days. The days of weeping for the mourning rites of Moses came to an end. Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. It was he that the sons of Israel obeyed, carrying out the order that Yahweh had given to Moses

The Word of the Lord