Contending With The Devil Over Moses' Body

Jude 1:9

(9) Yet <u>Michael the archangel</u>, <u>when contending with the devil he disputed</u> <u>about the body of Moses</u>, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

You say, WHAT was THAT about?!!

Let me explain it in what follows:

First of all, let me establish, scripturally, that Moses' body was buried – by the Lord, Himself:

Numbers 27:12-13

- (12) **And the LORD said unto Moses**, Get thee up into this mount Abarim, and **see** the land which I have given unto the children of Israel.
- (13) And when thou hast seen it, <u>thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people</u>, <u>as Aaron thy brother was gathered</u>.

Deuteronomy 34:1-7

- (1) And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that *is* over against Jericho. *And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead*, unto Dan,
- (2) And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea.
- (3) And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar.
- (4) And the LORD said unto him, <u>This is the land which I swore unto</u>
 <u>Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy</u>
 <u>seed</u>: <u>I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes</u>, but thou shalt not go over thither.
- (5) **So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab**, according to the word of **the LORD**.
- (6) **And he buried him** in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day.
- (7) And <u>Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died</u>: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

So, there is no question that Moses' body was **buried by the Lord** on the top of Mount Nebo in the land of Moab (which is east of the Jordan River, as I recall).

So why, exactly, would the devil dispute with Michael about Moses' body, then?

The answer is really quite simple; but it will take a little explaining...as well as citing a good number of Scriptural references in order to do so!

First, let me say this about Moses:

Moses was a very humble man, a very godly, God-fearing man, and an honorable man who honored God's words...most of the time!

But, on this end-of-life part of his lifespan, he had failed to do that one critical time; let me show you:

The Lord gave Moses a command to strike (that is, smite) a rock in the wilderness, in the beginning of the 40 years they were therein, to provide water for the thirsty people that were delivered by the Lord out of the land of Egypt. There, in the desert region, they had no water, and they strove with Moses over that fact.

Moses was to strike the rock so that it would produce water, using the rod, which he had used to perform all of the signs and wonders – even the plagues he had invoked upon the Egyptians, which he had done by the Lord's Power in Egypt – to bring forth the water. He did so, and God performed the miraculous provision of water, thereby.

See here:

Exodus 17:1-6

- (1) And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there was no water for the people to drink*.
- (2) Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?
- (3) <u>And the people thirsted there for water</u>; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore *is* this *that* thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?
- (4) And *Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this* **people?** they be almost ready to stone me.
- (5) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go.
- (6) Behold, *I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb*; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. *And Moses did so* in the sight of the elders of Israel.

But, later on, in the end time of their desert journey, there was a similar situation; and Moses, no doubt, recalled what he had done the prior time they'd had no water... expecting it to work the same way!

However, THE LORD HAD GIVEN HIM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW THIS TIME!

See here:

Numbers 20:7-12

- (7) And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- (8) <u>Take the rod</u>, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, <u>and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes</u>; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: <u>so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink</u>.

- (9) And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.
- (10) And <u>Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the</u> rock,

and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels;

must we fetch you water out of this rock?

- (11) And Moses lifted up his hand, <u>and with his rod he smote the rock twice</u>: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.
- (12) And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron,

Because ye believed me not,

to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel,

therefore

<u>ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.</u>

The whole point of what God was doing was to say to Moses, "I'm giving you my commandment to SPEAK TO the rock, and IT WILL OBEY YOUR WORDS...

...but, instead, Moses GOT ANGRY with the Congregation, referring to them as "ye rebels," and therefore STRUCK THE ROCK IN HOSTILITY AGAINST THEM!

This was Israel's leader, who was to be an example of the Lord, thus to sanctify Him in their eyesight; but Moses "got in the flesh," rather than learning what God had wanted to teach him: TO EMPLOY THE CREATIVE WORD!!!

Here are some biblical examples of what God was trying to teach Moses to do:

Genesis 1:3

(3) And **God said**, **Let there be** light: **and there was** light.

Genesis 1:6-7

- (6) And <u>God said</u>, <u>Let there be</u> a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- (7) And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament: *and it was so*.

See also, similarly, Genesis 1:9,11,14-15.

Genesis 1:20-22

- (20) And **God said**, *Let the waters bring forth abundantly* the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.
- (21) <u>And God created</u> great whales, and every living creature that moveth, <u>which the</u> <u>waters brought forth abundantly</u>, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.
- (22) And God blessed them, <u>saying</u>, <u>Be</u> fruitful, and multiply, <u>and fill the</u> <u>waters in the seas</u>, <u>and let fowl multiply in the earth</u>.

Genesis 1:24-25

- (24) And <u>God said</u>, <u>Let the earth bring forth</u> the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.
- (25) <u>And God made</u> the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:26-28

- (26) And <u>God said</u>, <u>Let us make man in our image, after our likeness</u>: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- (28) And God blessed them, and <u>God said unto them</u>, <u>Be</u> fruitful, and <u>multiply</u>, and <u>replenish the earth</u>, and <u>subdue it</u>: and <u>have dominion</u> over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Let's see the same, in the New Testament, with Jesus:

2Corinthians 1:19-20

- (19) For **the Son of God, Jesus Christ**, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.
- (20) For all the promises of God in him are yea, <u>and in him Amen</u>, unto the glory of God by us.

This word, "AMEN," is distinct to us all as believers, but why?

Here is the definition of the word, "Amen," according to Strong's Dictionary/Concordance:

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Of Hebrew origin [H543]; properly <u>firm</u>, that is, (figuratively) <u>trustworthy</u>; adverbially <u>surely</u> (often as interjection <u>so be it</u>): - amen, verily.

So then, the word "Amen" means the very same thing as what God said in Genesis during the Creation: "Let there be!"

When we pray something, then say "Amen" afterward, we are saying, "LET WHAT WE JUST SAID EXIST, OR COME TO PASS, EVEN AS WE SAID IT!!!"

So then, seeing this is true, let us reconsider the passage of Scripture just cited, once again, and realize what it is truly saying to us:

2Corinthians 1:19-20

- (19) For **the Son of God, Jesus Christ**, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.
- (20) For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

That is, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF GOD'S PROMISES WRITTEN IN GOD'S WORD, FOR US TO BELIEVE, IS A "SO BE IT!" or "SO LET IT BE!" or "SO LET THERE BE!" COMMANDMENT...TO TAKE HOLD OF, SUBDUE, HAVE DOMINION OVER, AND CREATE!!!

Now, having so stated this, Jesus had this to say to us about such matters:

Mark 11:23-24

- (23) For verily <u>I say unto you</u>, That <u>whosoever shall say</u> unto this mountain, <u>Be</u> thou removed, and <u>be</u> thou cast into the sea; <u>and shall not doubt in his heart</u>, <u>but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass</u>; <u>he shall have whatsoever he saith</u>.
- (24) <u>Therefore I say unto you</u>, <u>What things soever ye desire</u>, when ye pray, <u>believe that ye receive them</u>, <u>and ye shall have them</u>.

<u>THIS</u> IS WHAT MOSES WAS <u>SUPPOSED</u> <u>TO</u> LEARN – AND TEACH ALL OF THE ISRAELITES – JUST PRIOR TO THEIR ENTERING CANAAN LAND...

...THE LAND OF PROMISE!!!

<u>BUT MOSES DIDN'T BELIEVE THE LORD</u>...<u>AND IT TAKES FAITH IN GOD'S</u> <u>WORD TO PLEASE HIM</u> (Hebrews 11:1-6 for complete context):

Hebrews 11:1-3

- (1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- (2) For **by it the elders obtained a good report**.
- (3) Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
- (5) By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: **for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God**.
- (6) **But without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Again, we have the words of Scripture in Numbers, Chapter 20, to speak to this issue regarding Moses:

Numbers 20:7-8,12

- (7) And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,
- (8) <u>Take the rod</u>, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

(12) And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron,

Because ye believed me not,

to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel,

therefore

ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

This word, "sanctify [Me]" is the word "qadash" in Hebrew, which means, amongst various meanings, to "make" or "pronounce" "CLEAN" (MORALLY).

Moses didn't "trust" (to "believe") God as Being MORALLY WORTHY OF HIS WORD, THAT MOSES COULD SPEAK, AND GOD WOULD SURELY BRING MOSES' WORDS TO PASS!

How often we fall into the same category!!!

You see, IN THE NATURAL MAN MOSES, there HAD been a DOUBTER of God:

Exodus 4:1-17

- (1) And <u>Moses</u> answered and <u>said</u>, But, <u>behold, they will not believe me</u>, <u>nor hearken unto my voice</u>: for <u>they will say, The LORD hath not appeared</u> <u>unto thee</u>.
- (2) And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.
- (3) And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
- (4) And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:
- (5) That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.
- (6) **And the LORD said furthermore unto him**, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow.
- (7) And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.
- (8) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

- (9) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.
- (10) And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

[MOSES HAD BEEN RELYING ON HIS OWN STRENGTH AND ABILITY RATHER THAN ON GOD'S!]

- (11) **And the LORD said unto him**, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?
- (12) Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.
- (13) And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.
- (14) <u>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses</u>, and he said, *Is* not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.
- (15) And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.
- (16) And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and *thou shalt be to him instead of God*.
- (17) And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Now, this was Moses as seen in the natural man, acting as a pure non-believer, denying that God could actually use HIM to do the works of GOD!!!

But, "the man of God, Moses" was completely different:

Numbers 12:3

(3) (Now <u>the man Moses was very meek</u>, <u>above</u> all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

This word "**meek**" is translated "**humble**" in other versions, besides the King James Version I'm employing; but the Strong's Dictionary/Concordance defines this word thusly:

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Therefore, Moses was TRULY a man of God – but he was still A MAN of God, and he'd had his natural, fleshly thoughts, and human emotions, running rampant within him, at the time when Israel wanted to stone him, because they'd had no water to drink in the desert (see Exodus 17:4)!

Moses chose to revert back to the natural inclinations of the old man of the flesh, which had been revived for the moment, when he had called the Congregation "Ye Rebels!" and STRUCK the rock, not once but TWICE, IN ANGER!!!

Moses didn't show all of them that God was MORALLY CLEAN – IN MAKING A WAY FOR THEM TO HAVE WATER – AND THAT HE, GOD, WAS ALSO ABLE TO BE BELIEVED AT HIS WORD...

...AND THAT MOSES COULD SPEAK HIS OWN WORDS, AND GOD WOULD UPHOLD THEM AND BRING THEM, ALSO, TO PASS!!!

God had said to Moses in the very onset of His calling Moses to His service, "... I will be with thy mouth, ... and will teach you what ye shall do.

Moses was NOT going along with "God's program!!!"

"So then, what does ALL OF THIS have to do with the devil DISPUTING WITH MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ABOUT THE BODY OF MOSES?" you will probably ask (and want to understand, rightfully so)!

Well, here is your explanation:

Moses was denied bringing the Israelites into the land of Canaan (see again Numbers 20:12), but, moreover, he was denied entering into it HIMSELF – AFTER 40 YEARS OF LEADING THE ISRAELITES THROUGHOUT THE WILDERNESS!!!

See here:

Numbers 27:12-14

- (12) And **the LORD said unto Moses**, *Get thee up into this mount Abarim*, <u>and</u> <u>see the land</u> which I have given unto the children of Israel.
- (13) And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.
- (14) <u>For ye rebelled against my commandment in the desert of Zin</u>, in the strife of the congregation, <u>to sanctify me at the water before their eyes</u>: that is the water of Meribah in Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

This word "rebelled against" literally means that Moses was "BITTER AGAINST" the Congregation, AND AGAINST THE LORD, WHOM HE ALSO "PROVOKED" in his "RESISTANCE" AND "REBELLION" AGAINST GOD'S WORD TO HIM: TO SPEAK TO THE ROCK!!!

See furthermore here:

Deuteronomy 32:48-52

- (48) And the LORD spoke unto Moses that selfsame day, saying,
- (49) Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:
- (50) And die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people:
- (51) <u>Because ye trespassed against me</u> <u>among the children of Israel</u> at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; <u>because ye sanctified me</u> <u>not in the midst of the children of Israel</u>.
- (52) <u>Yet thou shalt see the land before thee</u>; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

So, this now brings us to the point of the devil's disputation:

Since Moses was disallowed by God to ENTER INTO the Promised Land of inheritance <u>BECAUSE</u> HE'D TRESPASSED AGAINST THE LORD – AFTER HAVING SEEN THE LORD DO MIRACULOUSLY AND SEEN GOD'S GLORY MANIFOLD TIMES (see Exodus 16:9-10; Leviticus 9:23; Numbers 13:25 through14:14; 16:41-45; Exodus 9:13-16; Hebrews 11:24-29; 2Corinthians 3:7; many others may be cited!) – the devil was disputing that MOSES' BODY, WHICH DIED, BELONGED TO HIM AND WOULD BE DENIED GOING TO HEAVEN WITH HIS LORD, AS WELL AS BEING DENIED CANAAN LAND!

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Moses' BODILY FORM was denied the EARTHLY inheritance of Canaan, this is so; BUT:

Moses' SPIRIT MAN WAS STILL ALLOWED INTO HIS ETERNAL INHERITANCE IN GOD'S HOLY HEAVEN!

How do I KNOW this?

There are 3 Scriptural Answers:

(1)

God told Moses that he would be "gathered unto his people" – see here:

Deuteronomy 32:49-50

- (49) **Get thee up into this mountain Abarim**, *unto* mount Nebo, which *is* in the land of Moab, that *is* over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:
- (50) And <u>die</u> in the mount whither thou goest up, <u>and be gathered unto thy</u> <u>people</u>; as Aaron thy brother <u>died</u> in mount Hor, <u>and was gathered unto</u> <u>his people</u>:

This term "gathered unto [thy] people" is used elsewhere as the witness that the Hebrew people believed in eternal life rather than life on this side of Heaven alone! Here are a few citings of that:

Genesis 25:17

(17) And these *are* the years of **the life of Ishmael**, a hundred and thirty and seven years: and **he gave up the ghost and died**; **and was gathered unto his people**.

Genesis 35:29

(29) And *Isaac gave up the ghost*, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 49:28-33

- (28) All these *are* **the twelve tribes of Israel**: and **this is it that their father spoke unto them**, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.
- (29) And <u>he charged them, and said unto them</u>, <u>I am to be gathered unto my people</u>: <u>bury me with my fathers</u> in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite.
- (30) **In the cave** that *is* in the field of Machpelah, which *is* before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, **which Abraham bought** with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burial place.
- (31) There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.
- (32) The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein *was* from the children of Heth
- (33) And <u>when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons</u>, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and <u>yielded up the ghost</u>, and <u>was gathered unto his people</u>.

You will note, in that last citing of the Word of God, <u>that Jacob was NOT yet</u> <u>dead</u>, <u>was proclaiming that he would YET die and be gathered to his</u> <u>people</u>, but, finally, he gave up the ghost (his spirit, that is), <u>AND THEN</u>, <u>BEFORE HE WAS PUT IN THE BURIAL PLACE</u> (the cave within which was his family members that were previously deceased), <u>HE WAS GATHERED</u> <u>TO HIS PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER GIVING UP HIS SPIRIT!</u>

In case you still question whether Moses was allowed into Heaven, and that the archangel Michael WON the disputation with the devil over Moses' body, look here:

Mark 9:2-4

- (2) And after six days **Jesus taketh** *with him* **Peter**, **and James**, **and John**, **and leadeth them up into a high mountain** apart by themselves: and <u>he was transfigured before them</u>.
- (3) And <u>his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow</u>; so as no fuller on earth can white them.
- (4) And <u>there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses</u>: and <u>they were talking</u> with Jesus.

Again:

Luke 9:28-31

- (28) And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he [JESUS] took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
- (29) And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.
- (30) And, <u>behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elijah</u>:
- (31) Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

It is clear, therefore, that Moses was IN GLORY when he appeared talking with Jesus whilst Jesus was transfigured on the mountain!

And, as for how Jesus appeared when He was transfigured, note this:

Mat 17:1-3

- (1) And after six days **Jesus taketh Peter**, **James**, and **John** his brother, and **bringeth them up into a high mountain** apart,
- (2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
- (3) And, <u>behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him</u>. [i.e., MOSES AND ELIJAH TALKING WITH JESUS WHILE JESUS' APPEARANCE WAS AS THE SUN SHINES!]

Finally, there is this testimony about Moses from Paul, in 2Corinthians, Chapter 3:

2Corinthians 3:6-13

- (6) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.
- (7) But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:
- (8) How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
- (9) For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.
- (10) For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.
- (11) For if that which is done away *was* glorious, much more that which remaineth *is* glorious.
- (12) Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
- (13) And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

You can likewise see that this was how the Old Testament states that Moses had appeared while he was leading Israel as God's chosen vessel:

Exodus 34:27-35

- (27) And **the LORD said unto Moses**, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.
- (28) And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.
- (29) And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.
- (30) And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.
- (31) And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.
- (32) And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai.
- (33) And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face.
- (34) But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spoke unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded.
- (35) And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

So, you see, the Lord spoke to Moses face to face (Exodus 33:11; Deuteronomy 34:10) whilst he was on the earth, but THAT glory was done away with by natural dving (2Corinthians 3:7,11).

But the glory that he had on the mount was ETERNAL GLORY!!! GLORY LIKE ELIJAH HAD HAD THE SAME TIME – WHO APPEARED BESIDE HIM AND JESUS... JESUS BEING SEEN IN GLORY, TOO – AND REMEMBER THAT ELIJAH HAD NEVER DIED (2Kings 2:1-11)!!!

IN CONCLUSION:

Moses was a man of God, but was still A MAN – one that GOD CHOSE BECAUSE HE REVERED THE LORD!!! However, Moses failed to revere the Lord's Word to him at the end of his journey through the wilderness with the Israelites, after 40 long years of hardship and trials, even though he had witnessed exceedingly great miracles, signs, and wonders – especially the Lord, Himself, in all His Glory!!!

Moses was, therefore, denied Canaan land, on this side of eternity, it is true.

But the devil didn't get his soul and body in Hellfire with him!

NOR WAS HE ABLE TO USE MOSES' BODY,

BECAUSE THE DEVIL WAS UNABLE TO MAKE USE OF GOD'S LEADER (WHO HAD BEEN DENIED THE PROMISE LAND)

FOR HIS OWN MANIACAL AND NEFARIOUS PURPOSES

(AS SATAN WILL USE THE ANTICHRIST'S BODY TO DWELL WITHIN)!

You can now read about all of that hereinafter:

2Thessalonians 2:1-14

- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,
- (2) That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- (3) Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
- (4) Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- (5) Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- (6) And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- (7) For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let,* until he be taken out of the way.
- (8) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- (9) *Even him,* whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- (10) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

- (11) And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- (12) That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- (13) But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
- (14) Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Moses went to Heaven to be with his ancestors and family members whom had departed and gone on ahead of him thereto... and, most importantly, to be – forevermore – with JESUS!!!

SO CAN YOU!!!

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1Corinthians 10:1-4

- (1) Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea:
- (2) And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- (3) And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- (4) And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

When Moses smote the rock, he was striking at CHRIST – HIS OWN ROCK!!!

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