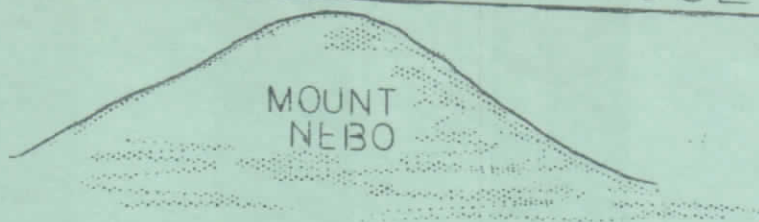


# MOUNT NEBO - MOSES



Moses was not afraid to die. He knew his work for God was almost done. He had led the people of Israel out of Egypt. He had written the first five books of the Bible. When they were finished, he had given the writings to the priests who placed the five books in the ark.

Moses was not afraid for himself, but he was troubled about the people. So often these people had doubted God. So often they had complained.

Moses called all the people together. He wanted to say goodbye to them. He was very old, but he stood straight and tall. He was a strong man. His voice was firm as he spoke to the people of Israel for the last time.

"I am 120 years old. I will not go with you into this good land. But God will go before you and Joshua will lead you. Be strong and of good courage. God will not fail you. God will not leave you. Remember to read the law to all Israel. Gather together and listen to God's law, and obey it."

TURN CARD OVER

Moses wrote a song and taught the song to all the people of Israel. The song reminded them of all God's kindness since they left Egypt.

That very day God spoke to Moses. "Moses, go up into Mount Nebo. There, you may see the land which I gave to the children of Israel. You may look at all the land from this mountain. But you cannot go into this land."

Moses said goodbye to the people and went up into the mountain. He had nothing in his hands. He slowly climbed to the very top of the mountain. He said nothing. There the Lord showed Moses all of the Promised Land. Moses looked far to the north until he saw Mount Hermon. He looked far to the west until He saw the great Mediterranean Sea. He looked down to the south where He saw the city of Jericho. He looked for a long time. After Moses looked at the land, He closed His eyes forever. Moses died there on Mount Nebo. God arranged somehow to care for the body of Moses. No man knew where Moses was buried. God took Moses' soul to heaven.

The people of Israel knew they would not see Moses again. They knew Moses was a great leader. There would not be another leader like Moses. Moses knew God face to face.