

# Numbers 20:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount.

## Analysis

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Moses 'stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount.' The succession was complete—Aaron died immediately after divesting, emphasizing that his role was finished and God's purposes continue through new leadership. Death on the mountaintop parallels Moses' later death on Nebo, both excluded from Canaan yet granted dignified, ordered transitions.

## Historical Context

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Aaron's death at 123 years old (33:39) ended 40 years of high priesthood from Sinai's golden calf incident until this moment. His burial place on Mount Hor remained known in ancient times (Deuteronomy 32:50).

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What does God's timing of Aaron's death teach about His sovereignty over leadership transitions?
2. How can you finish well in your calling, even when disqualified from certain future hopes?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶתְּם	וְלֵבָשׁ	בְּגָדָיו	אֶת	אֶהָרֹן	אֶת	מֹשֶׁה	וַיִּפְשֹׁט
H854	H3847	H899	H853	H175	H853	H4872	H6584
and put	of his garments	Aaron	stripped	And Moses	stripped	And Moses	stripped
אֶתְּם	בְּרֹאשׁ אֵשׁ	שָׁם	אֶהָרֹן	וַיָּמָת	בְּנֹו	וְאֶלְעָזָר	אֶתְּם
H854	H7218	H8033	H175	H4191	H1121	H499	H853
and put	there in the top	Aaron	died	his son	and Eleazar	and Eleazar	stripped
הָרֹם	מִן	וְאֶלְעָזָר	מֹשֶׁה	וַיָּרָד	הָרֹם	הָרֹם	הָרֹם
H2022	H4480	H499	H4872	H3381	H2022	H2022	H2022
from the mount	from the mount	and Eleazar	And Moses	came down	from the mount	from the mount	from the mount

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 10:6** (Parallel theme): And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.