

# Numbers 20:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

## Analysis

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Moses and Eleazar 'came down from the mount,' and 'when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days.' The entire nation grieved their first high priest's passing, showing genuine affection despite previous rebellions against him (16:3, 41). The 30-day mourning period matched Moses' later mourning (Deuteronomy 34:8), honoring leaders who served faithfully despite personal cost.

## Historical Context

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Traditional mourning periods in Israel lasted 30 days for significant leaders (Deuteronomy 34:8) versus 7 days for ordinary deaths. This extended mourning honored Aaron's unique role as Israel's intercessor and mediator.

## Related Passages

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

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

1. How should churches honor faithful leaders who complete their service and depart?
2. What legacy do you want to leave that causes others to genuinely mourn your absence?

## Interlinear Text

וְכֹל	יְהוָה	בְּעֵד	בְּכָל	אֶת-ע	אֶת-כָּל	אֶת-אֶת
<b>saw</b>	H3605	<b>And when all the congregation</b>		H3588	<b>was dead</b>	<b>for Aaron</b>
H7200		H5712		H1478		H175

בְּ יִתְּהַלֵּךְ	אַתָּה	אֶבְרֹן	יְמִים	שְׁלֹשׁ	וּמְ	כֶּלֶב	בְּ יִתְּהַלֵּךְ
<b>they mourned</b>	H853	<b>for Aaron</b>	<b>thirty</b>	<b>days</b>	H3605	<b>even all the house</b>	H1004

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of Israel

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## Additional Cross-References

**Deuteronomy 34:8** (References Israel): And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

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