

# Numbers 27:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.

## Analysis

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After viewing the land, Moses would be 'gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered.' This euphemism for death emphasizes continuity beyond the grave—joining ancestors in Sheol, the place of the dead. Death isn't annihilation but transition. Even judgment that prevents earthly fulfillment doesn't separate God's servants from their people or from future hope.

## Historical Context

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Aaron's death was already recorded (20:22-29), providing precedent for understanding Moses' coming death. Both brothers, despite their leadership and faithfulness in most respects, faced the same exclusion from Canaan. Even great leaders must accept God's discipline when they fail.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding death as being 'gathered to your people' affect your view of mortality?

2. What comfort comes from knowing that even disciplined believers remain part of God's people?

## Interlinear Text

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וְכֵן יִתֶּה	אֵת הַ	נֶאֱסַף	אֵל	
And when thou hast seen	H853	it thou also shalt be gathered	H413	
H7200		H622		
עַד יָבֹאוּ	גַּם	אֵת תֶּה	נֶאֱסַף	אֶהְיֶה
unto thy people	H1571	H859	it thou also shalt be gathered	as Aaron
H5971		H834	H622	H175
אֶחָיוֹ:				
thy brother				
H251				

## 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.

**Numbers 31:2** (Parallel theme): Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.