

# 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

**Psalm 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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וְרָא יְתָה	אַתָּה הַ	נָאָס רַ	אַל
<b>And when thou hast seen</b>	H853	<b>it thou also shalt be gathered</b>	H413
	H7200		H622
עַמְּךָ יְ	כָּאֵשׁ רַ אַ פָּה גַּם	נָאָס רַ	אַבָּרְ
<b>unto thy people</b>	H1571	H859	<b>as Aaron</b>
	H5971	H834	H175
אַחִיךְ:			
<b>thy brother</b>			
	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.