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Torah Insights

Moses is taught the laws of the Red Heifer, whose ashes purify a person who has been contaminated by contact with a dead body.

After forty years of journeying through the desert, the people of Israel arrive in the wilderness of Zin. Miriam passes away and the people thirst for water. G-D tells Moses to speak to a rock and command it to give water. Moses gets angry at the rebellious Israelites and hits the rock, Water comes out, but Moses is told by G-d that neither he nor Aaron will enter the Promised Land.

Aaron passes away at Hor Hahar and is succeeded in the High Priesthood by his son Elazar.

The people sing a song in honor of the miraculous well that provided the water in the desert. Moses leads the people in battles against the Emorite kings who seek to prevent Israel's passage through their territory and conquers their lands.



