

DEATH WISH BIBLE STUDY

Which do you think is worse—dying, or feeling like you're going to die?

Read Numbers 20:1-29.

1. Why did Miriam and Aaron die?
 - A. They were old.
 - B. It was just their time.
 - C. They had rebelled against Moses.
 - D. It would lead the Israelites to have more sympathy for Moses.
 - E. Moses no longer needed his older siblings to take care of him.
 - F. It was time for the next generation to take the leadership role.
 - G. It meant the end of having a singer and dancer (Miriam) and a high priest (Aaron) for the people.
 - H. They had both influenced God's people in some negative ways.
 - I. Other.

2. Why did the people complain and decide to contend with Moses once again?
 - A. They were out of water.
 - B. They were out of food.
 - C. The pillar of cloud God had sent in the past was no longer there to lead them.
 - D. They were frustrated that they still weren't in the Promised Land.
 - E. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were gone.
 - F. They wanted another golden calf.
 - G. They were sick and tired of manna.
 - H. When people in a group don't get what they want, it's the group leader's fault.
 - I. Other.

3. How would you choose to respond if someone following you complained against and contended with your leadership?
 - A. Ignore them.
 - B. Defend yourself by reciting all the good things you've done for that person.
 - C. Fight fire with fire.
 - D. Point out that person's inadequacies instead.
 - E. Take the issue to God.
 - F. Suggest that someone else take your place as leader.
 - G. Pray for the person.
 - H. Bring the hammer down on that person.
 - I. Other.

4. What did it mean when Moses struck the rock twice with his staff instead of speaking to it like God had instructed?
 - A. He was expressing his frustration after hearing the Israelites complain so much.
 - B. He disobeyed God in front of everyone.

- C. Aaron had told Moses to do it before getting up in front of the Israelites, and Moses was following his brother's advice.
 - D. Moses only made water appear to come out of the rock.
 - E. It wasn't a big deal—everybody makes mistakes, including not doing what God asks us to do.
 - F. The rock represented Christ, and Moses didn't just strike it once—he struck it twice!
 - G. He was expressing his frustration at the Israelites, and they deserved it.
 - H. He already knew that God was only going to let Caleb and Joshua lead the people to the Promised Land, and he was angry.
 - I. Other.
5. Moses was a leader, and leaders...
- A. Never make mistakes.
 - B. Get more breaks.
 - C. Get more money.
 - D. Have power.
 - E. Get to set the rules.
 - F. Are popular.
 - G. Have to live by a higher standard.
 - H. Are born, not made.
 - I. Are made, not born.
 - J. Other.
6. Why didn't the Israelites try to annihilate the Edomites for treating them so poorly?
- A. The Israelites wanted to destroy them, but weren't allowed to.
 - B. God didn't tell them to do it.
 - C. Moses didn't tell them to do it.
 - D. The Edomites were descendants of Esau (Israel's twin brother), and the Israelites didn't want to hurt their relatives.
 - E. They knew the Edomites' time would come eventually.
 - F. The Israelites knew they would trample all over the land if they passed through Edom anyway.
 - G. They knew they couldn't beat the Edomites in a war.
 - H. The Israelites knew nobody trusted them anyway.
 - I. Other.
7. Is there anything that could keep you out of heaven like it kept Moses out of the Promised Land? (Note Moses' death as recorded in Deuteronomy 34 and his appearance in Matthew 17:1-4.)
8. In what ways is Moses a role model for you? (See Hebrews 11:23-29.)