

"I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying, "O Lord GOD, You who let Your servant see the first works of Your greatness and Your mighty hand, You whose powerful deeds no god in heaven or on earth can equal! Let me, I pray, cross over and see the good land on the other side of the Jordan, that good hill country, and the Lebanon." But the LORD was wrathful with me on your account and would not listen to me. The LORD said to me, "Enough! Never speak to Me of this matter again! Go up to the summit of Pisgah and gaze about, to the west, the north, the south, and the east. Look at it well, for you shall not go across yonder Jordan". פרשת ואתחנן

Moses standing on Mount Nebo

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Moses standing on Mount Nebo was the first to say in his heart, "In the West is my heart, and I am at the end of the East," but he also said, "In the East is my heart, and I am at the end of the West." Thus begun the long voyage, the great Jewish journey. Mount Nebo was the watershed where his longings divided. He yearned for the land of Canaan he would never see, but he turned east, toward the desert of those forty years and wrote the Torah as a travel book, a memoir, every chapter with something very personal that was his alone – like Pharaoh's daughter, like his sister Miriam, his brother Aaron, his black wife, the Ten Commandments.

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הָיָה הָרִאשׁוֹן שֶׁאָמַר בְּלִבּוֹ "לִבִּי בַּמְעַרְב
וְאֲנִי בַקֶּצֶה מִזְרָח" אָבֵל הוּא אָמַר גַּם
"לִבִּי בַּמִּזְרָח וְאֲנִי בַקֶּצֶה מִמְּעַרְב" וְהִתְחִילָה
הַנְּסִיעָה הַגְּדוּלָה, הַטִּיּוֹל הַיְהוּדִי הַגְּדוֹל.
הַר נְבוֹ הָיָה לוֹ לְפָרֶשֶׁת מִיַּם שֶׁל גְּעוּגוּעִיו
הוּא הִתְגַּעְגַּע לְאָרֶץ כְּנָעַן שְׂאוֹתָהּ לֹא יִרְאֶה לְעוֹלָם
וּפְנָה לְמִזְרָח אֶל מִדְּבַר אַרְבָּעִים הַשָּׁנִים
וְכָתַב אֶת הַתּוֹרָה כְּסֶפֶר מַסְעוֹת
וְזִכְרוֹנוֹת וּבְכָל פֶּרֶק מִשְׁהוּ אִישִׁי מָאֵד
וְרַק שָׁלוֹ, כְּמוֹ בַת פְּרָעָה, כְּמוֹ אָחוֹתוֹ מִרְיָם,
וְאָחִיו אַהֲרֹן וְהָאִשָּׁה הַכּוּשִׁית וְעִשְׂרַת הַדְּבָרוֹת.