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Rashi on Numbers 27:20

AND THOU SHALT PUT SOME OF THY GLORY UPON HIM — This refers to the shining of the skin of his countenance (see Exodus 34:29—30).

SOME OF THY GLORY, and not all thy glory; consequently we learn from this: Moses' face beamed like the sun, Joshua's face only like the moon (Sifrei Bamidbar 140:2; Bava Batra 75a).

THAT ALL THE CONGREGATION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL SHOULD BE OBEDIENT TO HIM — that they should comport themselves towards him with respect and reverence, in the same way as they comport themselves towards you (cf. Yalkut Shimoni on Torah 776).

Rashi on Numbers 11:28

Another explanation is: that the word means put them into prison (כלא). He said this because they were prophesying, "Moses will die and Joshua will bring Israel into the Land" (cf. Sifrei Bamidbar 96; Sanhedrin 17a).

Rashi on Exodus 24:13

l am not sure in what capacity Joshua appears here, but I think that as a disciple he was accompanying the teacher as far as the place where the bounds of the mountain were marked out, whence onward he was not permitted to proceed. From that point ויעל משה MOSES alone ASCENDED אל הר האלהים THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD, whilst Joshua pitched his tent there and stayed there during the whole forty days which Moses spent on the mountain. For thus we find that when Moses came down from the mountain it states, (Exodus 32:17) "and Joshua heard the voice of the people that they shouted" — from which we may infer that he was not with them in the camp.

Bavli Sotah 43a

A tanna taught: It was not for nothing that specifically Pinehas went to war with Midian; rather, it was to exact the rightful judgment of his mother's father, Joseph, as it is stated: "And the Midianites sold him into Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's" (Genesis 37:36). The Gemara asks: Is this to say that Pinehas came, on

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his mother's side, from the family of Joseph? But it is written: "And Elazar, Aaron's son, took himself a wife from the daughters of Putiel; and she bore him Pinehas" (Exodus 6:25). What, is it not that Pinehas came from the family of Yitro, who was also called Putiel because he fattened [*pittem*] calves for idol worship? They answer: No; he was descended from Joseph, who mocked [*pitpet*] his desire by resisting the advances of Potiphar's wife.