

QUESTIONS:

1. As a baby Moses was saved by being placed in
  - a. Burning bush
  - b. Basket
  - c. wilderness
2. How many Jews went into Egypt to get away from famine?
  - a. 70
  - b. 120
  - c. none
3. How many books of the Bible did Moses write?
  - a. 1.
  - b. 7
  - c. 5
4. How old was Moses when he died?
  - a. 40
  - b. 80
  - c. 120
5. What was the cause of his death?

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6. Fill in the blanks: *I will raise up for them a \_\_\_\_\_ like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I \_\_\_\_\_ him. And whoever will not \_\_\_\_\_ to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.*

7. Where was Jesus when God's voice confirmed that He is the one we are to listen to now (Matthew 17:5)

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8. When did the face of Moses shine?

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9. When Paul compares the Old Testament with the New Testament which one does he say is the better one?  
OLD / NEW

10. Give one reason why it is better. \_\_\_\_\_

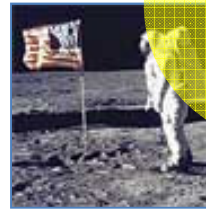
11. In Acts 3:22-26 Who said that Jesus fulfilled God's promise to Moses found in Deuteronomy 18:18, 19 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Who should listen to Jesus?

- a. Jews
- b. Gentiles
- c. Everybody
- d. Nobody

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*But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Deuteronomy 4:29

A LOOK INTO THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH THE STUDY OF HIS WORD

Part Four

## **The Glimpse of glory** **Moses**

Moses brought Abraham's descendants out of slavery in Egypt. They were the Hebrew people commonly known as Jews. God's promise to Abraham was carried on through his son Isaac (Genesis 26:1-5) and through his son Jacob (Genesis 28:10-15) who had twelve sons (Genesis 35:23-26). Jacob and his entire family, numbering seventy people, came into Egypt to escape a famine. God was protecting them and the story behind how He did that is full of drama and intrigue. You can read the whole thing in Genesis chapters 42-47.

The first five books of the Bible are known as the books of Moses because they came from him and they are also primarily about Moses and his times. The second book, Exodus, begins the account of the Hebrew people in Egypt. After 400 years they had grown from 70 people to well over one, possibly even two million, strong. The Egyptians now feared them and oppressed them. They were slaves (Exodus 1). The Egyptian king had issued orders for all Hebrew male children to be put to death.

Moses, however, came under God's providence and actually ended up being raised by the King's daughter until the time came for him to leave Egypt for a while (Exodus 2). We get information about him in the New Testament from Stephen, the first Christian martyr. According to Acts 7:23 Moses was forty years old when he left the Palace of Pharaoh and he lived the life of a shepherd in the wilderness for another forty years (Acts 7:30) then he led the people out of Egypt and was with them in the wilderness for forty years (Acts 7:36).

The death of Moses is recorded in Deuteronomy 34. He was 120 years old when he died but he did not die of old age (Deut 34:7). Deuteronomy closes with these words of tribute for Moses.

*And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.*

Deut 34:10-12

The Hebrews knew that a prophet like Moses would arise among them some day, because Moses had spoken about God's promise.

*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.* Deut 18:18,19

Centuries later they had not forgotten that promise. In fact by the time Jesus was born, in the land that they knew as the Promised Land, they were living in high expectations of God coming to rescue them again (Luke 2:38) and they knew that this must involve the prophet like Moses who had been promised so long ago. They were willing to accept Jesus as that prophet for a time (John 6:14) and God certainly confirmed Jesus as that prophet when he was on the mount of transfiguration when He said:

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."* (Matthew 17:5).

Here are a few of the many ways in which the life of Jesus mirrored the life of Moses.

1. They both had to be hidden from a murderous king as babies.
2. They both began their missions after being in the wilderness.
3. They both worked signs, miracles and wonders.
4. They both went onto a mountain to bring God's Word to the people.
5. They both reflected God's Glory.

While Moses was leading the people in the wilderness he would go to a tent where he would meet with God. As a result of being in God's presence his face would literally shine (Exodus 34:29-35). Paul reminds the church about this in 2 Corinthians 3 and 4. He compares the shining face of Moses with the *"light of the knowledge of the Glory of God in the*

*face of Jesus Christ"* and says that God has given this light to shine in the hearts of those who proclaim His gospel. (2 Corinthians 4:1-6).

Paul is actually comparing the Old Covenant, which involved Moses as its mediator, with the New Covenant, which has Jesus as the mediator. Paul is proud to be a minister of the New Covenant that is *"written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts"* (3:4). He has more to say about that:

*Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.*

*Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.* 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

So, as great as Moses was, there is still one greater and that is Jesus Christ. And the glimpse of Glory that was the Law of Moses, or the Old Testament, has been eclipsed by the Glory of the Lord in the New Testament. Peter confirmed that Jesus was the prophet who Moses prophesied about in his words recorded in Acts 3:22-26

*For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me;(Acts 3:22) .... Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. (Acts 3:26)*