

Moses

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Moses stands unique among Israel's prophets, the one with whom God spoke 'mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches' (Numbers 12:8). Scripture explicitly identifies him as a prophet: 'And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face' (Deuteronomy 34:10).

His prophetic ministry began at the burning bush, where God commissioned him to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage, authenticating his message through miraculous signs. Through Moses, God delivered the Torah—the foundational revelation upon which all subsequent prophecy builds. He mediated the covenant at Sinai, receiving the law directly from God's hand, and interceded repeatedly for rebellious Israel, even offering his own life for their forgiveness.

Moses's greatest prophecy concerned the coming Messiah: 'The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken' (Deuteronomy 18:15). The New Testament repeatedly identifies Jesus as this prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22, 7:37). At the Transfiguration, Moses appeared with Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, both bearing witness to Christ. Though Moses died on Mount Nebo viewing but not entering Canaan, his prophetic legacy endures as the foundation of biblical revelation.

Note: The phrase 'face to face' describing God's communication with Moses distinguishes his prophetic experience from all others. While other prophets received visions and dreams, Moses enjoyed direct divine discourse. His sister Miriam and brother Aaron were rebuked for claiming equal prophetic authority (Numbers 12). The 'prophet like Moses' prophecy establishes a typological pattern: as Moses delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage, so Christ delivers His people from sin's slavery; as Moses mediated the old covenant, Christ mediates the new.

Key Verses

Deuteronomy 18:15

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken.

Deuteronomy 34:10

And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

Numbers 12:6-8

And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold.

Exodus 3:10

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Acts 3:22

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

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