

Deuteronomy 34:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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whom the LORD knew face to face,

Analysis

The chapter concludes: 'And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.' The phrase 'face to face' (Hebrew *panim el-panim*) indicates intimate, direct communication unmatched by other prophets. Moses' uniqueness lay in immediacy of divine revelation and scope of ministry—lawgiver, deliverer, covenant mediator. However, this statement anticipated a future prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)—fulfilled in Christ, the ultimate Prophet who knows the Father intimately (John 1:18) and mediates the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:6; 9:15).

Historical Context

Moses died circa 1406 BC after 120 years, maintaining physical vigor until death (Deuteronomy 34:7). His burial location remained secret, preventing idolatrous veneration. Israel mourned thirty days before Joshua led them into Canaan. No subsequent prophet matched Moses—Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, and Jeremiah all had unique ministries, but none combined Moses' roles. Jesus explicitly identified Himself as the prophet like Moses (John 5:45-47), and New Testament writers consistently make this connection (Acts 3:22-26; Hebrews 3:1-6).

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' face-to-face knowledge of God foreshadow Christ's unique revelation of the Father?
2. What does Moses' unmatched prophetic status teach about God's progressive revelation culminating in Christ?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא	קָם	נָבִיא	עַד	לְבִישָׁרָא	כְּמֹשֶׁה
H3808	And there arose	not a prophet	since	in Israel	like unto Moses
	H6965	H5030	H5750	H3478	H4872
אֲשֶׁר	יָדַע וְ	יְהוָה	פָּנִים:	אֶל	פָּנִים:
H834	knew	whom the LORD	face	H413	face
	H3045	H3068	H6440		H6440

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 33:11 (References Lord): And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.