

Story #6 - Moses

Moses led the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob out of slavery in Egypt to Mount Sinai, where God gave Israel her national and spiritual charter, the conditional Mosaic Covenant.

Jesus, the promised prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-19, 34:10-12), obeyed every commandment. The question is, "why?" Jesus had to be perfect according to the demands of the Law to qualify as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of Israel first, and also the whole world.

Teach your disciples the story of Moses, and they will live in spiritual freedom, unshackled by the bondage of legalism.

Read Exodus - Deuteronomy.

Main Talking Points

1. Through Moses, God had brought ten plagues on Egypt for Pharaoh's refusal to let Israel go. The final plague was the death of the first-born in an event now celebrated as Passover.
2. After the Passover, Moses led the Chosen People to Mt. Sinai, the mountain on which he first spoke to God.
3. Through Moses, God spoke to Israel. Quote Exodus 19:5-6: ***"If you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."*** Israel agreed to obey all that God said.
4. Moses was on Mt. Sinai 40 days and nights, receiving the conditional Mosaic Covenant, which included 613 specific commandments. These commandments were the conditions of the marriage contract between the Father and Israel.
5. Returning to camp, Moses carried the two stones known today as the Ten Commandments, a summary of the entire Mosaic Law.
6. Israel, in a tragic failure, had already fallen into idolatry, worshipping the golden calf made by Aaron. In a heart-wrenching moment, Moses, consumed by anger and grief, broke the tablets. He feared for the future of his people.
7. Within the Mosaic Covenant was the sacrificial system that would cover the sins of those who believed until the perfect and final sacrifice would be made by the Lamb of God, Jesus.
8. Moses led the people for forty years of wilderness wandering because Israel failed to enter their rest in the Promised Land. All of the people above twenty years of age, the Exodus Generation, died as a result of their unbelief.

9. Moses taught the next generation, the Joshua Generation, the commandments of the Mosaic Law a second time.
10. The Lord made a promise to the Joshua Generation. (Quote Deuteronomy 30:5-6). ***“The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.”***
11. On Mt. Nebo, Moses was shown the Promised Land, the land promised to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob forever. After seeing it, Moses died and was buried by the Lord.
12. Joshua led Israel into the land after the death of Moses.

Things To Think About

1. The Mosaic Law never applied to non-Jews, known as Gentiles.
2. The people who would come to be known as the Jews received the conditional Mosaic Covenant at Mt. Sinai. They were chosen as God's select nation, set apart from all others. They remain set apart to this day as the wife of Jehovah.
3. One-third of the Mosaic Covenant dealt with what was expected concerning Israel's worship of Yahweh. Sacrifice was part of the worship God required. What are some of the things God wanted the Jews to learn from the sacrificial system?
4. Israel's disobedience broke the conditional Mosaic Covenant. These commandments are no longer binding on Jesus' disciples since the birth of the Church (believing Jews and Gentiles) in Acts 2.
5. The Mosaic Covenant continues to act as a witness against unbelieving Jews to this day. Their only escape from the Law is belief in the redemptive work of Messiah Jesus.

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