



Parallels Between Moses and Jesus

- 1) Moses and Jesus were both *Jewish*. They were *Israelites (Tribe of Levi / Tribe of Judah Cf. Exodus 2:1-2)*.
- 2) Both were born when Israel was in bondage to a Gentile power (*Egypt Cf. Exodus 1 / Rome Cf. Matthew 2; Luke 24*).
- 3) When they were babies, Satan inspired the ruling political leader to kill all Hebrew baby boys (*Pharaoh Cf. Exodus 1:22 / Herod Cf. Matthew 2:16*).
- 4) Because it was the only option, Moses' mother placed him in a straw-thatched basket (*and floated down a river*). Because it was the only option, Jesus' mother placed him in a straw-filled stable.
- 5) Both had to flee to another country because men sought to kill them (*Pharaoh, Midian / Herod, Egypt*). Both returned when those who sought to kill them were dead (*Cf. Exodus 4:19 / Matthew 2:19*).
- 6) Moses was adopted by a non-biological mother (*Pharaoh's daughter Cf. Exodus 2:10*), Jesus was adopted by a non-biological father (*Joseph Cf. Matthew 1:19-21*).
- 7) Both spent childhood years in Egypt (*Cf. Exodus 1-2 / Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:13*).
- 8) Both displayed an early awareness of their calling and mission (*Cf. Moses supposed Israel would know God had sent him to be their deliverer in Acts 7:25 / Jesus in the Temple as a child in Luke 2:49*).
- 9) Both are described as being chosen/elected by God (*Cf. Psalm 106:23 / Isaiah 42:1*).
- 10) Both gave up their royalty to take on the role of redeemer for an enslaved people (*Cf. Hebrews 11:24-26 / Philippians 2: 6-7*).
- 11) Both were unashamed to be joined to their brethren, despite their low station (*Cf. Exodus 2:11 / Hebrews 2:11*).
- 12) Both were rejected by their brethren (*Cf. Exodus 2:14; Acts 7:26-27 / Mark 3:21; Luke 19:14; John 1:11*).

- 13) Both had a heart of sympathy toward Israel (*Cf. Acts 7:23-24 / Matthew 23:37*).
- 14) Both entered ministry in the latter years of their life. Moses was 80 (*40 years in Egypt; 40 years in Midian*); Jesus was 30 (*Nazareth*).
- 15) Moses spent 40 years living in the wilderness before beginning His ministry; Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness before beginning His ministry.
- 16) Moses ministered to women at a well by helping them get water (*Cf. Exodus 2*). Jesus ministered to a woman at a well by offering her *living water* (*Cf. John 4:4, 6*).
- 17) While in the wilderness, Moses became a shepherd (*Cf. Exodus 3:1*); Jesus called Himself "***the Good Shepherd***" (*Cf. John 10:11*).
- 18) Moses took a gentile bride, Zipporah, (*Cf. Exodus 2:21*), who was grafted into the family of God. Jesus took a Gentile bride, the Church, who was grafted into the family of God.
- 19) Israel was oppressed for 400 years before Moses was sent to deliver them. Israel endured 400 years of silence before Jesus arrived, as God stopped speaking to His rebellious people.
- 20) Moses was the first miracle-worker in the Old Testament, and God gave him the ability to do miracles to authenticate his claims to be sent by God. Jesus did countless miracles to authenticate His claim of being sent by God (*Cf. Exodus 4-12 / Matthew 11:4-5*).
- 21) Both were given a clear mission by God (*Cf. Exodus 3:10 / Luke 19:10*).
- 22) Moses was inconceivably both royalty and slave at the same time, being a prince of Egypt but also a Hebrew. Jesus is inconceivably both God and man at the same time, being the transcendent Son of God but also a descendent Son of Man.
- 23) Moses turned water into blood. Jesus turned water into wine.
- 24) Moses judged Egypt with a powerful rod (*Cf. Exodus 9:23, 10:13, 14:16*). Jesus will judge the nations with a "**rod of iron**" at His Second Coming (*Cf. Psalm 2:9*).
- 25) Moses warned Egypt of the catastrophic consequences of rejecting him as God's messenger (*Cf. Exodus 5-13, etc.*). Jesus warned of the catastrophic consequences of rejecting Him and his message (*Cf. Luke 13*).
- 26) Moses initiated the *first* Passover, involving the death of the Passover Lamb. Jesus initiated the *final* Passover, serving as the Passover Lamb in our place.

- 27) Moses led Israel through the Reed Sea by parting the waters; Jesus led His Disciples across the Sea of Galilee by calming the storm.
- 28) Paul tells us that Israel was baptized into Moses (*Cf. 1 Corinthians 10:1-2*) – Moses being a picture of the Law. But we have been baptized into Jesus (*Cf. Romans 6:3*) – the God of grace.
- 29) Moses led Israel out of *physical* slavery, Jesus led humanity out of *spiritual* slavery.
- 30) Both were in danger of being *killed* by their brethren while *ministering* to them (*Cf. Exodus 17:4 / John 8:59, 10:31*).
- 31) Both had their authority challenged by the people they were sent to save (*Cf. Numbers 16:3 // Matthew 21:23*).
- 32) Both were envied by their people (*Cf. Psalm 106:16 / Mark 15:10*).
- 33) People *complained* about both of them (*Cf. Exodus 15:24, 16:2; Luke 15:2, John 6:41*).
- 34) Both experienced deep sorrows (*Cf. Numbers 11:11, 14 / Isaiah 53*).
- 35) Both fasted for 40 days and 40 nights (*Cf. Exodus 34:28 / Matthew 4:2*).
- 36) Moses delivered the Law; Jesus fulfilled the Law.
- 37) Moses delivered the Ten Commandments; Jesus clarified them in the Sermon on the Mount.
- 38) Moses introduced the Old Covenant (*Cf. Exodus 34:27*). Jesus introduced the New Covenant (*Cf. Hebrews 8:6*).
- 39) When the Israelites were dying of thirst in the wilderness, Moses struck a rock, and the rock spewed water to quench their thirst (*Cf. Numbers 20:11*). Jesus, our Rock, was struck for our sins, and from Him flowed *living water* for our salvation (*Cf. John 4:14*).
- 40) Moses had 70 elders, who received instruction from him (*Cf. Numbers 11:24*). Jesus had a group of 70 men, who followed Him and were taught by Him (*Cf. Luke 10:1*).
- 41) Moses washed the feet of his brother, Aaron, and his sons (*Cf. Leviticus 8:6*). Jesus washed the feet of His spiritual brothers, the Disciples (*Cf. John 13*).
- 42) Both led God's people in the praise of God (*Cf. Exodus 15:1 // Psalm 22:22*).

- 43) Both displayed incredible mercy and grace, praying for and ministering to even those who had deeply wronged them (*Cf. Numbers 12:1-2, 13 / 1 Peter 2:23*).
- 44) **Psalm 99:6** tells us that in God's eyes, Moses was also a *priest*. **Hebrews 7** tells us that Jesus is our High Priest.
- 45) Moses was a temporary mediator for Israel (*Cf. Numbers 27:5; Deuteronomy 5:5*). Jesus is the eternal mediator for all mankind (*Cf. Hebrews 7:25; 1 Timothy 2:5*).
- 46) Both prayed for Israel to be forgiven (*Cf. Numbers 14:17 / Luke 23:34*).
- 47) Moses went up Mount Sinai, was changed and came down with a glowing face (*Cf. Exodus 34:29, 35*). Jesus went up Mount Hermon and was transfigured, shining brighter than the sun (*Cf. Matthew 17:2*).
- 48) Moses oversaw the construction of the Tabernacle; Jesus was the Tabernacle, in the flesh.
- 49) **Exodus 40:33** declares "***Moses finished the work***" when Moses finished building the Tabernacle. Jesus finished the work His Father gave Him to do (*Cf. John 17:4*) and as He took His final breath on the Cross, He declared, "*It is finished.*"
- 50) Here's an interesting one – both experienced the Lord's anger on the account of those they were sent to redeem. Jesus, taking God's wrath in our place on the Cross, but listen to these verses about Moses:

**They angered *Him* also at the waters of strife ("Meribah"),
So that it went ill with Moses on account of them... - Psalm 106:32**

"But the LORD was angry with me on your account... - Deuteronomy 3:26

- 51) Moses erected up a pole with a snake – the symbol of sin - upon it, and everyone who looked upon it would be saved from their deadly snakebites. Jesus was lifted up on a cross, became sin in our place, and everyone who looks to Him will be saved from the curse of sin and death.
- 52) Moses prayed, and the Lord miraculously provided for Israel in the wilderness (*manna*). Jesus prayed, and the Lord miraculously provided food for the crowds in the form of loaves and fishes.
- 53) Both accurately spoke prophecy (*Cf. Deuteronomy 28:33 / Matthew 24, Luke 21*).
- 54) Both were prayerful in every crisis (*Cf. Exodus 5:22, 8:12, 9:33, 14:15, 15:25, 17:4*).
- 55) Both were incredibly *humble* (*Cf. Numbers 12:3; Matthew 11:29*).

- 56) Both are described as being *wise* (Cf. Acts 7:22 / Colossians 2:3).
- 57) Both had special knowledge of God (Cf. Psalm 103:7 / John 5:20).
- 58) Both demonstrated *righteous anger* (Cf. Exodus 32:19 / Matthew 21:12–17; Mark 3:5, 11:15–19; Luke 19:45–48; John 2:13–16).
- 59) **Deuteronomy 33:5** describes Moses as a “**king**”. Jesus is the King of Kings.
- 60) Moses served as a judge (Cf. Exodus 18:13). Jesus will judge *every* person (Cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- 61) Both called God's people to obey God's Word (Cf. Deuteronomy 4:2 / Matthew 28:20).
- 62) Moses sent 12 spies into the Promised Land (Cf. Numbers 13); Jesus chose 12 disciples to be sent out across the world (Cf. Matthew 10:5).
- 63) Moses is seen giving rewards to God's people, most notably in the form of territory (Cf. Numbers 7:6, 32:33, 40). Jesus will give eternal rewards to His people (Cf. Revelation 22:12).
- 64) Both appointed another to follow them – Moses, Joshua (Cf. Deuteronomy 31:23), and Jesus, the Holy Spirit (Cf. John 14:16, 18).
- 65) Before God's people could enter the Promised Land, Moses had to die (Cf. Joshua 1:2). Before mankind could enter Heaven, Jesus had to die.
- 66) After Moses died, He was seen again (Cf. Matthew 17:3). Jesus rose from the grave and was seen by hundreds.
- 67) **Joshua 1:14** describes the promised land as an inheritance given to Israel by Moses. **Ephesians 1:11** tells us Jesus has given us the inheritance of the Kingdom of God.
- 68) I suggest that both are scheduled for a future earthly appearance – Jesus at the Second Coming, of course, and Moses as one of the 2 witnesses of **Revelation 11**.