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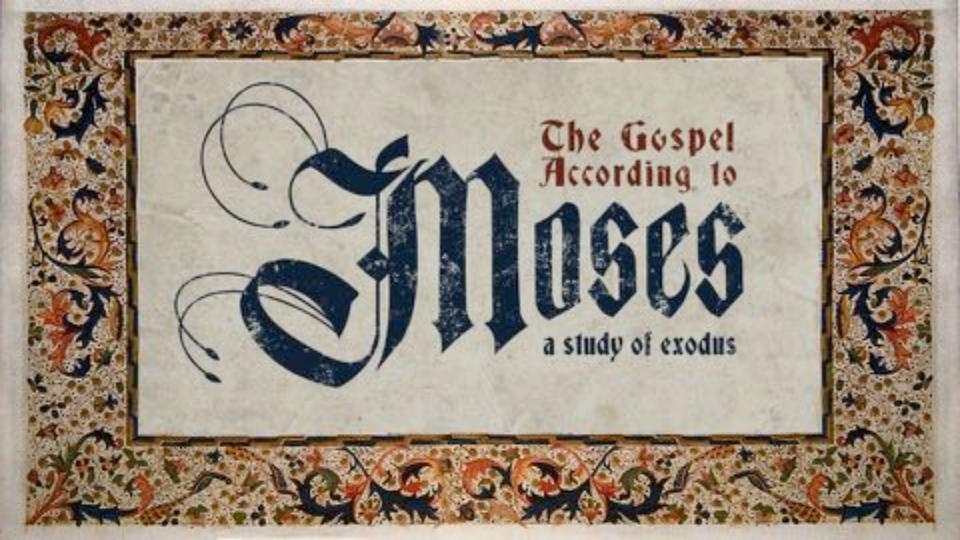
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God declares that Moses, whom he has already said will be like God to Aaron (see 4:16), will also be like God to Pharaoh, and Aaron will be his prophet, who will speak in his name (7:1–2). God is not saying that Moses has been deified, nor that he is divine. Rather, God is reassuring Moses that he has been given a position that is superior to that of Pharaoh. In this role, Moses will be able to perform unprecedented miracles and overwhelm the powers of the Egyptian magicians who represent the gods of Egypt.

~ Adeyemo, Tokunboh. (2006). Africa Bible Commentary (p. 95). Nairobi, Kenya; Grand Rapids, MI: WordAlive Publishers; Zondervan.

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10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.

So you remember the significance of the serpent, right? It was a symbol of Egypt's power. It was that snake-God who was supposed to be Pharaoh's protector...Now bear in mind, the staff represents God's authority; it's going to represent God's authority all through the plagues cycle.



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#### Numbers 33:4

The Lord had brought judgment on their gods.

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The God-Man

The point is that Moses will be God *functionally* both to Pharaoh and to the Israelites. It may be helpful here to understand this through Pharaoh's eyes. In Egyptian royal ideology, the pharaoh was considered to be a divine being. So by calling Moses God, Yahweh is beating Pharaoh at his own game. It is not the king of Egypt who is god; rather, it is this shepherd and leader of slaves who is God. And this Moses-God defeats Pharaoh in a manner that leaves no doubt as to the true nature and source of his power: He controls the elements, bugs, livestock, fire from heaven, and the water of the sea; he even has

authority over life and death. Moses is not simply like God to Pharaoh. He truly is God to Pharaoh in that God is acting through Moses.

Enns, P. (2000). (p. 181). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

#### Deuteronomy 18:17-19

17 The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. 19 I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name."

#### **Hebrews 3:1-6**

1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. 3 Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. 4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. 5 "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," a bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. 6 But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

## What's lost without this story?



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### What Has God Said

I don't know what to pray for. I'm doing my best but I still fall short and I don't think I can do enough to fix that myself. Please ask for closeness with God and for trust in Him in all areas of life but especially friendships and dating as I feel lost. I want to run away but I don't want to want that.

#### **Numbers 21:4-9**

8 The Lord said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

#### John 3:12-15

- 12 "I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven the Son of Man. 14 Just as Massa lifted up the spake in the
- —the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

I'm just feeling stuck....not sure what I'm supposed to be doing. Not sure what's next, but I'm not content with where I am. Would love prayers to really just hear from God.

#### Hebrews 3:7-9

7 So, as the Holy Spirit says:
"Today, if you hear his voice,
8 do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,
9 where your ancestors tested and tried me,
though for forty years they saw what I did."

The wilderness generation—and all that had succeeded it had a similar tendency, and what Moses eventually learned, all believers have had to learn for themselves: God's timing only sometimes coincides with our expectations, and his idea of the hardships we need to go through only sometimes coincides with our idea of how much we can take.





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