THE GREATNESS OF GOD IN THE LIFE OF MOSES

THE LIFE AND LESSONS OF MOSES

This has been an incredible study not just of the life and experiences of Moses, but of the greatness of our God as He worked to redeem a people for Himself. Let’s think back to some of the important things we discovered as we studied.

• The Jews seemed to be a forgotten people, left in slavery to Egypt some 400 years. God knew their struggle, but waited until the perfect time to act.
• God’s choice to deliver His people was Moses, a man whose first actions, in his own strength, resulted in disaster. But when he met God face-to-face he was ready for service, having spent 40 humbling years in the wilderness.
• Moses’ first attempt before Pharaoh to get his people released seemed like a failure at first, but God was working to show His power in His perfect way.
• The rod of a shepherd was transformed into the Rod of God, an instrument of His judgment on Egypt for its idolatry and treatment of His people.
• Nine plagues breaking the land and its people didn’t bend the will of Pharaoh despite their demonstration of the impotence of their so-called gods. The tenth did, leading to death throughout the land. Israel was protected and delivered from that plague by the blood of the Passover lamb.
• As the people marched out of Egypt, Moses called them to “Remember this day,” but not they quickly seemed to forget all that God had done for them.
• The people reached Sinai where Moses had a reunion with his wife, children and father-in-law. Despite Israel’s ungodliness, God called them to be His special treasure.
• Moses was called up to the mountain for 40 days and nights to receive the Law of God. The Ten Commandments addressed their relationship with God and with one another. God also revealed to Moses His desire to meet with His children and described the construction of the Tabernacle.
• Almost unbelievably, as Moses was receiving these commandments, the people were already breaking them by convincing Aaron to make “gods to go before us,” because they didn’t know what had happened to “this Moses.” They constructed and worshipped a golden calf and sinned even more by having a drunken orgy in “worship” as Aaron failed to restrain them.
• Out of amazing grace, God not only forgave the sin of these people but restored their relationship with Him. The people had, at least for now, a renewed heart, and willingly gave and constructed the beautiful Tabernacle so they could worship and God could dwell with them.
• After leaving Sinai, the people returned to their complaining. Although God gave them manna to satisfy their every nutritional need, they pleaded with Moses to give them meat. They got what they asked for, but paid the consequences as they were judged for rejecting God’s provision.

• Later on several of the Levites and leaders of the people sought to take over and challenged Moses’ authority. God miraculously confirmed His choice for leadership, but those who challenged God’s calling paid with their lives. Moses and Aaron graciously interceded for them and the plague was stopped, and the people again submitted to God’s plan.

• Moses had faced complaint after complaint, difficulty after difficulty. His own brother and sister passed away. The people’s complaints got too much for him to handle, and in disobedience to God’s instructions as to how to provide water for the people, Moses sinned and failed to represent God properly. The result was horrible for Moses: he would not be able to enter the Promised Land.

• Israel could have entered the land, but after sending in ten spies to search out the land, they were afraid to, and rejected the testimony of faith given by Joshua and Caleb. The result was that they themselves would not enter in, but the children they worried about would. This whole generation (except for Caleb and Joshua) wasted away and died in the wilderness for 38 more years.

• Moses witnessed death after death of probably at least one million people over those years. Moses pondered all of this and wrote the first of the Psalms, Psalm 90, which proclaimed the need for us to live our lives to the fullest and to make them count for God, not to waste them away.

• At the end of these years, Moses prepared the new generation for what was ahead of them, and God gave His people a new beginning. He again declared them His chosen people because of the great love He had for them, not based on what they did or didn’t do.

• Moses then departed this life, but his impact lived on throughout the centuries and down to today. He was a prophet, he came to the Promised Land when he appeared with Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration, and may yet appear on the scene again in the last days!

THE LIFE OF MOSES OUTLINED

Below is a basic outline of the course of study we followed this year in the Life of Moses. It should be helpful for you as you do future studies of this nature.

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- God’s Purposes Proclaimed
- The Rod of God
- The Plagues Begin
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- False Promises
- Tiny Bugs Prove God
- Thoroughly Bugged
- No Compromise

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- People Afflicted
- Property Damaged
- Vegetation Consumed
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Lesson Seven: Death Passes By
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SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Here are the passages that we memorized this year for your ongoing review.

**Lesson One:** Hebrews 11:23: By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command (NKJV).

**Lesson Two:** Exodus 3:7: And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows” (NKJV).

**Lesson Three:** Exodus 6:6b, 7: “I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians” (NKJV).

**Lesson Four:** Exodus 7:5: “And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them” (NKJV).

**Lesson Five:** Exodus 8:19: The magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said (NIV).

**Lesson Six:** Exodus 9:16: “But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth (NKJV).

**Lesson Seven:** Isaiah 53:7: He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth (NKJV).

**Lesson Eight:** Exodus 13:3: And Moses said to the people: “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place” (NKJV).

**Lesson Nine:** Exodus 18:11: “Now I know that the LORD is greater than all the gods; for in the very thing in which they behaved proudly, He was above them” (NKJV).

**Lesson Ten:** Exodus 20:24b: “In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you” (NKJV)

**Lesson Eleven:** 1 Peter 1:15–16: “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” (NKJV)
Lesson Twelve: Exodus 29:46: “And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.” (NKJV)

Lesson Thirteen: Exodus 34:10–11: And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.” (NKJV)

Lesson Fourteen: Exodus 40:16, 33b: “Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did. So Moses finished the work.” (NKJV)

Lesson Fifteen: Numbers 11:23: And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the LORD’s arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not." (NKJV)

Lesson Sixteen: Numbers 16:28: And Moses said: "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will.” (NKJV)

Lesson Seventeen: 1 Corinthians 10:3, 4: “All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. (NKJV)

Lesson Eighteen: Psalm 90:12: So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (NKJV)

Lesson Nineteen: Numbers 32:23: But if you do not do so, then take note, you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out. (NKJV)

Lesson Twenty: Deuteronomy 6:4–5: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. (NKJV)

Lesson Twenty One: Deuteronomy 7:6: For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. (NKJV)

Lesson Twenty Two: Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. (NKJV)

Lesson Twenty Three: Hebrews 11:24–26: By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. (NKJV)
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