

June 3, 2011 Messianic Service
The Prophets: “Moses 2011”
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TORAH PORTION

Deuteronomy 18:15

The L-rd your G-d will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him shall you hear,

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

18 “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

19 And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.

SERVICE PORTION

1) God heard the cry of His people in bondage

Genesis 15:13-14

13 Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

2) God raised up a person to meet this need

Exodus 3:7-10

7 And the L-rd 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.

8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

10 **Come now, therefore, and I will send you** to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

3) God prepared His servant to meet this need

Acts 7:17-20

17 “But when the time of the promise drew near which G-d had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt

18 till another king arose who did not know Joseph.

19 This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

20 **At this time Moses was born**, and was well pleasing to G-d;...

Acts 7:22 – 25

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

23 “Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.

25 For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, **but they did not understand.**

Acts 7:29 – 30

29 Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

30 “**And when forty years had passed**, an Angel of the L-rd appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

Acts 7:35-36

35 “This Moses whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one G-d sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Moses fulfilled his mission, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt so they could fulfill their destiny as a people as promised to Abraham. Though another brought them into the promised land, Joshua, Moses did his part so they could be established as a people and as a nation.

4) God has raised you up for such a time as this

Could it be that Moses, like Abraham never stumbled at the promise of God that he would deliver Israel, but he did stumble at the method. Can you imagine the despair of Moses as he lived in the backside of the desert for 40 years. Can you imagine the regret he struggled with? How many times he must have rehearsed the events in his mind leading up to the killing of the Egyptian? How he must have thought, if only I had not killed the Egyptian or done this or that. He had surely thought he had blown it and was all but forgotten in the wilderness. He was away from Egypt, away from his people, they did not even know who he was anymore, a whole generation had now passed before the call came again! But God is faithful to His promise and He will even create a new method when we mess up!