

Jesus Christ in the Old Testament

(Part 13 – Jesus - The Prophet Like Unto Moses)

(Deuteronomy 18:15-22; Acts 3:22, 7:37)

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Introduction:

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me, for he wrote of Me" (Jn. 5:46).

The Prediction: Deuteronomy 18:15

The Expectation: John 6:14

The Fulfillment: Acts 3:22 Acts 7:37

This predicted "prophet" like unto Moses would be...

1. **Appointed by God** (Not self-appointed)
"The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee..." (Deut. 18:15a)

2. **Singular** (One in particular; Not many)
"...A Prophet" (Deut. 18:15b)

3. **Jewish** (Not a Gentile)
"...A Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren..." (Deut. 18:15c)

4. **Similar to Moses** (in many respects)
"Like unto me" (Deut.18:15d)
Similarities between Moses & Christ:
 - a. Both were **called out of Egypt**
 - b. Both had the **quality of meekness**
 - c. Both knew God – **"Face to Face"** (Deut. 34:10)
 - d. Both faced hardship, opposition, & **rejection from their own people**

- e. Both could predict the future
- f. Both could be considered the greatest leaders to ever live
- g. Both had God's very words on his mouth

5. **Authoritative**

“unto him ye shall hearken” (Deut. 18:15e)

6. **Visible** (One who could be looked upon) (Deut. 18:16-18a)

7. **Uttering the very Words of God** (Deut. 18:18b, 20-22)

However, Jesus was NOT a mere prophet (as Islam and other cults teach)
He held three offices: prophet, priest, & king

Jesus was “like unto Moses” yet He was superior to Moses!

See: Hebrews 3:1-6

Christ is superior to Moses, as a BUILDER is superior to a BUILDING (v.3-4)

Christ is superior to Moses, as a SON is superior to a SERVANT (v.5-6a)

If Jesus was God's special prophet, what should our response be to Him?

- We should listen to His Word
John 10:27 - “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them...”
- We should follow His Lead
“...and they follow me.”