

# OT Faith in Action

Wk 8 - Moses, part 2

## **1. Timeline of Moses and the Wilderness Wanderings**

- a. Living in Egypt
  - i. Length of time - 40 years
  - ii. Bible Passages - Exodus 2:1-15
  - iii. Significant Events - placed in basket, adopted by Pharaoh's daughter, kill's an Egyptian
- b. Living in Midian
  - i. Length of time - 40 years
  - ii. Bible Passages - Exodus 2:15 - 4:29
  - iii. Significant Events - Marriage to Zipporah, two children, burning bush
- c. Return to Egypt
  - i. Length of time - 6-9 months?
  - ii. Bible Passages - Exodus 4:29 - 13:17
  - iii. Significant Events - 10 plagues, Passover
- d. Journey to Sinai
  - i. Length of time -2-3 months?
  - ii. Bible Passages - Exodus 13:17 - 19:1
  - iii. Significant Events - Crossing Red Sea, Song of Moses, Water sweetened at Marah, Manna begins, Water from the rock, Battle with Amalekites, Jethro's advice
- e. At Mt. Sinai
  - i. Length of time - roughly 1 year
  - ii. Bible Passages - Exodus 19:1 - Numbers 10:33
  - iii. Significant Events - 10 Commandments, Golden Calf, Building Tabernacle, Death of Aaron's sons, Census
- f. Journey to Kadesh Barnea
  - i. Length of time - 11 days (Deut. 1:2)
  - ii. Bible Passages - Numbers 10:33 - 12:16
  - iii. Significant Events - 70 elders aid Moses, Quail and a plague, Miriam and Aaron argue with Moses
- g. Wilderness wanderings? At Kadesh Barnea?
  - i. Length of time - 37-38 years
  - ii. Bible Passages - Numbers 12:16 - Numbers 20:22

- iii. Significant Events - Spies sent, Israel defeated in battle, Korah's rebellion, Aaron's staff buds, Death of Miriam, Moses strikes 2nd rock
- h. Journey to Plains of Moab
  - i. Length of time - half a year?
  - ii. Bible Passages - Numbers 20:22 - 22:1
  - iii. Significant Events - Death of Aaron, Bronze Serpent, Defeat of Sihon and Og
- i. At Plains of Moab
  - i. Length of time - half a year?
  - ii. Bible Passages - Numbers 22:1 - Joshua 3:1
  - iii. Significant Events - Balaam's oracles, Baal idolatry and plague, War against Midian, Moses' final speeches, Moses dies

## **2. Parallels between Moses' Journey and our Journey**

- a. Slavery
  - i. Then - "You shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt" - Deut. 16:12
  - ii. Now - "Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.'" - John 8:34
- b. Deliverance through blood
  - i. Then - "when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt." - Ex. 12: 13
  - ii. Now - "Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." -Rom. 5:9
- c. Salvation to be remembered
  - i. Then - "And you shall offer the Passover sacrifice to the LORD your God... that all the days of your life you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt." - Deut. 16:2-3
  - ii. Now - "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me... This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." - 1 Cor. 11:24-25
- d. Difficult journey

- i. Then/Now - “For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.” - 1 Cor. 10:1-5
  - e. Divine Presence
    - i. Then - “And he said, ‘My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’” Ex. 33:14
    - ii. Now - “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” - Matt. 28:20
  - f. The Promised Land as Inheritance
    - i. Then - “But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety,” - Deut. 12:10
    - ii. Now - “he has caused us to be born again... to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading kept in heaven for you.” - 1 Pet. 1:3-4

### **3. Parallels between Moses and Christ**

- a. Incidental parallels (Deut. 18:15)
  - i. Both escaped murder of male babies (Ex. 1:16; Matt. 2:16)
  - ii. Delivery from death was by Egypt (Ex. 2:5-10; Matt. 2:14-15)
  - iii. Both step down from royal positions to serve those who were enslaved (Heb. 11:24-25; Phil. 2:6-7)
  - iv. Both ministries began after time in the wilderness (Ex. 3:1; Matt. 4:1-2)
  - v. Both delivered people from slavery after 400 years of silence (Acts 7:6; time between Malachi and birth of Jesus)
  - vi. Heard from God on a mountain and received a shining face (Ex. 34:29; Matt. 17:2)
  - vii. Both gave extensive farewell speeches prior to their deaths (Deuteronomy; John 13-17)
- b. Primary parallels

- i. Mediators of a covenant
  - 1. Moses and the Old Covenant
    - a. Keep my covenant and live - Ex. 19:5
    - b. Covenant confirmed with blood - Ex. 24:3-8 -  
“Behold the blood of the covenant that Lord has made with you”
    - c. Copies of covenant given - Ex. 31:18
  - 2. Jesus and the new New Covenant
    - a. New covenant is mercy - Heb. 8:6-12
    - b. Covenant confirmed with blood - Matt. 26: 28 -  
“This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”
    - c. The New “Testament” (covenant) is the documentation of our covenant
- ii. Deliverers of the people
  - 1. Moses respected as the great deliverer from physical slavery
  - 2. Jesus is the greater deliverer from spiritual slavery
- iii. Givers of law
  - 1. Moses goes on a mountain to receive the law given by God
  - 2. Jesus goes on a mountain to interpret and fulfill the law

#### **4. Application point**

- a. Hebrews 10:1-14 - The reality is greater than the shadow that points to the reality. The temple, the laws, the punishments, the promises each of these are shadows of greater realities won by Jesus - God’s immediate presence, God’s character, God’s wrath, Christ’s inheritance.
- b. Hebrews 12:18-29 - Obey God’s voice, be thankful that the kingdom we are part of cannot be shaken, and offer God worship