

“And God Knew”

Exodus 2:25

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INTRO: Gospel Gardening #6 - “Awesome, Average, & Abstract”

- See the strength of weaving (3) truths together...
- Gospel Gardening umbrella verse: **Providence 29:18**
- The **BIG IDEA** = *Exalt Christ & Exhort Church!*
- Colossal Gospel patterns never change!

T/S: Gospel patterns, promises, and the Person of Christ can be seen & found in a number of ways in the O.T.

TRANSITION: For starters – *a mess, messenger, & Messiah*

T/S: The Book of *Exodus introduces us to Moses & his mission.*

CONTEXT: 2 series, 2 sermons, 1 Savior!

BIG IDEA: **EVERYTHING** in God Word
and our world points to Christ!

“This world is a theater of God’s glory!” - Calvin

*“Every square inch of the cosmos speaks of God... because...
He is a communicating God.”*

- Jonathan Edwards

PREVIEW:

- The **Mess**
- The **Messengers**
- The **Message**
 - The *Miracle*
 - The *Messiah*
 - The *Mission*

T/S: *“God meant it!”* – [Genesis 50:20](#)

TEXT: [EXODUS 2:25](#)

God saw the people of Israel – and God knew.

- I.** The **Mess**
 TROUBLES of Sin
- **Egypt...**
 - **Evil...**

II. The Messengers

TRUTHers in Love

- Moses
- Messiah
- Missionaries

➤ Moses as TYPE of **Christ...**

- Sovereignly sent
- Providentially timed
- Missionally protected
- Evilily sought
- Ironically raised
- Undeniably paralleling
 - A.W. Pink's "*Gleanings In Genesis*"
- Unmistakably Messianic
- Inspirationally serving
- Biblically authoritative
- Completely complementary

➤ Moses as TYPE of **Christians...**

- **Sinner saved by grace thru faith...**
- 3-legged spiritual stool:
 - Miraculous
 - Christ-like
 - Work in progress!

III. The Message TIMELESS for All

- The *Miracle*
 - Mess
 - Misery
 - Mirror

- The *Messiah*
 - GRACE
 - GLORY
 - GOSPEL

- The *Mission*
 - Message
 - Methods
 - Me (and YOU)

REVIEW:

Everything
in God's Word & our world
points to Christ!

T/S:

“Well, today I want to show you another facet, I pray, before leaving Genesis... that in every single realm, these patterns, of the Prince of peace, the Person of King Jesus, are on display to help us to better understand Christ, Christianity, and His Church.... So today, I hope to take you to a place where we will weave together three additional strands into one more cord of God’s truth in love...”

Moses - a Type of Christ?

Answer

A. W. Pink in his book, [Gleanings in Genesis](#) lists some similarities between Moses and Christ. He says:

1. His **nationality**. Moses was an Israelite (Ex. 2:1, 2). So, according to the flesh, was Christ.
2. His **Birth**. This occurred when his **nation was under the dominion of a hostile power**, when they were groaning under the rule of a Gentile king (Ex. 1). So the Jews were in bondage to the Romans when Christ was born (Matthew 2:1 cf. Luke 24: 21).
3. His **Person**. "In which time **Moses was born, and was exceeding fair to God**" ([Acts 7:20](#)). How blessedly did he, in this, foreshadow the Beloved of the Father! His estimate of the "fairness" of that Child which lay in Bethlehem's manger, was

evidenced by the sending of the angels to say unto the shepherds, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

4. His **Infancy**. In infancy **his life was endangered, imperiled by the reigning king**, for Pharaoh had given orders that, "Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river" (Ex. 1:22). **How this reminds us of Matthew 2:16: "Then Herod . . . sent forth and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof!"**

5. His **Adoption**. Though, previously, he was the child of another, he yet was **made the son of Pharaoh's daughter: "And became her son" (Ex. 2:10). Thus, he had a mother, but no father! What anointed eye can fail to see prefigured here the mystery of the Virgin-birth! Christ was the Son of Another, even the Son of God. But, born into this world, He had a mother, but no human father.** Yet was He, as it were, adopted by Joseph: see **Matthew 1:19-21**.

6. His **Childhood**. This was **spent in Egypt**. So also was Christ's: "Behold the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word" (Matthew 2:13). **Thus was fulfilled God's ancient oracle, " And called My Son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1).**

7. His **Sympathy for Israel**. He was **filled with a deep compassion for his suffering kinsmen according to the flesh, and he yearned for their deliverance.** Beautifully does this come out in **Acts 7:23, 24**, "And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren of the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him." So too Christ was filled with pity toward His enslaved people, and love brought Him here to deliver them.

8. His **early knowledge of his Mission**. Long years before he actually entered upon his great work, **Moses discerned, "how that God by his hand would deliver them" (Acts 7:25).** So as a Boy of twelve, Christ said

to His perplexed mother, "Wist ye not that ***I must be about My Father's business?***" ([Luke 2:49](#)).

9. His **condescending Grace**. Though legally the "son of Pharaoh's daughter," yet he regarded the Hebrew slaves as his brethren: "*And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren*" ([Ex. 2:11](#)). So it is with Christ: "*He is not ashamed to call them brethren*" ([Heb. 2:11](#)).

10. His **great Renunciation**. "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt" ([Heb. 11:24-26](#)). What a foreshadowing was this of Him "*Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant*" ([Phil. 2:6, 7](#))! Like Moses, Christ too voluntarily relinquished riches, glory, and a kingly palace.

11. His **Rejection by his brethren**. "And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?" ([Acts 7:26, 27](#)). This is very sad; sadder still is it to read of Christ, "*He came unto His own, and His own received Him not*" ([John 1:11](#)). This same line in the typical picture was before us when we considered Joseph. But mark this difference: In the case of Joseph, it was his brethren's enmity against his person ([Gen. 37:4](#)); here with Moses, it was his brethren's enmity against his mission. Joseph was personally hated; Moses officially refused - who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?" So it was with Christ. Israel said, "We will not have this Man to reign over us" ([Luke 19:14](#)).

12. His **Sojourning among the Gentiles**. "But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian (**Ex. 2:15**). Following Christ's rejection by the Jews, we read, "God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name" (**Acts 15:14**).

13. His **Seat on the well**. Away from his own land, we read of Moses, "And he sat down by a well" (**Ex. 2:15**). So the only time we read of the Lord Jesus seated by the well, was when He was outside Israel's borders, **Samaria (John 4:4, 6)**.

14. His **Shepherdhood**. "Now *Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law*" (**Ex. 3:1**). This is the character which Christ sustains to His elect among the Gentiles: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd" (**John 10:16**).

15. His **Season of Seclusion**. **Before he entered upon his real mission, Moses spent many years in obscurity**. Who had supposed that this one, there "at the backside of the desert," was destined to such an honorable future? So it was with the incarnate Son of God. Before He began His public ministry, **He was hidden away in despised Nazareth. Who that saw Him there in the carpenter's shop, dreamed that He was ordained of God to the work of redemption!**

16. His **Commission from God**. He was called of God to emancipate His people from the house of bondage: "*Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt*" (**Ex. 3:10**). So Christ was sent forth into this

world to "*seek and to save that which was lost*"
(Luke 19:10).

17. His **Apostleship**. Thus he was God's apostle unto Israel, **for "apostle" signifies one "sent forth": "Now therefore go" (Ex. 4:12).** So Christ was the Sent One of God (**John 9:4** etc); yea, in **Hebrews 3:1** ***He is designated the Apostle.*** "

18. His **Credentials**. **His commission from God was confirmed by power to work miracles.** So also Christ's mission was authenticated by wondrous signs (Matthew 11:4, 5). **It should be noted that Moses is the first one mentioned in the O. T. that performed miracles; so is Christ in the N. T.** - John the Baptist performed none (John 10:41).

19. His **first Miracles**. Moses wrought many wonders, but **it is most striking to observe that his first two miraculous signs were power over the serpent, and power over leprosy (Ex. 4:6-9).** So after Christ began His public ministry, we read first of His power over Satan (**Matthew 4:10, 11**), and then His power over leprosy (**Matthew 8:3**).

20. His **Return to his own land**. In **Exodus 4:19** we read, "*And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*" The antitype of this is found in **Matthew 2:19**, "*An angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life!*"

21. His **Acceptance by his brethren**. This is recorded in **Exodus 4:29-31**. How different was this from his first appearing before and rejection by the Hebrews (Ex. 2)! How beautifully it prefigured Israel's acceptance of their Messiah at His second appearing!

22. His **powerful Rod**. Moses now wielded a rod of mighty power: see **Exodus 9:23; 10:13; 14:16**. So also it is written of Christ, "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron" (**Ps. 2:9**).

23. His Announcing solemn Judgments. Again and again he warned Pharaoh and his people of the sore punishment of God if they continued to defy him. So also Christ declared, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (**Luke 13:3**).

24. His deliverance of Israel. Moses perfectly fulfilled his God-given commission and led Israel out of the house of bondage: "The same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer" (**Acts 7:35**). So Christ affirmed, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (**John 8:36**).

25. His Headship. Remarkably is this brought out in **1 Corinthians 10:1, 2**, "All our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Morea." So obedient Christians are "baptized unto Jesus Christ" (**Rom. 6:3**).

26. His Leadership of Israel's Praise. "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel" (**Ex. 15:1**) Of Christ too it is written, "In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee" (**Ps. 22:22**).

27. His Authority challenged. This is recorded in **Numbers 16:3**; the antitype in **Matthew 21:23**.

28. His person Envied. See **Psalm 106:16**, and compare **Mark 15:10**.

29. His person opposed. Though Israel were so deeply indebted to Moses, yet again and again we find them "murmuring" against him: [Exodus 15:24](#), [16:2](#), etc. For the N. T. parallel see [Luke 15:2](#), [John 6:41](#).

30. His life Threatened. So fiercely did the ungrateful Hebrews oppose Moses that, on one occasion, they were ready to "stone" him ([Ex. 17:4](#)). How this brings to mind what we read of in [John 8:59](#), [10:31](#)!

31. His Sorrows. Moses felt keenly the base ingratitude of the people. Mark his plaintive plea as recorded in [Numbers 11:11](#), [14](#). So too the Lord Jesus suffered from the reproaches of the people: He was "the Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."

32. His unwearied Love. Though misunderstood, envied, and opposed, nothing could alienate the affections of Moses from his people. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it" ([Song 8:7](#)). Beautifully is this seen in [Exodus 32](#). After Israel repudiated Jehovah and had worshipped the golden calf, after the Lord has disowned them as His people ([Ex. 32:7](#)), Moses supplicates God on their behalf, saying "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin - ; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written" (vv. 31:32). How this reminds us of Him who "having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end" ([John 13:1](#))!

33. His Forgiving spirit. "And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses... Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us?" ([Num. 12:1](#), [2](#)). But he answered not a word. How this pointed to Him who, when He was reviled, reviled not again" ([1 Pet. 2:23](#)). When Miriam was stricken with leprosy because of her revolt against her brother, we are told, " Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee" ([Num. 12:13](#)).

34. His Prayerfulness. An example of this has just been before us, but many other instances are recorded. Moses was, pre-eminently, a man of prayer. At every crisis he

sought unto the Lord: see [Exodus 5:22, 8:12, 9:33, 14:15, 15:25, 17:4](#), etc. Note how often in Luke's Gospel Christ is also presented as a Man of prayer.

35. His Meekness. "Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" ([Num. 12:3](#)) cf. [Matthew 11:29](#).

36. His Faithfulness. "Moses verily was faithful in all his house" ([Heb. 3:5](#)). So Christ is "The faithful and true Witness" ([Rev. 3:14](#)).

37. His providing Israel with water. See [Numbers 20:11](#) and compare [John 4:14, 7:37](#).

38. His Prophetic office. [Deuteronomy 18:18](#) and compare [John 7:16, 8:28](#).

39. His Priestly activities. "Moses and Aaron among His priests" ([Ps. 99:6](#)). Illustrations are found in [Leviticus 8](#): "And Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar... and he took all the fat... and burned it upon the altar" (vv. 15, 16 and see [19:23](#)). So Christ, as Priest, "offered Himself without spot to God" ([Heb. 9:14](#)).

40. His Kingly rule. "Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob. And he was king in Jeshurun" ([Deut. 33:4, 5](#)). So Christ is King in Zion, and will yet be over the Jews ([Luke 1:32, 33](#)).

41. His Judgeship. "Moses sat to judge the people: and they stood by Moses from the morning until the evening" ([Ex. 18:13](#)). Compare [2 Corinthians 5:10](#).

42. His Leadership. Moses was the head and director of God's people, as He said to him, "Lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken" ([Ex. 32:34](#)). So Christ is called, "The Captain of their salvation" ([Heb. 2:10](#)).

43. His Mediation. What a remarkable word was that of Moses to Israel, "I stood between the Lord and you" ([Deut. 5:5](#)): "There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" ([1 Tim. 2:5](#)).

44. His Election. In [Psalm 106:23](#) he is called, "Moses His chosen." So God says of Christ, "Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, Mine elect" ([Isa. 42:1](#)).

45. His Covenant-engagement. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel" ([Ex. 34:27](#)): so Christ is denominated, "The Mediator of a better covenant" ([Heb. 8:6](#)).

46. His sending forth of the Twelve. "These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land" ([Num. 13:16](#) see previous verses). So Christ sent forth twelve apostles ([Matthew 10:5](#)).

47. His Appointing of the Seventy. "And Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people" ([Num. 11:24](#)). So Christ selected seventy ([Luke 10:1](#)).

48. His Wisdom. "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians" ([Acts 7:22](#)). Compare [Colossians 2:3](#).

49. His Might. "And was mighty in words and in deeds" ([Acts 7:22](#)). Behold the antitype of this in [Matthew 11:34](#): "They were astonished, and said, Whence hath this Man this wisdom, and these mighty works?"

50. His Intercession. "And Moses brought their cause before the Lord" ([Num. 27:5](#)). Compare [Hebrews 7:25](#).

51. His Intimate Communion with God. "And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face" ([Ex. 34:10](#)). So, on earth, Christ was "The only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father" ([John 1:18](#)). It is striking to behold in Exodus 31 to 34 how Moses passed and re-passed between Jehovah in the mount and the camp of the congregation: expressive of his equal access to heaven and earth - compare [John 3:13](#).

52. His Knowledge of God. See [Psalm 103:7](#) and cf. [John 5:20](#).

53. His holy Anger. See [Exodus 32:19](#) and cf. [Mark 3:5](#), etc.

54. His Message. He was the mouthpiece of God: "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord" ([Ex. 24:3](#)). Compare [Hebrews 1:2](#).

55. His Commandments. See [Deuteronomy 4:2](#) and cf. [Matthew 28:20](#).

56. His Written Revelation. See [Exodus 31:13](#) and cf. [Revelation 1:1](#).

57. His Fasting. See [Exodus 34:28](#) and cf. [Matthew 4:2](#).

58. His Transfiguration on the mount. See [Exodus 34:29, 35](#) and cf. [Matthew 17:2](#).

59. His Place Outside the Camp. See [Exodus 33:7](#) and cf. [Hebrews 13:13](#).

60. His Arraigning of the responsible head. See [Exodus 32:21](#) and cf. [Revelation 2:12, 13](#).

61. His Praying for Israel's Forgiveness. See [Numbers 14:19](#) and cf. [Luke 23:34](#).

62. His Washing his Brethren with Water. "And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water" ([Lev. 8:6](#)). Who can fail to see in that a foreshadowing of what is recorded in [John 13:5](#): "After that He poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet!"

63. His Prophecies. See [Deuteronomy 28 and 33](#) and cf. [Matthew 24](#) and [Luke 21](#). 64. His Rewarding God's servants. See [Numbers 7:6, 32:33, 40](#) and cf. [Revelation 22:12](#).

65. His perfect Obedience. "Thus did Moses according to all that the Lord commanded, so did he" (Ex. 40:16). What a lovely foreshadowing was this of Him who could say, "I have kept My Father's commandments" (John 16:10)!

66. His erecting the Tabernacle. See Exodus 40:2, and cf. Zechariah 6:12.

67. His Completing of his Work. "So Moses finished the work" (Ex. 40:33). What a blessed prefiguration was this of Him who declared, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do" (John 17:4).

68. His Blessing of the People. "And Moses blessed them" (Ex. 39:43). So too we read in Luke 24:50, "And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them."

69. His Anointing of God's House. "And Moses took the anointing oil (the O. T. emblem of the Holy Spirit), and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein" (Lev. 8:10). Carefully compare Acts 2:1-3, 33.

70. His Unabated Strength. "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deut. 34:7): compare Matthew 27:50, and note the loud voice."

71. His Death was for the benefit of God's people. It went ill with Moses for their sakes" (Ps. 106:32); "But the Lord was wroth with me for your sakes" (Deut. 3:26). What marvelous foreshadowings of the Cross were these!

72. His Appointing of another Comforter. Moses did not leave his people comfortless, but gave them a successor: see Deuteronomy 31:23 and cf. John 14:16, 18.

73. His giving an Inheritance. "The land which Moses gave you on this side of Jordan" (Josh. 1:14): in Christ believers "have obtained an inheritance" (Eph. 1:11).

74. His Death necessary before Israel could enter Canaan. "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to thee" (Josh. 1:2). "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24).

75. **His Second Appearing.** Moses was one of the two Old Testament characters which returned to this earth in New Testament times (Matthew 17:3) - type of Christ's second coming to the earth. Our space is already exhausted so we shall leave it with our readers to search the Scriptures for at least twenty-five other points in which Moses foreshadowed our Lord. The subject is well-nigh exhaustless. And a most blessed subject it is, demonstrating anew the Divine authorship of the Bible. May the Lord bless to many this very imperfect attempt to show that "in the volume of the Book" it is written of Christ.

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Typology of Moses and Jesus

Scriptural types: "A biblical person, thing, action, or event that foreshadows new truths, new actions, or new events. In the Old Testament, Melchizedech and Jonah are types of Jesus Christ. A likeness must exist between the type and the archetype, but the latter is always greater. Both are independent of each other." Catholic Dictionary, John A. Hardon, S.J.

MOSES	JESUS
An evil king/Pharaoh tried to kill him as a baby: Exodus 1:22	King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus: Matthew 2:16
He was hidden from the evil king/Pharaoh: Exodus 2:2	An angel said to hide the child from the evil King Herod: Matthew 2:13
Moses was sent into Egypt to preserve his life: Exodus 2:3-4	Jesus was taken into Egypt to preserve His life: Matthew 2:13-15
He was saved by women: his mother: Exodus 2:3 ; Miriam Exodus 2:4 ; Pharaoh's daughter Exodus 2:5-10	Saved and helped by His mother, Mary: Matthew 2:14
Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses: Exodus 2:10	Joseph adopted Jesus: Matthew 1:25
Moses became a prince of Egypt: Exodus 2:10	Jesus is the Prince of Peace: Isaiah 9:5 ; Matthew 28:18 ; Luke 2:14
Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood	Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood
Moses had a secret identity	Messianic secret = Jesus the Son of God
He tried to save a Hebrew kinsman: Exodus 2:11-12	Jesus came to save His Hebrew kinsman first: Mark 7:26-28
Went from being a prince to a pauper: Exodus 2:15-19	Went from being God to being man: John 1:1-3 ; Mark 6:3
Saved women at a well: Exodus 2:15-19	Saved a woman at a well: John chapter 4

Became a shepherd: Exodus 3:1	He is the Good Shepherd: John 10:11
Moses' mission was to redeem Israel from slavery to Egypt	Jesus' mission is to redeem mankind from slavery to sin
Moses was loved and supported in his ministry by his sister Miriam [in Hebrew, Miryam]	Jesus was loved and supported in his ministry by His mother Mary [in Hebrew, Miryam]
He was often rejected by his own people	Jesus was often rejected by His own people
Moses will give God's law on the mountain of Sinai: Exodus 20:1-31:18 ; 34:1-35	Jesus will give the new law from the Mt. of Beatitudes: Matthew chapter 5
Moses spent 40 days fasting on the mountain: Exodus 24:18 ; 34:28	Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert wilderness: Matthew 4:2
Moses performs signs/ miracles	Jesus performs signs/miracles
Moses offered his life for the salvation of his people after the sin of the Golden Calf: Exodus 32:32-33	Jesus offered His life for the salvation of the world: Isaiah 53:12 ; Romans 5:12 ; 6:10 ; 2 Corinthians 5:15-21 ; Colossians 1:19-20 ; 2:14-15 ; 1 John 1:7 ; 2:2 ; etc.
Moses is the prophet of the Old Covenant Church	Jesus is the prophet, priest, and King of a New and everlasting Covenant = the universal Catholic Church [note catholic means universal]

Like Unto Me: Moses as a Type of Christ

There can be no doubt that Moses is a picture of Jesus Christ. *Deuteronomy 18:15* says, "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, LIKE UNTO ME; unto him ye shall hearken;" (emphasis added). The following is a list of some of the ways in which Moses is a type or picture of Jesus Christ. Although this is not an exhaustive list, it does include 40 different ways in which Moses typifies Christ. This list, then, is designed for the benefit of Bible students to think about the ways in which Moses and Christ are alike.

1. Both were born at a time when Israel was under foreign domination (Moses – Egyptian bondage & Jesus – Roman bondage)
2. Both had rulers that tried to kill them shortly after their births (*Exodus 1:15-22* ; *Matthew 2:16-18*)
3. Both spent time in the wilderness before taking on their callings (*Exodus 3*; *Matthew 4:1-11*)
4. Both dealt with wicked kings (Pharaoh – *Exodus 5-12*; Herod – *Luke 13:31-32*)
5. Both dealt with folks who hardened their hearts (*Exodus 8:15* ; *Mark 6:45-52*)
6. Both dealt with lepers (*Numbers 12:10-15* ; *Matthew 8:1-4*)
7. Both had the world offered to them (*Hebrews 11:24-27* ; *Matthew 4:8-9*)
8. Both were shepherds (*Exodus 3:1* ; *John 10:11*)

9. Both fasted for 40 days (Exodus 34:28
; Luke 4:2
)
10. Both climbed mountains (Exodus 34; Matthew 5:1
)
11. Both were meek (Numbers 12:3
; Matthew 11:29
; Matthew 21:5
)
12. Both were envied (Psalms 106:16
; Matthew 27:18
)
13. Both did some writing (Exodus 34:27
; John 8:6-8
)
14. Both have a connection to the law - Moses, humanly speaking, wrote the law, but Jesus Christ fulfilled the law (Deuteronomy 31:9
; Matthew 5:17
)
15. Both kept the Passover (Exodus 12; Hebrews 11:28
; Luke 22:11
; Matthew 26:17-19
)
16. Both had a connection to innocent blood (Deuteronomy 19:9-10
; Deuteronomy 21:7-9
; Matthew 27:3-4
)
17. Both sang (Exodus 15:1
; Matthew 26:30
)
18. Both had ministries to the nation of Israel (Exodus 3:1-10
; Matthew 15:21-28
)
19. Both did miraculous things (no references needed)
20. Both did miraculous things to/on large bodies of water (Exodus 7:20
; Exodus 14:16
, 27; Matthew 8:23-27
; Mark 6:45-51
)
21. Both fed hungry people in a wilderness (Exodus 16; Mark 8:1-9
)

22. Both provided water for thirsty people (Exodus 15:22-25
; John 4:10
,14)
23. Both spoke of future tribulation (Deuteronomy 4:30-31
; Matthew 24:21-22
)
24. Both spoke of eternal fire (Leviticus 6:12-13
; Matthew 25:40-41
)
25. Both paid tribute (Numbers 31:41
; Matthew 17:24-27
)
26. Both sent out 12 men (Numbers 13; Luke 9:1-6
)
27. Both were called God's servants - "my servant" (Numbers 12:7
; Matthew 12:14-21
)
28. Both were prophets (Deuteronomy 34:10
; John 6:14
)
29. Both were priests (Exodus 40; Hebrews 4:14
)
30. Both were kings (Deuteronomy 33:4-5
; John 18:33-40
)
31. Both were judges (Exodus 18:13
; John 5:24-30
)
32. Both were teachers (Deuteronomy 4:5
; John 18:20
)
33. Both told wicked men to depart (Numbers 16:26
; Matthew 25:41
)
34. Both met together on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew
17:1-9
)
35. Both are connected through the brasen serpent (Numbers 21:4-
9
; John 3:14
)
36. Both had outstretched arms with 2 men beside them, and in
both cases there was a war going on (Exodus 17:8-16
; Matthew 27:38

-). In Moses' case, it was a physical war with Amalek. In Christ's case, it was a spiritual war with the devil (*Isaiah 50:8* in the context of the crucifixion).
37. Both had people weep when they died (*Deuteronomy 34:8* ; *John 20:11*)
38. Both died but did not stay in their burial places (*Deuteronomy 34:5-6* ; Jude 9; *Matthew 17:1-9* ; Matthew 28)
39. Both were the subject of controversies concerning their dead bodies (Jude 9; *Matthew 28:11-15*)
40. Both had important "dignitaries" interested in their dead bodies (Michael & the devil – Jude 9; the Pharisees, the Roman soldiers, and Pilate – *Matthew 27:62-65* ; *Mark 15:43-45*)

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Types of Jesus: Jesus in the Life of...

Moses - The Deliverer

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For the Jew there is probably no one greater than Moses, their great deliverer, who, through a series of great miracles, led the Israelites out of Egypt. Yet as famous as Moses was, and is, nothing can compare to the one of whom Moses was but a type - Jesus Christ. To the Jewish mind, scriptures and events such as the exodus out of Egypt were interpreted

through an approach called 'Midrash'. The main theme to this type of interpretation is that key prophecies and events are repeated over and over throughout history until they find their final fulfilment. For example, the exodus out of Egypt is quoted in the New Testament as a type of Jesus coming out of Egypt (see **Matt 2:15** in connection to **Hosea 11:1**). It is also seen as a type of the Christian coming out of Egypt (the world) in 1 Cor 10. And this event will have its final fulfilment in the deliverance of Israel in the last days, as we shall see in this study. But let's not jump the gun just yet! Because the life of Moses is rich in its application and types of the Lord Jesus, this study will be in two parts. This part simply looks at types in the person of Moses up until the exodus and gives an overview of God's dealings with the world and Israel. Part two will cover the major types of Jesus in the deliverance out of Egypt, examining what these types teach us for our Christian lives. This first part also gives us a glimpse into the overall plan of God in his dealings with both the Jewish and Gentile nations. - Something quite useful in this crazy age in which we live... an age that is drawing closer and closer to the return of Jesus Christ!

Born into an oppressed race under a cruel leader

Exodus 1:15,16 'The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah 'When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.'

Moses was born into an oppressed people. The Israelites struggled greatly at the time under Egypt's rule. We see from this verse that all Hebrew boys born were to be killed. This gives a small picture of the conditions that Jesus was born into. Instead of Egyptian rule, Jesus was born into a Jewish nation under the rule of the Roman Empire. And like Moses' birth, Jesus faced the same fate.

Matt 2:16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

The commoner was actually a Prince!

Exodus 2:10 'When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.' '

Acts 7:21-22 'When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. '

Even though Moses was born into a poor and oppressed race, he became a prince, being heir to Egypt's very throne. This speaks of Jesus in that although He came to this earth and became a man, He too was the Prince and Heir of the entire world. The book of Hebrews tells us that God has...

Heb 1:2 '...spoken to us by his Son, whom he **appointed heir of all things**, and through whom he made the universe. '

He lay down his position on the throne

Heb 11:24 'By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter . **He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God...**'

Seeing the oppression of his own people, Moses gave up his position and honour on the Egyptian throne to associate himself with his Hebrew brothers. And no great rewards for seeing how Jesus did this for us! Philippians clearly bring this out about Jesus, stating

Phil 2:6-8 'Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! '

Now that is amazing! Like Moses, Jesus wanted to deliver His people and that meant being like them. For Moses, this meant giving up the Egyptian throne and all the power, wealth and authority that went with it. Yet as great as this commitment was, Jesus went much further! Jesus' love for us led Him to give up His position over the throne of the entire universe and was made a man. And through that act, He will always, for the rest of eternity, be the God-Man - 100% God, yet 100% man. A great mystery indeed!

The Deliverer is rejected by his people! (See also **Ex 2:11-14**)

Acts 7:23-27 'When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. **Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them , but they did not.** The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?' But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ' **Who made you ruler and judge over us?**'

Unbelievable! Having taken the great step in laying aside the Egyptian throne and associating himself with his own people, you would think that the Israelites would welcome him and allow him to be their deliverer, would you not? Nope! Their only comment was 'who made you a ruler and judge over us?' Of course, this rejection is only a small picture of the one who came to deliver Israel 1500 years later. Their reaction to Jesus then was far worse.

Matt 12:24 'But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, ' **It is only by Beelzebub**, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.' '

Matt 27:22 'What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?' Pilate asked. **They all answered, 'Crucify him!'**

Listen to Jesus' heart for Israel even though they rejected him.

Matt 23:37 'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.'

It is also important to see that as a nation, the rejection of Jesus by Israel occurred long before the cross. The book of Matthew was written primarily to the Jews of his day, and as such, it presents Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. From this book we can clearly see the rejection of Jesus, and it's results, in Matthew chapters 12 and 13. Here is a footnote if you want to know more. **[1]**

The Deliverer takes a gentile bride!

Ex 2:15,16,21 'But Moses...went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.... Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters...Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.'

Upon his rejection by his fellow Israelites, Moses left Israel, went to a gentile land, and took for himself a bride. Upon His rejection by His fellow Israelites, Jesus turned to the gentile nations and took, and is taking, for himself a bride. Now it would be wrong to say that the bride of Christ is only gentile, for there are many Jewish believers in Christ. But on the whole, in the age in which we live, the nation of Israel has been hardened and the church is predominantly gentile, just as it is written -

Rom 11:25 'I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.'

The disciples struggled to understand this. All they had been taught was that when the Messiah came, He would rule and reign in His Kingdom, from Jerusalem, and all of Israel's enemies would be defeated! **[2]**

Israel's bondage increases!

Exodus 2:23 'Now it happened in the course of many days that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of **Israel groaned because of the bondage**, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.'

What is the next thing that happens? Moses has been living with his gentile bride for 'many days' and near the end of this time, the bondage that comes upon the nation of Israel is so great that they cry out to God for His help. In the overall view that exodus gives us of the plan of God, it is in this verse that we move into the picture of our present day events. Like Moses, Jesus has been away taking a bride from among the gentile nations, and has been away from the nation of Israel (apart from the remnant) for 'many days'. In the very day in which we live however, we see tremendous pressure, oppression, and bondage coming

upon Israel as a nation. **[3]** But it is not in vain. God, like He did in the days of the exodus, has allowed this oppression to continue so that the hearts of the people would cry out to Him and look for His salvation! **[4]** And just as Egypt is a picture of the world, so, in the fulfilling of these events in our day, the pressure is beginning to increase on Israel from all sectors of the world.

God remembers Israel and the Deliverer is sent!

Exodus 2:24-25 So God heard their groaning, and **God remembered His covenant with Abraham**, with Isaac, and with Jacob. **And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them.'**

Exodus 3:7-10 'And the Lord said, ' **I have surely seen the affliction of My people** who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.' So I have **come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians** , and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey... I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them. 'Therefore, come now, **and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.'**

Here, in the course of our study, we move from the present and into the future. But not too far into the future! We read here that Israel, in great bondage, cry out to God to deliver them. And God remembered His covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! What an amazing picture this is! For we know that when the full number of the gentiles has come into the church, then the God of Israel will once again turn to that people, and, in remembering His covenant to Abraham, He will deliver them!

Rom 11:26-28, '**...and thus all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, 'The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.' 'And this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.' From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, **but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.'**

God's covenant with Abraham was unconditional and eternal. (**Gen 12:1-3, 15:4-19**) That's why we read above that Israel is loved 'for the sake of the fathers.' As a nation they don't deserve God's deliverance. But then none of us do! It is simply the faithfulness of a Holy God that will do these things to show himself to be true. (Read **Ezek 36:16-37**) Let us not think that Israel's deliverance comes easily however. It was through bondage and hardship that caused Israel to cry out for deliverance from Egypt. And so it is, in these end times, that Israel is not delivered until they have passed through the 'day of Jacob's trouble'. (Please read Jeremiah chapter 30). But like Moses getting the call to turn back to Israel again, so shall Jesus be sent to her again and she will be saved!

Judgement is pronounced upon Egypt!

Exodus 7:2-5 'You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, **and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, he will not listen to you** . Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and **with mighty acts of judgment** I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. **And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt** and bring the Israelites out of it.'

God had remembered his covenant with Abraham and was about to deliver Israel through His deliver, Moses. But first, the judgement had to come so that all of Egypt would know that the God of Israel is the true God - the Lord God Almighty, In issuing the judgements upon Egypt, Moses stands again as a type of Jesus Christ who alone is worthy to break the seals of judgement in the last days. (**Rev 5:6-9**)

The judgements that were poured out upon Egypt **[5]** are a type of the catastrophic judgements that are poured out upon the earth in the last days. These judgements in the 'day of the Lord' are made upon a wicked, stubborn and proud world of which Pharaoh and Egypt are a type. Most of the ten plagues upon Egypt are repeated in the book of Revelation.

1st Plague - Nile turned to blood (**Ex 7:14-24** compare with **Rev 8:8, 16:4**)

5th Plague - Disease (**Ex 9:1-7** compare with the pestilence in **Rev 6:8**)

6th Plague - Boils (**Ex 9:8-12** compare with **Rev 16:2,11**)

7th Plague - Hail (**Ex 9:13-35** compare with **Rev 8:7, 16:21**)

9th Plague - Darkness (**Ex 10:21-29** compare with **Rev 8:12, 16:10**)

10th Plague - Death (**Ex 11:1-12** compare with **Rev 6:8, 9:15**)

Just as God made His name known to Egypt through these judgements, so will He make His name known to the world through the judgements that are to come. Ezekiel 38 and 39 speak of a war against Israel that is still to come in these end times (most believe it to be a Russian attack on Israel), but listen to what God says about His judgement of the nations that attack Israel.

Ezek 38:22-23 'I will execute judgment upon him with plague and bloodshed ; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. **And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD .** '

What God did to rescue Israel from Egypt will be repeated soon. But tell me... did the judgements upon Egypt and its Pharaoh cause them to glorify God and let Israel go free? Nope! Not in the long run, even though they consented temporarily. And neither will it cause the majority of the world to glorify God in the last days.

Rev 16:9-11 'The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat **and they cursed the name of God**, who had control over these plagues, **but they refused to repent and**

glorify him... and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, **but they refused to repent of what they had done.**

And nor, for that matter, will it stop the world from coming against Israel with all its might just as Egypt would not be stopped from trying to destroy Israel in the book of Exodus.

A hardened heart is hardened further some more!

Exodus 7:10-13 'So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.'

Exodus 8:13,30-32 'But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.'... Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the LORD, and the LORD did what Moses asked: The flies left Pharaoh and his officials and his people; not a fly remained. But this time also Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let the people go.

Exodus 9:12 'But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses.'

Sorry for repeating the same thing over and over but if you haven't guessed, I'm trying to make a point! Over and over again we read that Pharaoh hardened his heart. Even in the midst of miraculous signs that God was doing through Moses and Aaron. Finally we read that 'the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart.' The point? This speaks of the end time judgement, where God, faced with a world that repeatedly hardens it heart against Him, finally gives them over to the wickedness they so desire. We read about this act in 2 Thessalonians.

2 Thess 2:9-12 'The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. **They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved** . For this reason **God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.'

Through judgement, Israel is delivered.

Exodus 14:8-14 'The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly . **The Egyptians - all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops - pursued the Israelites and overtook them** as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. **They were terrified and cried out to the LORD...** Moses answered the people, ' **Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you**

today . The Egyptians you see today you will never see again . **The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.** ' '

We come now to the climax of the matter. Israel has reached the red sea and has nowhere to go. The Egyptian armies have reached them and it's not looking good. Yet, in their terror they cry out to the Lord. Listen to Moses' response - 'stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord. The Lord will fight for you.' Those words will one day ring true again in an even more amazing way. Like Egypt, the world will one day harden its heart to the extent that even terrifying judgements from the throne of God will not stop it amassing its troops to destroy Israel. The attitude of the world will be like what is seen in **Revelation 16:8-10**

'And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with fierce heat; **and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory.** And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, **and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds** . '

Hardening their hearts like Egypt of old, the nations of the world will gather themselves to destroy Israel. It's called the battle of Armageddon. And as in this passage, with their backs to the wall and nowhere to go, Israel will again cry out to the Lord, and the Lord will come and literally fight for them. This is seen in Zechariah and many other passages.

Zech 14:2-3 ' **I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it** ; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city . **Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations** , as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west.'

How awesome! Jesus said that in this coming, every eye will see Him, and as lightening lights up the sky from east to west, so will His coming be! Did Egypt stand a chance once God fought for Israel at the Red sea? Not likely. Neither will the world when faced with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The victory song of Moses is sung!

Exodus 15:1-3 ' **Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD** : 'I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. **The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation** . He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.'

Finally, with their enemies defeated, Moses and the Israelites sang this song of praise to the Lord. And this song will be sung again, after another great victory in the last days. As if to

show us that the victory over Egypt would be fulfilled again, we read in Revelation about those who sing the song of Moses.

Revelation 15:2-3 'And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. **They held harps given them by God and sang the song of Moses** the servant of God and the song of the Lamb.'

Conclusion

Just to quickly recap... As Israel initially rejected Moses, so the nation of Israel rejected Jesus. Leaving Israel, Moses turned to the gentiles and took for himself a gentile bride. But just as Moses was called back to again deliver Israel, so God will not forget His chosen people but will send Jesus to deliver His people once again. The bondage and judgement that Israel had to pass through however speaks of the terrible times that will come for that nation before they are finally delivered. God has a plan and nothing will stand in the way of its completion.

Right now we stand at the end of one dispensation and the resumption of another. For the Christian, It is awesome and exciting times in which to live! The church will not face the wrath of God that is coming (1 Thes 1:10, 5:9), but our hope is in the near return of Jesus Christ. He has been preparing a home for us in Heaven and it will not be long before the rapture occurs to take us to that home. For however long we remain on this earth, let us look more and more to the one who controls all things, and...

'...deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.'

[1] ↻ According to Jewish scholar Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Jewish tradition held that when the Messiah came, He would do three key signs to prove the validity of His claim. Firstly, He would raise to life someone who had been dead for more than three days. Secondly, He would cleanse lepers. And lastly, He would heal someone blind and dumb. In **Matt 12:22**, Jesus performed this last sign to which the crowds were amazed and said 'could this be the Son of David?' In other words, 'this really could be the Messiah!' This was a pivotal moment! But instead of accepting Him, they allowed the Pharisees to answer for them, who said that Jesus did these things by the power of Beelzebub. (vs 24). Note the grave consequences that occurred after this...

1. Jesus said that to say such things was blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, which could not be forgiven. (vs 31,32).
2. With His rejection, Jesus starts alluding to His death on the cross for the first time in this book. (vs 38-40)
3. Jesus and John the Baptist had 'swept the house of Israel clean' yet by not accepting Him as their Messiah, Israel's end result would now be far worse than what they were at the beginning. (vs 43-45)
4. Jesus ties with natural Israel seem to be broken as indicated in verse 46-50.
5. Jesus now begins speaking in parables so that those who have rejected Him will not understand, but those who have ears to hear will. Note that even the disciples didn't understand why he now spoke in parables. (**Matt 13:10-15**)

[2] ↻ It was this thought that led to Peter rebuking Jesus when He spoke of the cross! (**Matt 16:21-23**). It was also why Peter was willing to take up his sword to protect Jesus. (**John 19:10-11**). And even after the resurrection, when Jesus had spoke to the disciples for forty days about the kingdom of God, look at what their only real question is! (**Acts 1:3-7**) When you read the Old Testament, it is quite understandable why they thought this way. The church age is a 'mystery', something not revealed in the Old Testament. Therefore, when the prophets spoke, they drew no distinction between the first and second coming of Jesus, but made it sound like it was all one event. For two examples see **Isaiah 61:1-3** (especially in regard to how much Jesus said was fulfilled at His first coming in **Luke 4:18-19**) and **Zech 9:9-10**

[3] ↻ I write this shortly after the horrific terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. When the US-led coalition 'against terrorism' first began to form, I was hoping that the world would now understand a little more of what it is like for Israel to live in the backyard of these Islamic nations who live for their destruction. I thought leaders might be more sympathetic of Israel's cause and their daily fight against terrorism. But no! More and more I hear Israel being blamed for the event because of their struggle with the Palestinians. Israel isn't even allowed to join the coalition in fear it would unite the Arab nations against them. Ariel Sharon, the Prime Minister of Israel recently said that they feel 'more and more isolated from the world.' Ramon Bennett in his book 'The Wall' said 'the nation of Israel has replaced the wandering Jew as the scapegoat of the world.' How true. God has blessed the United States in the past for its support of Israel and the US would be wise to continue this. But it has been prophesied that in the end, every nation shall come against her, and as I listen to the news I can't help but think that even the US will desert her soon. Her bondage is nearing breaking point!

[4]  At the moment, the majority of Jews in Israel aren't religious, and large percentages don't even believe there is a God. But the pressure applied in these days, and in the days to come, will force them to look not to their military strength, or their renowned intelligence, but to the God who called them from the beginning to be a special people before Him!

[5]  Israel wasn't totally exempt from the judgements either. They were affected by the first three, but not by the last seven. So at the end of the age, God will also judge Israel to bring them back to Himself, but He will ultimately deliver them!

Moses, a Type of Christ

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This is that Moses, which said to the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up to you of your brothers...

How emphatic is the expression! "This is that Moses!" You have a similar expression where the object was to set a special mark on a guilty individual. "This is that king Ahaz." In our text the object is to fix attention on the fact that the Moses who had brought Israel out of Egypt, was the very same who had predicted the coming of a greater prophet. Even this Moses for whom, in their blind attachment, they were about to reject the Messiah, had told them of the Christ. In the whole line of prophets there was not one who could be regarded as closely resembling Moses. In tracing the correspondence here alleged let us consider Moses —

I. AS A LEADER AND LAWGIVER.

1. The condition of the Jews in Egypt depicted that of the whole human race given up for their sins to be the captives of Satan. And it could hardly fail to follow that, if our natural condition were thus imaged, some resemblance might be traced between the deliverers. Both Moses and Christ proved their commission by miracles. They both came to an enslaved race, and claimed authority to set free prisoners; and, when proof of their authority was demanded, they both wrought wonders which were beyond human power. There was much the same kind of opposition ranged against the one and the other — the magicians contending with Moses, and evil spirits with Christ. And the deliverance effected by the two was singularly alike. Moses broke off the yoke from the neck of a captive people, and Christ from the neck of the whole human race. But when Moses had made a passage for Israel out of Egypt the former tyrant pursued the freed tribes and sought to regain the ascendancy he had lost. And though Christ has redeemed us from the power of Satan, who knows not that evil spirits, eager to regain their former dominion, pursue those that follow the Captain of salvation? When Moses led Israel out of Egypt he did indeed tell them of a goodly land, but he did not at once put them into

possession; but conducted them into a dreary wilderness, where they were exposed to continued trials. And we also hear of a beautiful Canaan, reserved for the followers of the Redeemer, but there is no immediate entrance; a wild desert has to be traversed, set thick with snares and peopled with enemies, and it is only through much tribulation that we can take possession of our heritage.

2. As a lawgiver Moses bore striking resemblance to Christ. It was a main part of his office to restore amongst the Jews the decayed knowledge of Jehovah, to re-institute a pure worship, and to establish laws which might mark them off as a peculiar people. But was not the condition of our race similar to that of Israel? There scarce remained any trace of truth in the popular theology; the whole Gentile race was given up to idolatry, and Christ had to instruct this world in the very first elements of spiritual truth. Moses led the children of Israel through the waters of the Red Sea, and then formed them into a church, with means and ordinances for producing and preserving acquaintance with God, obedience to His will, and hope in His promises. And Christ now conducts men through the waters of baptism into fellowship with His mystical body, that they may be taught in duty and trained for immortality. Moses restores the altars of God, delivers laws, institutes sacrifices; and Christ erects a visible Church, with ordinances and sacraments, that those who are in error may be taught, and those who know the truth may be confirmed.

II. MOSES AS A MEDIATOR. The Israelites were assembled round Sinai to receive the commandments and the law of their God. There was nothing of the sublime and the terrible which did not attend the publication of the law. Appalled by what they saw and heard, the rulers of Israel said to Moses, "Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say, and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee"; and as soon as this petition was offered, God said to Moses, "They have well said all that they have spoken"; thus signifying His approval of the consciousness that fallen creatures cannot approach Him except through an intercessor, and in [Deuteronomy 18](#), the prediction of the text is there made to follow immediately on these words of approval. As much as to say, "They have asked a mediator, and a Mediator will I give them, in the fulness of time, who shall resemble thee in standing, as thou now dost, between God and man." And is it not a resemblance most accurate? — for is it not the law by whose terrors we, as well as the Israelites, are affrighted? and was it not to shield us from the law — condemning every human being to everlasting death — that Christ Jesus arose, a Mediator between God and ourselves? In cases of conversion, there is ordinarily enacted much of that scene which is described as occurring when the Israelites stood around Sinai. The Spirit when He handles the moral law makes a man perceive that there has been no moment of his life in which he has not infringed its commands, and that there is no infraction so slight but it entails punishment. Then, for the first time in his life, a man knows rightly the awfulness of God; and then will he exclaim, with the Israelites at the foot of Sinai, "This great fire will consume me: if I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, then shall I die." Such a man will at once feel that he cannot stand in his own strength and his own merit face to face with his Maker. Therefore he has no alternative but that of leaving himself to be crushed beneath the weight of indignation, unless, indeed, he can find some being mighty enough and pure enough to rise up as an intercessor, and plead his cause with the Eternal One. Who will deny, then, that in respect of the mediatorial office, the prophecy quoted by Stephen had its fulfilment in Christ?

III. IN THE PARTICULARS OF HIS LIFE. Moses was wonderfully preserved when the male

children of the Hebrews were destroyed; and thus also was Christ preserved when Herod slew all the children in Bethlehem. Moses fled from his country, and then there came a message, "Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life"; Christ fled, in like manner, and then there came a message in almost the same words. Moses contended with the magicians, and forced them to acknowledge his power — Christ contended with evil spirits, and obtained from them a similar confession. Immediately before emancipating Israel, Moses instituted the passover — immediately before redeeming mankind, Christ instituted the Lord's Supper. When Moses had to appoint elders, he appointed seventy — when Christ chose disciples, He chose seventy. Into the land that was to be conquered Moses sent twelve men as spies — when the world was to be subdued, Christ sent twelve men as apostles. How did Moses overcome Amalek? By extending both arms, and keeping them stretched out. How did Christ subdue all our enemies? By suffering that His hands should be nailed to the cross. As a prophet, it was specially of the desolations which should overtake the disobedient Jews that Moses made mention; and, as a prophet, it was of the destruction of Jerusalem that Christ chiefly spoke. Moses had to deal with a perverse generation, who were not to be won over to the obeying God, and who, consequently, with the exception of two, all perished in the wilderness. And was not Christ sent to an obdurate people, and who, therefore, within about the same space of forty years, were almost all consumed by the anger of the Lord? Moses had to endure injurious treatment from his own family — his brother Aaron and his sister Miriam rebelled against him; and we are told of Christ, "Neither did His brethren believe on Him." Moses fed the people miraculously in the wilderness; Christ fed thousands miraculously in the desert. And in lifting up the brazen serpent, did not Moses typify Christ? In making a covenant by blood between God and his people, did he not again represent the Saviour, who, by His own blood hath "brought nigh those who were sometime afar off"? It was not until Moses was dead that the people could enter the Promised Land; it was only by the death of Christ that the kingdom of heaven was opened to all believers. It was, in one sense, for the iniquities of the people, that Moses died. "The Lord was angry with me for your sakes." In the fulness of his strength, when "his eye was not dim nor his natural force abated," did Moses go up to die; and when Christ was yet in the flower of His age did not He go up to the summit of Calvary? Before he went up to die Moses comforted the disconsolate tribes with an assurance that God would raise them up another Prophet; before Christ went up to die He said to His desponding disciples, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter." Moses was buried, but no one knew where his body lay; Christ was buried, and yet was His body in vain sought for by the Jews. Surely, if ever there was a wonderful resemblance, it is that which we thus trace in minute particulars, between Moses and Christ.

(H. Melvill, B. D.)

Moses - A Type of Christ

MOSES	CHARACTERISTIC OR ATTRIBUTE	CHRIST
Exodus 2:2-10	Both were preserved from perils of infancy	Matthew 2:14-15
Exodus 7:11	Both were tempted but had mastery over evil	Matthew 4:1-11
Exodus 34:28	Both knew what it was to fast forty days	Matthew 4:2
Exodus 14:21	Both had the power to control the sea	Matthew 8:26
Exodus 16:26	Both fed a multitude	Matthew 14:20-21
Deuteronomy 8:3	Both spoke of manna	John 6:31
Exodus 24:35	Both had a radiant face	Matthew 17:2
Exodus 15:24	Both endured murmurings	Mark 7:2
Numbers 12:1	Both were discredited at home	John 7:5
Exodus 32:32	Both were mighty intercessors	John 17
Deuteronomy 18:18	Both spoke as the oracles of God	John 7:46
Numbers 11:16-17	Both had seventy helpers	Luke 10:1
Exodus 12:14	Both established memorials	Luke 22:19
Matthew 17:3	Both reappeared after death	Acts 1:3
Matthew 17:1-5	Both were present at the transfiguration	Matthew 17:1-5
Deuteronomy 18:15		Acts 7:37
"The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear."		"This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'"

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In what ways was Moses like Jesus?

In one of Moses' final speeches, he gave this messianic prophecy: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him" ([Deuteronomy 18:15](#)). The prophet whom [Moses](#) foretells bears these qualities: He will be raised up by God, He will come from among the Israelites, He will be like Moses, and He will be worthy of being heard and obeyed. The prophet who fulfills these words is Jesus Christ, the prophet like Moses.

On the banks of the Jordan River, the Jews questioned [John the Baptist](#) about who he was and why he was baptizing. Their question "Are you the Prophet?" ([John 1:21](#)) shows that they were looking for the fulfillment of Moses' prophecy. John plainly informed them that he was not the Prophet but pointed them to the One who was: "Among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie" (verses 26–27). John's description of the Messiah as one "among you" recalls Moses' prediction that God would raise up the Prophet "from among you" in [Deuteronomy 18:15](#). The very next day, John specifically identifies Jesus as the One they were waiting for ([John 1:29–31](#)).

In his sermon at the temple, Peter affirms that Jesus is the prophet like Moses ([Acts 3:22](#), quoting [Deuteronomy 18:15](#)). Stephen, addressing the Sanhedrin in [Acts 7:37](#), also quotes Moses and applies the prophecy to Jesus Christ.

Jesus is like Moses in several ways. Moses was both a prophet and a lawgiver, and Jesus is, too. Jesus was widely recognized as a prophet who spoke the Word of God ([Matthew 21:46](#)), and He gave commandments for His followers to obey ([John 13:34](#); [15:12](#), [17](#); [Galatians 6:2](#)). Both Moses and Jesus mediated a covenant between God and men—Moses the [Old Covenant](#) ([Exodus 34:27](#); [Acts 7:44](#)), and Jesus the [New](#) ([Luke 22:20](#); [Hebrews 9:15](#)). Both Moses and Jesus were born during perilous times, and both narrowly escaped a king bent on murdering babies ([Exodus 1:22](#) and [Matthew 2:16–18](#)). Both Moses and Jesus had a connection to Egypt ([Exodus 2:1–4](#) and [Matthew 2:13–14](#)). Moses was the (adopted) son of a king ([Exodus 2:10](#)), and Jesus is the Son of the Most High ([Luke 1:32](#)). Moses spent forty years as a shepherd ([Exodus 3:1](#)), and Jesus is the [Good Shepherd](#) ([John 10:11](#), [14](#)). Both Moses and Jesus were known for their meekness ([Numbers 12:3](#) and [Matthew 11:29](#)).

Moses and Jesus were alike in that they both led God's people out of captivity. With [great power](#), Moses led the Israelites out of physical bondage and slavery in Egypt, and Jesus, with even greater power, led God's elect out of spiritual bondage and slavery

to sin. Moses stood before Pharaoh and said, "Let my people go" ([Exodus 5:1](#)). Jesus came "to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and . . . to set the oppressed free" ([Luke 4:18](#)). "In Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death" ([Romans 8:2](#)).

Moses was also like Jesus in that he performed miracles—not all prophets did. Several of the miracles of Moses bear a resemblance to Jesus' miracles, most notably the provision of [bread in the wilderness](#) ([Exodus 16:35](#)), which is comparable to Jesus' [feeding of the 5,000](#) ([John 6:1–13](#)). In fact, after Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, the people's thoughts ran immediately to Moses' prophecy: "After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world'" ([John 6:14](#)).

Another way that Moses was like Jesus is that he held intimate conversations with God: "The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend" ([Exodus 33:11](#)). Jesus also had a special relationship to God: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son" ([Matthew 11:27](#)); "The Father knows me and I know the Father" ([John 10:15](#)). When Moses stood in God's presence, his face shone with a heavenly glory and had to be covered with a veil ([Exodus 34:29–35](#)), and this reminds us of Jesus' transfiguration, when "His face shone like the sun" ([Matthew 17:2](#)).

Another important way that Moses was like Jesus is that he constantly interceded for his people. When the Israelites sinned, Moses was always standing by, ready to petition God on their behalf and plead for their forgiveness. After the blatant idolatry at the foot of Mt. Sinai involving the [golden calf](#), Moses interceded twice for the people ([Exodus 32:11–13, 30–32](#)), and his intercession was needed at other times, too (e.g., [Numbers 11:2; 12:13; 21:7](#)). Moses' intercession was temporary, but our Lord's is everlasting. "If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One" ([1 John 2:1](#)). Jesus is right now "at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" ([Romans 8:34](#)). Jesus "always lives to intercede" for us ([Hebrews 7:25](#)).

Not only was Moses an intercessor for God's people but, like Jesus, he was willing to die for them. In [Exodus 32:32](#), Moses offers his life in exchange for sinners. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus said ([John 15:13](#)), and Jesus proved His love when He "laid down his life for us" ([1 John 3:16](#); cf. [John 10:15](#)).

“Awesome, Average & Abstract Types”

John 5:39

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INTRO: VIDEO - *Come To The Table*

- That song is a **PERFECT introduction** for today
 - **Brings** the **Messiah’s miraculous message...**
 - **Builds** on the **mission of repentance**; while...
 - Hoping to help heighten BOTH... your:
 - Holy Confidence **in** God’s Word
 - Hunger & curiosity **for** God’s Word
 - **Breaking** all the **marketing rules...**
 - *Appeal... Attract... Affirm...*
 - *We appeal, attract & affirm with T&L!*

CONTEXT: *Gospel Gardening: Roots, Fruits & Boots*

- Better **understanding Christ, Christianity & Church**
- This is the intent of God’s Word... cover to cover!
- Here’s where we’ve been so far...

a. *Gospel Gardening Is Acts 1:8 In Action*

Proverbs 29:18 (and Acts 1:8)

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but, blessed are those who keep the law.

b. *Jesus Is the Bible's A.M.E.N.*

Luke 24:27

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He/Jesus explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

c. *According To the Scriptures*

1 Corinthians 15:3

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,*

d. *Some Things Never Change*

1 Corinthians 10:11

Now these things happened to them as an example/type, and they were written for our instruction...

e. *Colossal Gospel Patterns*

John 15:2

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

- Faith & Fruit
- Covenant & Consequences
- Fear & Family

Today:

Awesome, Average & Abstract Types

John 5:39

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness/testify about Me,***

BIG IDEA: God's Word, will, & ways, in **EVERY part & pattern,** are designed to make disciples who **EXALT Christ & EXHORT the Church.**

PREVIEW:

- The **AWESOME** Type
- The **AVERAGE** Type
- The **ABSTRACT** Type

T/S: So let's jump into this *marketing-mistake* that is a **missional & miraculous message :-)**

(I'm going to invest valuable time & energy into telling many of you what you don't think you need to hear... which is another repeated pattern in the Bible...)

- **Let's start with Noah's Ark & the Flood...**
- **Genesis 6-9** is our context & text...

I. The **AWESOME Ark**

- What comes to mind when you hear Noah's Ark?
 - Children's story... cartoon sketches?
 - Peculiar patterns of animals walking 2X2?
 - A story about a flood...*or a story about faith?*
 - We need to get back to the basics.....

VIDEO: "ABC's of the Bible"

(marketing "mistake" *but* missional message!)

A. Details & Discovery:

- **Righteous man in a rotten world** ([Genesis 6:5](#))
- **Noah's a preacher of God's Word** (2 Peter 2:15)
- Flood is a type of *God's promised wrath/judgment*
 - **The flood is a warning!** (2 Peter 3:4-10)
- **The Ark had very specific specifications:**
 - Like **guidelines** of life & living in the Garden
 - Like the **traveling Tabernacle**... to come
 - Like the **sacrificial system** that followed
 - Like the **two Temples** that were to come
 - Like your life & mine... as living Temples
- **Like the GOSPEL!!!**
 - mMm
 - sin, Savior, sent
 - respond, receive, reproduce
 - ComeAndSeeChristianity.com

- **The Ark is a type of Christ**
 - It is the **safe place to BE-WITH God**
 - It is the **safe place to avoid God's judgment**
 - It is **God's life-saving refuge**
 - It is the **safe place of fellowship with other faithful followers**

- **Noah's family = type of God's family**
 - **To BE in-the-Ark = to BE in-The-Christ!**
 - Ark is **"narrow path for the FEW"** (1 Pt 3:20)
 - Note: the **Ark had only 1 door... one way in!**
 - Noah went in first... **lead-in vs. point-in**
 - Noah's family is the **remnant/type of Church**

- **Only those miraculously brought by God come in**
 - See **John 6:44 & Ephesians 2:1-10**
 - **Sovereign grace & human responsibility**

- **Ark open for 7 days... then Lord closed the door!**
(7:10 vs. 7:16)
 - **Today is the day of salvation...**
 - **He'll come like a thief in the night...**

*If you don't learn the ABC's of Christianity...
you'll likely to fall prey to ear-tickling heresy!*

VIDEO: *“Tony Robbins – Bad Example”*

*Beware the shows & showmen of the church...
who replace the sermons & shepherds of The Christ!*

- JDP

B. Discipleship & Deployment:

- a. Like Noah, we call people to repent & respond
- b. Matthew 3:7.... *“flee from the wrath to come...”*

AWESOME:

1. No more target-marketing/homogeneous unit principle
2. See the LORD's love, mercy & grace in all circumstances
3. Uncompromising commitment to preach truth in love
4. Demonstrate radical obedience to the Word of God
5. Stand-alone if need BE & accept ridiculing-persecution
6. Walk by faith and not by sight – no matter what!
7. Praise God for His seen (and unseen) “2X2 miracles”.
8. Recognize that God's grace involves a lot of hard work
9. Don't listen to the pre-flood mocking...
10. Don't ever forget the post-flood screaming
11. Always BE ready & fluid, stay focused, & work hard
12. Always look up to the Son & remember the rainbow

T/S: Let's transition from the Awesome to the Average...

➤ Genesis ch.22 is our key text...

II. The **AVERAGE** *Abraham*

➤ Abe was a sinner saved by grace thru faith!

Abraham had waited twenty-five years for Isaac (see Genesis 12:3-4 and Genesis 21:5), but he was willing to sacrifice him if that was what the Lord wanted.

This teaches us that we need to look beyond the moment and beyond the situation at hand, regardless of how it may appear, and "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

We need to realize that the Lord will never contradict His Word or His promises.

VIDEO - Jason Gray: "Rise Again"

Hebrews 11:17 says,

"By faith Abraham . . . offered up Isaac."

Romans 4:21 *Abraham... "fully persuaded that, what he [God] had promised, he was able to perform."*

- Abe was a type of the Father...
- Isaac a type of Christ the "beloved" Son
- Both were sons of the promise
- Both were sons of miraculous conception
- Both were willing, trusting, substitutes...
 - Both sacrificed on the same mount: *"the LORD will provide"* (**Gen. 22:14**)
 - Both to carry blessing to the whole world!
 - Both required faith in God's resurrections
 - Both 33 year olds exemplify The Gospel:
 1. *Jesus did "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself"* (**Hebrews 9:26**)

AVERAGE:

1. Don't ever forget the grace of BE-ing chosen & forgiven!
2. Reservation & hesitation to obedience are sinking sins
3. God's grace is greater than any bad record/family tree
4. God knows we are going to stumble (badly) at times
5. God knows we are going to repeat some stumbles...
6. You can't be snatched (or even jump out of) God's hand!
7. His life-giving promises & promise of life are guarantees
8. God is ALWAYS painting fresh portraits of The Gospel
9. You could/should be excited to obey – no matter what!
10. **You have to carry your wood/tree to see the lamb!** JDP
11. All who DO carry their tree WILL see the Lamb!
12. Reverent fear + real faith & righteous fruit = Family

What's your Mount Moriah/Golgotha to climb???

T/S: Genesis 28 is our next text to see Jesus with Jacob

III. The **ABSTRACT** *Allusion*

The Ladder

This Scripture text states that Jacob had a dream. In that dream Jacob saw a "ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold [he saw] the angels of God ascending and descending on it" (Genesis 28:12). This dream is a type. In John 1:51 we see the JESUS: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." These words of Jesus let us know clearly that He is the antitype of the "ladder" that Jacob saw.

In John 12:32 Jesus spoke of His being "lifted up from the earth." John 12:33 tells us this signifies what death Christ should die. So, the "ladder set up on the earth" typifies Christ's death (at the Crucifixion) when He was lifted up above the earth, or "set up" between Heaven and earth. This is a portrayal of how Christ bridged the gap between Heaven and earth.

Through the Crucifixion, Christ bridged the distance between Heaven and earth and made an access whereby God in Heaven and man on earth could be united.

God's House—The Church

Genesis 28:17

He was afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! This is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven."

***** 1Timothy 3:15** says that *"the house of God . . . is the church of the living God."*

Just as Christ's literal body and the work wrought by it bridged the chasm between Heaven and earth, so the church, in his stead, bridges that chasm now. How? First Peter 2:9 says that we are "a royal priesthood." Since we are priests, then we, too, are spiritual bridge builders.

The Angels/Ambassadors of God

In the Genesis account and in John 1:51, the angels of God were shown "ascending and descending."

The text speaks of "angels." The original Hebrew word for angel is malak, which means "a messenger or an ambassador." 2 Corinthians 5:20 says that "we are ambassadors for Christ," and 2 Corinthians 5:18 proclaims that God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

The depiction of "angels ascending and descending" portrays a God-called ministry in the body of Christ, the true church, ascending to Heaven, to God, to get the message at His mouth. Then, descend back to earth to deliver it and to minister to men.

Ezekiel 33:7

As for you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from My mouth, give them a warning from Me.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts.

Note: "ascending and descending" is in the present and continual sense.

VIDEO - "O, O, God Forgive Us"

A true ministry only speaks that which they have been put in trust with.

"The Gate of Heaven" = Genesis 28:17

The Gate/Door is Jesus Christ! (John 10:9).

ABSTRACT:

1. We're blessed to have a God who speaks to His people!
2. We're blessed God wants us to know & BE His love...
3. We're blessed God wants us to know & BE His Ladder!

REVIEW:

- **AWESOME types**
- **AVERAGE types**
- **ABSTRACT types**

Once again we see that God's Word, God's will, & God's ways NEVER change... and they all point to the glory, grace, & gospel of Jesus the Christ!

CLOSE:

All the awesome, average, & abstract truths of God's Word, point us back to the God of the Word... AND... all His awesome, average, & abstract types... which are in place to exalt Christ & exhort the church.

Did you see the COLOSSAL GOSPEL Patterns again?

- Faith & Fruit
- Covenant & Consequence
- Fear & Family

Some things never change! The “colossal gospel” has Christ-centered, consistent patterns that run throughout the Bible, from cover to cover... in the Old and in the New, in the big and in the small...

...in the AWESOME, the AVERAGE, & the ABSTRACT...

Amen & AMEN!

Let's PRAY!

VIDEO - *“Run To The Father”*