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Who was the greatest human leader to ever live. If you took a poll, some might say: Buddha, or Alexander the Great, others would vote for Julius Caesar, still others … Napoleon, Muhammad (the entire Islamic world), Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Franklin D Roosevelt, Winston Churchill. Martin Luther King Jr, Abraham Lincoln. But if you were to ask most religious Jewish people who the greatest leader was, the majority vote would go to Moses. And with good reason. He led over 2 million complaining people through a barren desert for 40 years; Ate the same food every day and put up with bickering, and persecution the whole time. He wrote laws (the Pentateuch) that are the foundation for all systems of law to this day; He fought battles in defense of his people, and acted as judge for the Israelites for 4 decades. And when he was done with his mission, he was not even allowed to enter the promised land.

If you were going to prove that Jesus was predicted in the O.T. as the coming Messiah, how would you prove this to a Jew? Moses prediction of the future "prophet" would be a good place to start

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

The <u>Prediction:</u> Deuteronomy 18:15

"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"

The <u>Expectation:</u>

John 1:21 And they asked him (John the Baptist), What then? Art thou Elias?
And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.
John 1:25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?

The Jews of John's day had erroneously separated or distinguished Christ (Messiah) from "that prophet," when in fact, the two were one and the same.

After Jesus' miracle of feeding 5,000 men with a boy's lunch consisting of 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish and having 12 basketfuls left over, some Jewish men immediately recognized that Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophet they expected due to Moses' prediction:

John 6:14
"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world."

John 7:40
Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

The Fulfillment:

Testified by Peter:
Acts 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Testified by Stephen:
Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Observe the characteristics of this promised "prophet"

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)

Many so-called "prophets" have given themselves this title over the centuries and cults have started as a result. From Muhammed (of Islam) to the Korean Sung Myung Moon (of the Unification church) and from Joseph Rutherford (of the Watch Tower Society) to Jim Jones (of the suicide Guyana cult).

Anyone can advertise themselves as a prophet of God. Beware - Jesus warned of end-time false prophets (Mt. 24:24)

2. **Singular** (One in particular; Not many)

"…A Prophet" (Deut. 18:15b)

Notice: There is only one prophet predicted in particular.

Though many prophets would arise--like Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, David, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.--this prediction details one special and unique prophet.

Some Rabbis held to the view of a succession of prophets that should arise in fulfillment of this prophecy. However, the singular word "navi" (prophet) is never used in a collective sense anywhere in the Bible.

Other Jewish commentators (ex. Rashi, Iben Ezra) thought that this prophet referred to Joshua.

However, Joshua, who would take over for Moses as commander and leader into Canaan land, was not the fulfillment. He is never called a prophet nor did he do the work of a prophet.

Joshua could not be the one described here for a few reasons:

1) He is not called a prophet
2) By the time this prophecy was made Joshua had already been raised up (Num. 27:18-23).

Besides, Deut. 34:10-12, which was most like written in the days of Joshua (and possibly by him), explicitly states that no prophet like Moses had arisen. (Metzger, p. 387)

3) The Scriptures state that no other Old Testament prophet can be compared to Moses (Deut. 34:10-12). Therefore, the prophet like Moses must be someone who in some significant way transcends the line of Old Testament prophets. (Metzger, p. 390)

And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, In all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, And in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses shewed in the sight of all Israel. Deuteronomy 34:10-12

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This requirement would rule out many of the Goyim who throughout history would claim such a privilege.

4. **Similar to Moses** (in many respects)

"Like unto me" (Deut.18:15d)

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a. Both were **<u>called out of Egypt</u>**

Moses: Exodus 12

Acts 7:36 - He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt…

Christ:

Mt. 2:14-15 - When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

b. Both had the **quality of meekness**

Moses:
Nu 12:3 - Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.

Christ:
Mt 11:29 - Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mt 21:5 - Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

c. Both knew God – **"Face to Face"** (Deut. 34:10)

Moses:
Deut. 34:10
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Christ:
John 8:55 - Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

d. Both faced hardship, opposition, & **rejection from their own people**

Moses:
Numbers 16:1-5; 32
Acts 7:39 - To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

Christ:
John 1:11 - He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

e. Both could **predict the future**

Moses:

Num. 16:28-33

Christ:

Matthew 24-25; John 14:3

Jesus predicted:

- The healing of the Centurion's servant (Mt. 8:13)
- Details regarding the future Judgment of God (Mt. 13:38-43)
- His death and resurrection after 3 days (Mt. 12:40; 17:22-23)
- His return in glory (Mt. 16:27)
- The location of a donkey/colt which He would ride on at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Mt. 21:2-3)
- The cursing of a fig tree (Mt. 21:19)
- The destruction of the Temple (Mt. 24:1-2)
- The sign of His second coming in the Olivet Discourse (and other end-time details) (Mt. 24:3ff)
- The betrayal by Judas Iscariot (Mt. 26:23-25)
- The denial of Peter (Mt. 26:34, 75)

f. Both could be considered the **greatest leaders to ever live**

Moses:

Led 2 million people for 40 years

Christ:

Has Led millions of people for over 2,000 years

g. Both had God's **very words on their mouth**

Moses:

Exodus 4:12

Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

Christ:

John 3:34 - For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

John 6:68 - Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Moses further foreshadowed the ministry of Christ in the following instances:

- Both fasted 40 days and nights (Deut. 9:9, 25; Luke 4:2)
- Both confronted and defeated Stan (Exod. 7:11-12; Luke 4:2)
- Both had power over the sea (Exod. 14:21; Mt. 8:26)
- Both fed multitudes of people (Exod. 16:35; Num. 11:31; Mark 6:41-42)
- Both were discredited by their siblings (Num. 12:1; Jn. 7:3-5)
- Both were famous teachers (Deut. 4:5; Mk. 10:1)
- Both were great prophets of God (Deut. 34:10; Lk. 7:16)
- Both foretold many future events (Deut. 28-30; Mt. 24)
- Both were sent to save their own people (Ex. 3:10; Mt. 23:37)
- Both were rejected in their first attempt (Ex. 2:14; Jn. 1:11)
- Both were divinely appointed judges (Ex. 18:13; Jn. 5:22)
- Both were destined to glorious success (Ex. 12-15; Rev. 19:11-16)
- Both had 70 helpers (Num. 11:16-17; Lk. 10:1)
- Both endured the contradiction of sinners (Num. 16:2-3; Heb. 12:3)
- Both endured unjust accusations (Num. 16:12-14; Mt. 9:34)
- Both spoke the Word of God with power (Num. 16:23-32; Lk. 4:32)
- Both encountered bitter envy (Ps. 106:16; Mk. 15:10)
- Both established memorials (Ex. 12:14; Lk. 22:19)
- Both reappeared after death (Mt. 17:3; Acts 1:3)

Jesus and Moses have several more things in common. For example...

They both introduced covenants and initiated new dispensations. Moses, the Old Covenant; Jesus, the New Covenant. *"For the Law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"* (Jn. 1:17).

They also both served as
- Redeemers (Exodus 3:10)
- Mediators (Exodus 20:18-21)
- Intercessors (Exodus 32:7-35)

5. Authoritative

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

The authority of this Prophet was so awesome and worthy of respect and obedience that Peter recognized the absolute destruction that would befall anyone who refused to obey Him (Acts 3:23)

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

He would not be a phantom prophet or merely a mysterious ruler from the sky, but one who would take upon Himself flesh and blood, who could be seen, heard, and touched.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;
(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
1 John 1:1-2 (KJV)

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

Note: In context, the key distinguishing feature of this Prophet would be His ability to make predictions which would come to pass (as opposed to a false prophet, who would make a prediction which would not come to pass).

Jesus was viewed as a prophet by the two disciples on the road to Emmaus:
Luke 24:19
"And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people"

However, Jesus was not a mere prophet (as Islam and other cults teach)
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Note: The most major contrast between Moses and Christ is this. Moses sinned (Numbers 20:11) Christ did not. 1 Peter 2:22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Jesus was "like unto Moses" yet He was superior to Moses!

See: Hebrews 3:1-6

Introduction: (v.1-2)

V. 1

"Wherefore" - The writer of Hebrews now builds on what he previously said.

Having demonstrated why God (in Christ) became a man, he now shows how faithful that God-man was when he came to earth.

He does this by comparing and contrasting Him with Moses.

"Apostle" - The word means "a sent one," an ambassador (not necessarily implying an office of apostle, like the twelve; EX: John the Baptist was called an Apostle, in the sense of a sent one.)

Rather, speaks of the function of an apostle, which is to faithfully carry out a mission; it refers to one who is commissioned as an authentic representative.

Jesus was sent by God the Father to announce to the world God's *"Heavenly calling"* to eternal life (John 17:3 - *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*)

Jesus Christ was sent as God's "last word" to sinful man (Wiersbe, p. 34).

"High Priest" - our mediator; the God-Man who provides the bridge for man to God by His sacrifice at Calvary and His abiding intercessory work for us.

Both words "apostle" and "high priest" refer back to chapter 2 to the incarnation of Christ. As a "sent one," *"He was made a little lower than the angels"* (2:9), and as a "High Priest" He provides reconciliation for us (2:17).

V. 2

"Faithful to Him" - Jesus was perfectly faithful to carry out the will of God the Father who sent Him.

John 4:34 - *"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."*

John 6:38 - *"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."*

Because of the rank in the triune Godhead (I Cor. 11:3), Christ when He came to earth submitted Himself to the Father and fulfilled His plan of salvation.

(God the Father planned our salvation [Eph. 1:4-6]; God the Son performed our salvation [Eph. 1:7-12]; God the Holy Spirit preserves our salvation [Eph. 1:13-14])

Moses, who at the age of 80 led 2 million Jews out of Egypt through the desert of the Sinai peninsula for 40 years, is clearly the greatest human leader to ever live.

Moses was faithful, but not perfectly faithful (EX: the disobedient incident of his striking the Rock rather than speaking to it - Num. 20:1-13)

*** Consider how Jesus Christ is superior to Moses!**

A. Christ is superior to Moses, as a <u>BUILDER</u> is superior to a <u>BUILDING</u> (v.3-4)

V. 3

"Counted worthy" **-** When Christ's glory is weighed with Moses' glory, Christ's infinitely outweighs Moses'.

"Glory" **-** that which <u>shines</u>; that which radiates a glow or brilliance (SEE: II Cor. 3:7ff)

Jesus outshines Moses as the sun outshines the moon, as the cause of light outshines the effect of that light, as the light bulb (source) outshines the room it has lit (effect).

God's glory is <u>not</u> shared with anyone! (Is. 42:8). Yet Jesus shared the same glory as the Father before the world was created (Jn. 17:5).

He who built the <u>universe</u> is Jesus Christ!

> John 1:1-3, 14 - *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth"*
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> Col. 1:16-17 - *"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."*
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> Heb. 1:2 - *"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds"*

He who built the <u>nation of Israel</u> is Jesus Christ!

He gave a son to Abraham named Isaac (Gen. 18:1-14; cp. Jn. 8:56).
He guided the nation as the shekinah glory cloud and pillar of fire (Ex. 13:21)
He provided water for Israel out of a rock (I Cor. 10:4)
He protected and conquered for Israel as the Captain of the Lord's host (Josh. 5:13-15)

He who built the Church is Jesus Christ!

"I will build My church..." (Mt. 16:18)

"Builded" *(kataskeuzao)* - to construct and furnish

"The word expresses more than the mere construction of the house. It includes the supply of all necessary furniture and equipment" (Reinecker, p. 672).

Christ built the world and all things therein (Ps. 24:1).

V. 4

"Every house is builded by some man" - Nothing happens by evolution or chance. Every building on earth has been built by someone. An architect planned it and a carpenter built it.

"He that built all things is God" -
Gen. 1:1 - *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"*

> Heb. 11:3 - *"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*
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> Ps. 33:6-9 - *"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."*

If Jesus is Creator then He must be God, because God had no help in creation (Is. 44:24 - *"Thus saith the LORD, they redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself.")*

Since the Builder is to be honored (valued, esteemed highly) above the Building. . . we should love the Creator more than the Creation; we should worship the Creator and not the creation; we should serve (live for) the Creator rather than the creation.

B. Christ is superior to Moses, as a <u>SON</u> is superior to a <u>SERVANT</u> (v.5-6a)

V. 5

***"His house"* -** God's household, or stewardship, given to Moses to manage: namely, the nation of Israel.

"As a <u>servant</u>" - (not *doulos* or *diakonos*, but *therapon* [akin to "therapeudic"], meaning one who brings aid and help to people as an attendant, a dignified servant, one who voluntarily and willingly serves as an honorable servant.

What type of spiritual aid did Moses bring to his household, Israel? What service did he render?

"For a testimony. . ." - Moses was a witness of One who would come to speak on God's behalf in the future. He testified of Christ!

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

V. 6

"But Christ [implied: "was faithful"] ***was a Son over His own house" -*** While Moses was a servant (attendant), Jesus is a <u>Son</u>.

While a servant of a King <u>works</u> in a house, the Son of a king <u>owns</u> the house and <u>rules</u> the house.

Christ being the "Son" is the rightful heir of all things. All of the Father's property is His by right of inheritance.

Jesus demonstrated the superiority of a Son over a servant by saying: "*And the servant abideth not in the house for ever; but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*" (Jn. 8:35-36)

"Whose house are we" -

Christ's relationship to His people is illustrated in several ways in the New Testament:

--The Body of Christ (Rom. 12; I Cor. 12; Eph. 4:4-16)

--The Bride of Christ (Jn. 3:29; Eph. 5:23-32; Rev. 19:7, 9)

--The Temple of God (I Cor. 3:17, 6:19-20; Eph. 2:21, 22)

--The pillar and ground of the truth (I Tim. 3:15)

--The Building (house) of Christ (I Cor. 3:9-11)

1)The Builder is Christ (Mt. 16:18)

2) The foundation is the Gospel about Christ (I Cor. 3:10-11)

3) The cornerstone is Christ (Eph. 2:20; Acts 4:11)

4) The building stones are believers (I Pet. 2:5)

v.6b
Since Christ is superior to Moses, no one should revert back to the Law of Moses, but continue in the grace of Christ.

A proof that you are Christ's *"house"* is if you don't cave in under pressure, if you "hold fast" (firmly hold onto without letting go).

Compare such perseverance of the saints with 3:12, 14.

That which distinguishes a true Christian from a false one is his divinely-bestowed ability to endure until the end (cp. Mt. 24:13). A true child of God will never become an apostate (I Tim. 4:1; I Jn. 2:19).

"If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed" (Jn. 8:31).

God's righteous ones may and will at times fall, but they get up again! (Prov. 24:16).

God is not teaching us that we keep ourselves saved; what He is teaching is that if we are saved, we will keep on keeping on!

"Confidence" - a bold assurance of truth

"Rejoicing" - a boasting in the hope anchored in Christ (not self)

By comparing Christ to the greatest Jew to ever life, it becomes clearly evident that no one compares to Jesus Christ.

He is above and beyond anyone and anything.

--Should we ever be ashamed of Him? (should we "blush to speak His name"?)

--Shouldn't we be faithful to Him? (we have every reason to keep our full confidence in Him to the end)

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…"

    - Are we serious about the words of Jesus?
    - His words must be know and obeyed (Mt. 7:24-f)
    - His words must be taught (Mt. 28:20)
    - His words to the unsaved must be heeded (John 5:23-24)

- **We should follow His Lead**

  "…and they follow me."

    - Will we allow Him to take the lead in our lives?
    - Is He front and center?
    - Is He at the head of our lives?
    - Is He in the driver's seat?

The Hub: Christ the Center
(2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20)
The key to living a victorious, Spirit-filled Christian life is to keep Jesus Christ as the center and Lord of all we do. Just as the driving force in a wheel comes from the hub, so the power to live the Christian life comes from Jesus Christ.

IGNORING THE WARNINGS

Listen to this description of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster in northern Ukraine:

"There were two electrical engineers in the control room that night, and the best thing that could be said for what they were doing is they were 'playing around' with the machine. They were performing what the Soviets later described as an unauthorized experiment. They were trying to see how long a turbine would 'free wheel' when they took the power off it.

"Now, taking the power off that kind of a nuclear reactor is a difficult, dangerous thing to do, because these reactors are very unstable in their lower ranges. In order to get the reactor down to that kind of power, where they could perform the test they were interested in performing, they had to override manually six separate computer-driven alarm systems.

"One by one the computers would come up and say, 'Stop! Dangerous! Go no further!' And one by one, rather than shutting off the experiment, they shut off the alarms and kept going. You know the results: nuclear fallout that was recorded all around the world, from the largest industrial accident ever to occur in the world."

This city, which formerly had 55,000 people, is now largely abandoned.

The instructions and warnings in Scripture are just as clear. We ignore them at our own peril, and tragically, at the peril of innocent others.

"Thus saith the Lord:

You call me Light and
You see me not.
You call me the Way and
You follow me not.
You call me Truth and
You believe me not.
You call me Just and
You trust me not.
You call me Mighty and
You fear me not.
You call me Salvation and
You honor me not.
You call me Rich and
You ask me not.
You call me Worthy and
You praise me not.
You call me eternal and
You seek me not.
You call me Master and
You obey me not.

When you force me to condemn you,
blame me not.

Jesus is God Almighty!"

Song: "We Will Glorify"

"WE WILL GLORIFY"

We will glorify the King of kings,
We will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
Who is the Great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
We will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness,
We will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe,
All praise to Him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings,
Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
Who is the great I AM.

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