

# MOSES

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A GREAT EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP

# THE GREATNESS OF MOSES

- A. HIS FAITH AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES ARE MOST PROBABLY UNSURPASSED IN HISTORY
  
- B. HE WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MEN WHO EVER LIVED (JER. 15:1)
  
- C. HIS TRUE GREATNESS IS SEEN IN HIS WILLINGNESS TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS (HEB. 3:1-5; MARK 10:42-44)

# 3 BASIC PERIODS OF MOSES LIFE (ACTS 7: 20-36)

1. 40 YEARS IN EGYPT (EX. 2: 1-15)
  - SEEMS LIKELY FROM HIS BIRTH THAT GOD'S HAND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOSES' SAFETY
  - RECEIVED THE FINEST EDUCATION (ACTS 7:22)
  - HAD AVAILABILITY OF THE ROYAL COURT
  - ABLE TO LEARN 1<sup>ST</sup> HAND CHARACTERISTICS OF LEADERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION OF JUSTICE
  - AT END OF THIS PERIOD, MOSES MADE A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO HELP HIS PEOPLE (ACTS 7:23-29)

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## 2. 40 YEARS IN MIDIAN (EX. 2:15-4:17)

- MARRIED AND ACQUIRED A WISE FATHER-IN-LAW, JETHRO

- LEARNED THE LAND THROUGH WHICH HE WAS TO GUIDE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

- DIVINELY CALLED FROM A BURNING BUSH TO LEAD ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT

  - A. RAISED OBJECTIONS

  - B. GOD CONVINCED HIM HE WOULD BE WITH HIM

# 3 BASIC PERIODS OF MOSES LIFE

## 3. 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

- LED ISRAEL OUT OF BONDAGE (EX. 4:18-18:27)
- THROUGH HIM THE LAW WAS DELIVERED TO ISRAEL (EX. 19:1-40:38)
  - a. THEY BECAME A NATION
  - b. THEY WERE RECOGNIZED AS PEOPLE OF GOD
- HE BROUGHT ISRAEL TO THE PROMISED LAND (NUM. 1:1 – DEUT. 34:12)

### 3 BASIC PERIODS OF MOSES LIFE

- A. BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF AT KADESH-BARNEA, THE GENERATION WHO LEFT EGYPT HAD TO DIE OFF IN THE WILDERNESS
- B. HE GUIDED ISRAEL IN THE WILDERNESS WHILE A NEW GENERATION MATURED TO RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISE
- C. HE WAS UNABLE TO LEAD THEM INTO THE LAND BECAUSE OF HIS OWN TRANSGRESSIONS

# CHOICE BY GOD TO CHOOSE MOSES WAS BASED ON HIS FAITH

- A. FAITH IS THE CHIEF QUALITY THAT GOD LOOKS FOR IN A PERSON (HEB. 11:6)
- B. 8 QUALITIES MOSES HAD TO QUALIFY HIM TO LEAD THE PEOPLE OF GOD (HEB. 11:24-29)
  1. INDEPENDENT YET HUMBLE (24)
  2. OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER (25)
  3. NOT GREEDY (26a)
  4. FAR-SIGHTED (26b)
  5. FEARLESS (27a)
  6. HAD STAMINA (27b)
  7. RELIGIOUSLY MINDED (28)
  8. ADVENTUROUS (29)

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- C. HIS EXCUSES DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GREATNESS OF HIS LEADERSHIP WAS NOT DUE TO ANY INNATE GREATNESS IN HIM BUT HIS FAITH IN GOD (STANDING ALONE HE WAS NOT SUCH A GREAT MAN)
- PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE OR UNWORTHINESS (EX. 3:11)
  - UNBELIEF OF THE PEOPLE (EX. 4:1)
  - PERSONAL INABILITY OR INFIRMITY (EX. 4:10)
  - PERSONAL UNWILLINGNESS (EX. 4:13)

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## D. HIS WILLINGNESS TO LEAD WAS COSTLY

- IT COST HIM:

1. SOCIAL POSITION
2. PLEASURE
3. WEALTH
4. DISAPPOINTMENT OF THOSE WHO LOVED HIM

# LESSONS FROM MOSES'S EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP

1. GOD MAY TAKE MANY YEARS TO PREPARE US FOR A TASK
2. EXCUSES ANGER GOD (EX. 4:13,14)
3. GOD IS WITH US WHEN WE DO HIS WORK
4. GREAT VALUE TO PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE
5. UNSELFISHNESS IS A CHIEF TRAIT OF GREATNESS (DEUT. 9:18-20; 27:14)
6. EXTRAORDINARY POWER IN THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER OF A GOOD MAN (EX. 32:9-14)

# LESSONS FROM MOSES' EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP

7. PENALTY FOR DISOBEDIENCE AND LOSS OF TEMPER IS SEVERE (NUM. 20:12; 27:14)
8. MEEKNESS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF LEADERSHIP (NUM. 12:3)

WHAT KIND OF LEADER ARE  
YOU?