

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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A PROPHET LIKE UNTO ME

Deut. 18:15 reads: *“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.”* Centuries later, the apostle Peter made it clear that Jesus was said prophet (**Acts 3:12-26**).

When you read the words of Moses, did you notice that he stated that a prophet would arise who would be like him? Read it again: *“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.”*

Obviously, Jesus would not be like Moses in every respect (a natural birth vs. a miraculous birth, etc). Yet, when you really start to think about it, in some respects, Jesus is indeed a prophet like unto Moses. Consider the following list of similarities below. The items are in no particular order.

- Both Moses and Jesus were preserved in childhood (**Ex. 2:2-10; Matt. 2:14-15**).
- Both Moses and Jesus fed multitudes of people (**Ex. 16:15; Matt. 14:15-21**).
- Both Moses and Jesus fasted for 40 days (**Ex. 34:28; Matt. 4:2**).
- Both Moses and Jesus had a radiant face before their brethren (**Ex. 34:35; Matt. 17:1-2**).
- Both Moses and Jesus had to endure grumbling (**Ex. 15:24; Mk. 7:2**).
- Both Moses and Jesus were discredited by their family members (**Num. 12:1; John 7:5**).
- Both Moses and Jesus had seventy helpers (**Num. 11:16; Lk. 10:1**).
- Both Moses and Jesus reappeared after their deaths (**Matt. 17:3; Acts 1:3**).
- Moses left the treasures of Egypt to serve God (**Heb. 11:24-27**). Christ left the glories of heaven to do the will of the Father (**P1p. 2:5-8; John 6:38**).
- Moses suffered rejection (**Acts 7:22-28, 37-39**). So, too, did Christ suffer rejection (**Mk. 8:31**).
- Both Moses and Jesus worked miracles to confirm their messages (**Ex. 4:29-31; John 5:36**).
- When Moses first brought the Israelites the law, about 3,000 people died (**Ex. 32:15-28**). When the gospel was first preached (in its fullness) to Jews about 3,000 people were brought to life (**Acts 2:14-41**).
- Moses literally married a Gentile woman (**Num. 12:1**). Christ figuratively “married” Gentiles when they became part of the bride of Christ (**Acts 10:1-48; 11:1-18; Rev. 21:9**).
- Both Moses and Christ were willing to go all the way for the people (**Ex. 32:30-32; John 10:17-18**).
- Through Moses, physical Israel received literal bread (**Ex. 16:11-15**). Through Christ, Christians, i.e. spiritual Israel (**Gal. 6:16**), “eat” the bread of life (**John 6:51**).
- Moses, according to the will of God, was to see that the tabernacle was built (**Ex. 25:9ff**). Jesus, according to the divine plan, built the church (**Heb. 13:20; Matt. 16:18; Rev. 13:8; cp. Eph. 1:4 w/ Gal. 1:22**).
- Moses delivered the people from physical slavery (**Ex. 3:1-10**). The obedient are delivered from spiritual bondage because of Christ’s sacrifice (**Matt. 1:21**).
- God, through Moses, and by water, removed the Egyptians from Israel (**Ex. 14:26-31**). Christ’s blood removes man’s sin under the water during baptism (**Col. 2:11-12**).

There are other similarities. Try to dig them out for yourself.