

The Promise of God's Prophet

Acts 7:23-39

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I. Moses got ahead of the LORD. **Acts 7:23-29**

Just like Jesus, Moses could not deliver Israel while he lived in the palaces of _____. He had to come down off the throne to a place of humility before he could save his people.

- Moses was called by the LORD to be a deliverer to his people, but this is a clear case of getting _____ of the LORD.

Moses had his plans, and they made sense from his perspective; but the LORD had other plans, and the people _____ Moses.

II. A long time-out before the calling. **Acts 7:30-34**

Some say the burning bush was a representation of the Cross where Jesus was crowned with thorns, endured the fires of judgment, and yet was not _____.

- **Exodus 3:2** And _____ Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Even though Moses acted hastily, Stephen reminded the council that it was the LORD who _____ and commissioned Moses to go to Egypt and facilitate the release of God's people.

III. The rejection of Moses. **Acts 7:35-36**

Stephen wanted these religious leaders to know that the way they were _____ the message of the Gospel is the same way their forefathers rejected God's prophet Moses earlier in history.

- Despite the rejection, God's love and desire for reconciliation with His people remained, as seen in prophecies of restoration and the eventual coming of the _____.

IV. The rebellion towards the Prophet. **Acts 7:37-39**

Stephen was telling the religious leaders that Moses, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, promised the Messiah, Jesus Christ, as the _____ who had come to rescue, like Moses did.

- Jesus was more than a mere prophet: He is _____ Prophet.

Stephen told the religious leaders that just as their forefathers worshipped the golden calf, they were worshipping **the works of their own hands** by worshipping the Temple _____ of Jesus.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 7:23-29**. Was Moses called by the LORD to be a prophet to Israel while they were in Egypt? What was the result of Moses getting ahead of God? What are the potential consequences if we get ahead of God?
Isaiah 30:18, Isaiah 40:28-31, Jeremiah 29:11, Lamentations 3:25, Romans 8:28
2. What were some of the reasons the LORD had Moses wait before he would become the prophet to Israel? Discuss some of the similarities between Moses and Jesus.
Exodus 1:22, Deuteronomy 18:15-15, Matthew 28:18, Luke 2:40, Acts 3:22, Acts 7:22
3. Read **Acts 7:30-34**. Who spoke to Moses from the burning bush? Discuss the differences in meanings between the words LORD and Lord.
Exodus 3:1-6
4. Read **Acts 7:35-36**. What did Stephen tell the religious leaders about their rejection of the prophets? What are the consequences of rejecting Christ?
Matthew 23:37, Matthew 25:30, John 1:10-11, Romans 6:23, James 5:10, 1 Peter 2:4
5. Read **Acts 7:37-39**. Stephen made it very clear that Jesus was the Prophet promised to Israel through Moses. What did Stephen tell the religious leaders they were worshipping instead of the LORD?
Deuteronomy 18:15, John 6:25-27, Acts 3:17-22, Hebrews 8:4-6, Hebrews 9:13-15
6. Discuss the Practical Applications of the sermon.