

JESUS THE GREATER MOSES (Part 3 of 3) Matthew 2:13–23

INTRO: 10 COMMANDMENTS MOVIE?? Think of the Old Testament and specifically Moses and the Israelites in Egypt, who are then set free and headed to the promised land, as Matthew tells us what happens next in his account of the birth of Jesus *His* following years....:)

M-OT J-NT.... M-LAW J-GRACE M-Sinai J-Sermon on the MOUNT M-Israel to “Physical” Promise Land J-ALL to “Eternal” Promise Land

WORD?-STEVE FROM BIBLE...

Matt. 2:13-23 *Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”* ¹⁴ *So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.* ¹⁵ *He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”* ¹⁶ *Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.* ¹⁷ *Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she refused to be comforted, Because they were no more.”* ¹⁹ *But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,* ²⁰ *“Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”* ²¹ *So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.* ²² *But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,* ²³ *and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”*

Matthew has just given his Jewish readers THREE MORE prophecies to PROVE that Jesus IS INDEED THE PROMISED MESSIAH OF GOD!

God gave specific prophecies in the Old Testament, that EACH ONE reveals:

1. God is in control of the future, He knows ALL things, and Provides ALL necessary provisions for His Son Jesus (And for ALL His Children).
2. That **PROVES** God is omniscient and knows the **FUTURE** before it happens.
3. That God not only knows the future, but is All Powerful and thus able to control *His* perfect outcome **BEFORE** it happens!!!!!!!
4. That when God makes a promise, (like to Abraham), He is ALWAYS FAITHFUL to **KEEP HIS WORD!**
5. That God is sovereign (absolute in His Authority and Supremacy)

BEGS THE QUESTION ☺...Why does God allow Evil?

Any Jewish reader of Matthew could not help but see the correlation

between Jesus and Moses at this point.... Matthew is purposely showing his Jewish audience, how Jesus fulfills and surpasses Moses, in *His role as Deliverer and Redeemer. WITHOUT MENTIONING MOSES NAME UNTIL CHAPTER 8 and then only 7 times in his whole Gospel... :)*

Matthew is declaring, *"There's a NEW Exodus coming... and the Savior leading it is greater than Moses."*

FOUR TAKEAWAYS FROM OUR TEXT

NUMBER 1. Moses AND JESUS both faced a Wicked King — but Jesus Overcomes Evil Entirely, *no matter how bad the situation*

(v.16) *"Herod... sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem..."*

Sound familiar?

Watch how EVIL repeats itself through history...

Pharaoh (the King of Egypt) in the Book of Exodus, decreed the death of Hebrew babies, But **GOD** saved Moses.

Herod (The King of Jerusalem) does the same here in the Book of Matthew But **GOD** saved His Son Jesus.

IN BOTH CASES EVIL RULERS ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY GOD'S PLAN

*The Power behind Pharaoh and Herod were the same...**Satan Himself...***

HOWEVER, in each case Jesus proved **His POWER IS GREATER...**

1John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them (Evil Anti-Christ); because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Moses delivered the **Jewish nation** from slavery to Egypt

Jesus delivers the **world** from slavery to SIN.

Evil still rages TODAY and I would suggest has even gotten worse, *Just as God told us it would in 2 Timothy...*

However, Herod and Pharaoh both remind us — no power can stop God's plan... There is a NEW heaven and earth coming and NOT even Satan can stop God from carrying out His plan for OUR future ☺

QUESTION: Are you facing opposition, injustice, or spiritual attack?

Take courage: the same God who protected His Son is watching over you.

NUMBER 2. Moses AND JESUS were BOTH CALLED Out of Egypt — But Jesus Brings a Much Greater Exodus

(v.15) "Out of Egypt I called my Son."

Moses was called to lead Israel out of Egypt to save ***the Israelites*** from the bondage of Pharaoh

Jesus, (THE TRUE ISRAEL) was called out of Egypt to save ***ALL NATIONS*** from their bondage to sin!

POINT: Matthew quotes Hosea 11:1, showing that Jesus embodies everything Israel was meant to be — obedient.... faithful....holy.

Where Israel **failed** during 40 years of temptation in the wilderness

Jesus would succeed **and overcame temptation** after 40 wilderness **days**

Every one of us has an "Egypt" — a place of bondage, sin, fear, or regret.

But Jesus doesn't just rescue us *from our Egypt* — He walks us *through* it, into new life as we take up our cross and follow Him, as True Disciples!

**NUMBER 3. Moses AND JESUS ARE BOTH DELIVERERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE...
HOWEVER: Jesus is GREATER, Because He ALONE Delivers Forever!!!**

Moses went up MOUNT SINAI to receive the Law.

Jesus went up a MOUNTAIN to fulfill it — *and to deliver a Sermon on the Mount that transforms hearts, not just points out our flawed behavior.*

MOSES gave us the LETTER of the Law on Sinai

JESUS gave us the HEART of the Law w/Sermon on the Mount

MOSES led people in faith through the Red Sea, After Jesus parted the waters
JESUS leads us through the waters of baptism as our public profession of faith

MOSES interceded when the Israelites sinned by making a Golden Calf.

Moses offered his OWN DEATH on behalf of the sinful Israelites....

JESUS became our intercession when He died for our sins FOR ALL THE NATIONS SIN, JEW and GENTILE....God did NOT take Moses' life, instead He took the life of HIS SON JESUS that He willingly gave!

MOSES couldn't enter the earthly Promised Land **because he sinned.**

JESUS takes ALL BELIEVERS...all the way home to the Eternal Promised Land
because He is the ONLY SINLESS KING

Where Moses brought law, Jesus fulfilled the Law and then brought grace and truth.

POINT: Every "human" rescuer eventually falls short, But Jesus never fails.

You and I are blessed to have a living Savior who delivers, sustains, and leads us "Daily" to our "ETERNAL Promised Land", through His Holy Spirit, living out a victorious life in Christ, If we simply listen and obey!

(v.23) *"He shall be called a Nazarene."*

NUMBER 4. Moses AND JESUS BOTH Experienced Rejection — But Jesus taught us to embrace rejection and LOVE those who reject us....

Remember: God called "rejected" Shepherds, as the First of the Jews to worship Jesus. He then called those rejected by the Jews, The Gentile Magi, to come worship His Son Jesus AND THEY DID!

It's as if BOTH sons of Abraham, (Isaac AND Ishmael, who both were recipients of the promise of LORD/YHWH/JESUS to be the Father of a GREAT NATION and the Father of MANY NATIONS) **FIND PEACE IN CHRIST!**

JESUS KNOWS REJECTION 😊

...AS SAVIOR.....

...AND AS A NAZARENE!

Nazareth was a backwater town, Again a Roman Garrison/Outpost
"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel remarked...

Yet from that place of insignificance came the King of Kings.

MOSES was rejected by his adopted father AND by his own people even when he killed one of the Egyptians for mistreating them...

JESUS was rejected too, by His own people He came to save, as they shouted out, "Crucify Him", "Crucify Him"!!! — *but JESUS turned rejection into SALVATION, as He hung on a cross, Looking down at those who had just crucified Him...He prayed outloud..."Father forgive them for they no not what they are doing"*

JESUS didn't take rejection personally..He replaced it with LOVE!

POINT: You too may feel overlooked, unimportant, or dismissed — but God writes His best stories from Nazareth places.

Where others see "nothing special," or others say..."Move along, there is nothing to see here in THIS person" Jesus SEES WORTH IN EVERY REJECTED SOUL and Jesus taught, "BLESSED are the poor in spirit" for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!!!! 😊