



THE BACKSTORY

Exodus 19:9

And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud*, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever."

Exodus 19:12-13

12 And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, 'Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. 13 No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.' When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain."

Exodus 19:16-22

16 On the morning of the third day there were **thunders and lightnings** and a **thick cloud** on the mountain and a **very loud trumpet blast**, so that all the people in the camp **trembled**. 17 Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. 19 And as the **sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder**, Moses spoke, and God answered him in **thunder**. 20 The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. 21 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. 22 Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them."

Exodus 20:18-22

18 Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19 and said to Moses, "**You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.**" 20 Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin." 21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. 22 And the LORD said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.

* Later on we find out why God met them this way, See Exodus 33:17-22

*I
God to speak
to Moses in
Front of
People*

*II
God on Mount
Sinai Meeting
With Israel*

*III
Mountain
Scene / God's
Presence
Terrorizes The
People*

*IV
The People
Request for
Moses to be
Mediator out
of fear of God
& his holiness.*

The Prophet Like Moses

*The Messiah would be in some ways like
Moses, the friend of God.* James 2:23

THE PROMISE

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 (ESV)

Moses is Speaking Here...

15 "The LORD your God will raise up for you a **prophet like me** from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall **listen**— 16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' 17 And the LORD said to me, 'They are **right** in what they have spoken.

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And **whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.**

20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

21 And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. **You need not be afraid of him.**

*I
The Prophet
Like Moses
Promised:
And a Reason
Given*

*IV
The Prophet
Will Speak
God's Words
for God*

*III
Consequences
of False
Prophet*

*IV
The Test of
a Prophet /
Don't obey
just anyone*

Jesus is the Prophet We Should Listen To

Matthew 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; **listen** to him."

This Idea Shows Up in the Book of Acts

Acts 3:22-26

Moses said, '**The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.** And it shall be that every soul who does not **listen** to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' God, having raised up his servant [Jesus], sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Jesus Spoke the Words of the Father

John 7:16

So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

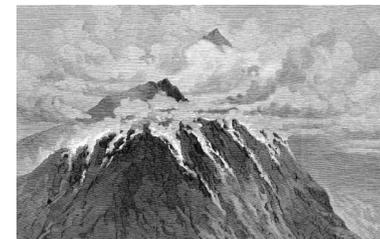
See also John 5:19, 5:30, 14:24

Nearly One of a Kind

Deuteronomy 34:10

And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

See also Numbers 12:6-8, particularly verse 8, "with him [Moses] I speak mouth to mouth."



Hebrews 12:18-24

18 For you have not come to [a mountain] what may be touched, a blazing fire and **darkness and gloom** and a **tempest** 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so **terrifying** was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

22 **But you have come to Mount Zion** and to the city of the **living God**, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in **festal gathering**, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of **the righteous made perfect**, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Jesus > Moses

An amazing contrast between two mountains, a terrifying one or a gracious one in Christ Jesus

What do Moses and Jesus Have in Common?

- Both born with the purpose of saving others
- In infancy, both were hidden from danger
- Both were of two worlds (Moses was Jewish but raised by the Egyptians, Jesus was fully God and fully man)
- Both lead people out of slavery/bondage.
- Both established covenants with people (Moses the Law, Jesus the New Covenant)
- Both were mediators