

Life History of Moses

Moses, the greatest prophet who ever lived, was born into the family of Amram and Jochebed. His parents, along with the rest of the nation of Israel, were slaves of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

When Pharaoh issued a decree to kill all the male babies, his God-fearing parents chose to hide and protect their son. They hid him in a basket near the riverbed. There, he was discovered by the daughter of the king, who adopted him as her own son.

Moses spent his early years growing up in the palace. He was educated in the public schools and was known for his skills both as an orator and a mighty warrior.

At the age of forty, Moses made a rash decision which would haunt him for years. He saw a fellow Israelite being mistreated by an Egyptian slave master. Indignant and bent on revenge, he killed the Egyptian and then fled for his life.

Moses spent the next forty years in obscurity, taking care of sheep in the desert. During these years, he met and married Zipporah. The couple had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer.

At the age of eighty, Moses changed careers. God appeared to him in a burning bush in the desert. He instructed Moses to return to Egypt and lead the nation of Israel out of slavery and back to the Promised Land.

Over the next forty years, Moses lived a life of miracles. He saw God demonstrate his power through the 10 plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, providing food and water in the desert, and delivering Israel from various enemies. Moses was constantly amazed at God's power.

Moses also played a key role in helping Israel learn how to live and worship God. He communicated God's laws and design for the tabernacle to the people.

Though well-educated and blessed with numerous skills, Moses remained a humble man throughout his life. While most people learned about God through dreams, visions, or other teachers, Moses was allowed to come into God's very presence and speak with him face to face.

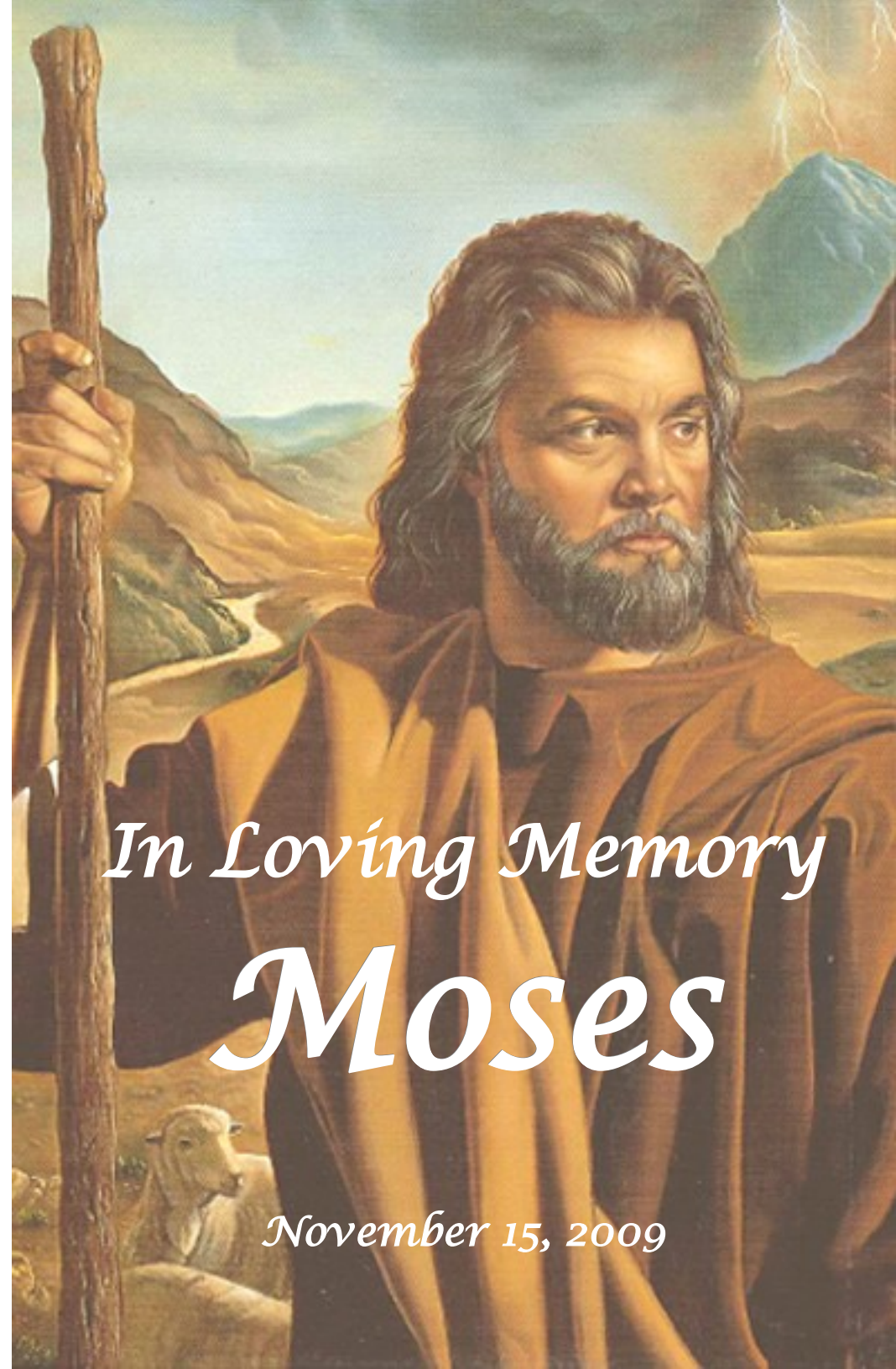
Moses was a caring leader, truly a shepherd at heart. He patiently led the nation even though they complained and criticized. He interceded on their behalf before God. Concerned that the people not be left without a shepherd, Moses trained and mentored his successor, Joshua.

Moses was a great prophet, but he wasn't perfect. He had a lifelong problem with anger, which ultimately cost him his position as leader.

Moses' life can be summed up in the words of Deuteronomy 34:10-12. "And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel."

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In Loving Memory

Moses

November 15, 2009

Sunday, November 15, 2009

*A Memorial Service in Loving Memory
of*

Moses

Prelude

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn #66—To God Be The Glory

Reading of Scripture

Life history

Hymn # 4—How Great Thou Art

Remembering Moses' life

Hymn # 43—Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Message

Hymn # 461—He Leadeth Me

Closing Prayer

Postlude

*What can we learn from the death of Moses?
Deuteronomy 34*

- *Moses died the way he lived (1-5)*
 - ◇ *He died climbing*
 - ◇ *He died believing God's promises*
 - ◇ *He died in the presence of God*

- *Moses died at the right time (5-7)*
 - ◇ *By all outward signs, Moses' death was untimely*
 - ◇ *Moses died according to God's plan*

- *No one is indispensable (8-9)*
 - ◇ *God's plan did not end with the death of his servant, Moses*
 - ◇ *Moses planned for and trained his successor, Joshua (Numbers 27:12-23)*
 - ◇ *God's plan does not depend on anyone for all time, but for all to serve him at a certain time*

- *Epitaph & Legacy (10-12)*