

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

“A Prophet Like Moses”
Deuteronomy 18:9-22

Prophet Like Moses

Israel's Leadership

1. *Judges* – judge according to the Law
2. *King* – rule according to the Law
3. *Priests* – instruct in the Law
4. *Prophets* – proclamation and prediction

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Deuteronomy 18:9-22

- Prohibition of divination and sorcery
- Provision of a prophet like Moses

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Prophetic Office

1. Prophets were appointed by God
 - no natural succession, election or self-appointment
 - God did not speak directly to everyone or to every person individually

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2. Prophets spoke God's word
 - the mode of revelation varied, but the result was always and only God's word
 - “verbal inspiration” – the spoken/written words of the prophets were God's words

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3. Prophets were authenticated
 - A prophet's calling as God's spokesmen was to be verified before the people
 - Objective criterion – the fulfillment of the prophet's words

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Veracity of Scripture

- the self-claims of the authors
- the credibility of the authors
- the precise fulfillment of their words

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The Prophet like Moses

- ultimately fulfilled in Jesus (Acts 3:22)

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Jesus: Prophet *par excellence*

- He far exceeds Moses in relationship to and revelation of God (John 1:17-18)
- He is the final, complete, authoritative revelation of God (Hebrews 1:1-2)
- He Himself is the source of light and life (John 1:4)