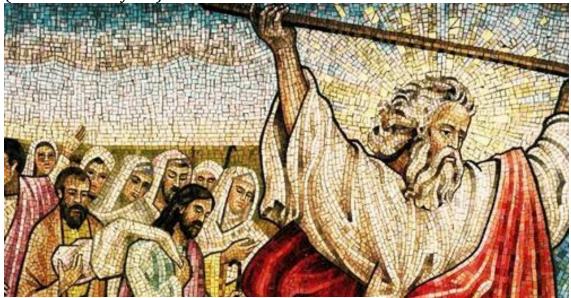
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Holy Saint Moses ~ Hebrew Patriarch, Liberator, Lawgiver, Prophet: (c 13th Century BC)



https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/moses

The Old Testament is The New Testament concealed; The New Testament is The Old Testament revealed. Without GOD's Law to convict us of our sins, we would not know of our need for His Saving Grace in our Redeemer, JESUS CHRIST. Thus, The Church recognizes and reveres The Old Testament and Apocryphal patriarchs, prophets heroes & heroines.

Saint Moses spoke face to face with The Almighty at the burning bush, on Mount Sinai and in The Tabernacle. Because of his "yes" to GOD's call, he was employed to lead the captive Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

Moses as a type of deliverer, prefigured The Perfect Deliverer, redeeming us to Heaven for the price of our sins by His Precious Blood shed for us at The Cross. Moses recorded for us Divine Revelation of The Word in The TORAH, The first five Books of The Hebrew Scriptures, called The Pentateuch by The Church. His Feast Day is September 4th:

"An Israelite child saved from the waters of the Nile and raised by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses grew to manhood among the Egyptians [as a beloved Prince of Egypt], who were enslaving his people [the Israelites]. After he had killed one of... [the Egyptians] for beating a fellow Israelite, he fled to the land of Midian [when his crime was discovered by Pharaoh], where he herded sheep for forty years.

There in the wilderness he encountered GOD in the burning bush and heard His Command to lead the Israelite people to freedom. A dialogue ensued between Moses and GOD, culminating in GOD's Mysterious Revelation of His Name: I AM WHO I AM (see EXODUS 3:14)," expressing that The LORD is He Who has always existed, exists and will forever exist simultaneously.

"With the help of his brother Aaron, Moses went to Pharaoh to plead for the Israelites' release from bondage. Only after ten plagues were visited upon Egypt did Pharaoh relent and permit the entire people to leave. Moses led them through the Red Sea and into the desert, where he received The Ten Commandments on the Holy Mountain of Sinai.

Saint Pope John Paul II taught, "The encounter of GOD and Moses on this mountain... enshrines at the heart of our religion The Mystery of liberating obedience." Moses died after leading and interceding for the Hebrew people for about four decades. [Jewish tradition holds that Moses did not in fact see physical death, but was assumed, i.e. translated, into Heaven.]

According to Saint Gregory of Nyssa, who wrote an entire commentary on Moses' life as an exemplar of the spiritual journey toward GOD, Moses's outstanding virtue was his meekness. Father of Mercies, through the intercession of Saint Moses, make me obedient to Your Law [and] docile before Your Commands," that I may come to know my need for Your saving Grace in Your Son - our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST - in Your Providence and Power of The HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.*

PSALM 119:33-40

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlSF9nJt8Nc

Savior JESUS CHRIST, Thou art The Way, Truth and Life!

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

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Savior JESUS CHRIST, Thou art The Way, Truth and Life!

35 Make me to go in the path of Thy Commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Savior JESUS CHRIST, Thou art The Way, Truth and Life!

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy Way.

38 Stablish Thy Word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear. Savior JESUS CHRIST, Thou art The Way, Truth and Life!

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

GALATIANS 3:21-29

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_n0wcy15NE

21 Is The Law [of Moses] then against The Promises of GOD? GOD forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by The Law.

22 But The Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that The Promise by faith of JESUS CHRIST might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under The Law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

24 Wherefore The Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto CHRIST, that we might be justified by faith.

25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For ye are all the children of GOD by faith in CHRIST JESUS.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into CHRIST have put on CHRIST.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in CHRIST JESUS.

29 And if ye be CHRIST's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to The Promise.

*[adapted from "Saint Moses, Prophet." The Magnificat, 8/22/2021. Saints Who Were Leaders, p 316.]