

The Old Covenant Lawgiver and the New Covenant Lawgiver Moses and Jesus: A Comparison

Moses – The first mediator	Jesus – The final mediator
Moses was born as a Hebrew	Jesus was born as a Hebrew
Moses was chosen by God to be a leader	Jesus was chosen by God to be a leader
Moses was born while his people were suffering under a cruel leader (Pharaoh)	Jesus was born while His people were suffering under a cruel leader (Herod)
Moses hid in Egypt as a child	Jesus hid in Egypt as a child
The leader of the land that Moses was born into tried to kill all of the babies when he was born	The leader of the land that Jesus was born into tried to kill all of the babies when He was born
Moses turned water into blood	Jesus turned water into wine
Moses died on a hill	Jesus died on a hill
Moses fasted 40 days and faced a spiritual crisis on a mountain	Jesus fasted 40 days and faced a spiritual crisis on a mountain
Moses told people about the need for a Passover lamb	Jesus became the Passover lamb
Moses founded a new religion	Jesus founded a new religion
Moses communicated directly with God	Jesus communicated directly with God
Moses performed miracles	Jesus performed miracles
Moses revised an existing religion	Jesus revised an existing religion
Moses was a law giver – The 10 Commandments	Jesus was a law giver – The Royal Commandment
Moses was hated by the ruling party (Egyptians)	Jesus was hated by the ruling party (Pharisees)
Moses had brothers & sisters who misunderstood him	Jesus had brothers & sisters who misunderstood Him
Moses chose 12 leaders to follow	Jesus chose 12 leaders to follow
Moses gave his people a new identity as a people	Jesus gave His people a new identity as a people
Moses had followers who strayed from his teachings	Jesus had followers who strayed from His teachings
Moses is arguably the lead figure of the Old Testament	Jesus is the lead figure of the New Testament
Moses taught his followers how to pray	Jesus taught His followers how to pray
Moses chose people to carry on when he was leaving	Jesus chose people to carry on when He was leaving
Moses led his people to the promised land	Jesus leads His people to the promised land
Moses sent 12 spies to Canaan so he could bring people to the promised land	Jesus sent 12 disciples to the world so He could bring people to the promised land
Moses appointed 70 rulers over Israel	Jesus appointed 70 disciples to the nations
The people picked up stones to stone Moses, but they did not succeed	The people picked up stones to stone Jesus, but they did not succeed
Moses controlled the waters of the Red Sea	Jesus controlled the Sea of Galilee
Moses brought living water out of the Rock	Jesus brings living water to all of His believers
The face of Moses shown with glory on Mount Sinai.	The face of Jesus shown with glory on the Mount of Transfiguration
Moses lifted the brazen serpent up in the wilderness to heal people	Jesus was lifted up on the cross to heal us from our own sins
Moses was a shepherd	Jesus was the Good Shepherd
Moses subdued an attacking army by raising his arms high on the top of a hill (with two other people)	Jesus subdued sin and death with arms raised high on a hill (with two other people)

Moses said another prophet would come (Jesus)	Jesus said another would come (Holy Spirit)
Those who did not follow Moses died in the wilderness because of their lack of faith	Those who refused to follow Jesus died in the siege of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Jesus had warned them it was coming, and history shows that the Christians left right before the siege started because of the remembrance of the words of Jesus. Those who did not believe Jesus stayed and were either killed or sold to slavery.
Moses fed thousands supernaturally with bread	Jesus fed thousands supernaturally with bread
Moses took a gentile bride	Jesus took a gentile bride (the church)
Moses led the Israelites in a victory song after the victory in Egypt	This song will be repeated at the end as a victory song for Jesus (see Rev. 15:2-3)
There is a long period of silence in the story of Moses from the time he was a child until adulthood	There is a long period of silence in the story of Jesus from the time He was a child until adulthood
Moses showed compassion to a woman getting water at a well	Jesus showed compassion to a woman getting water at a well
Moses' mission was to redeem Israel from slavery to Egypt	Jesus' mission was to redeem mankind from slavery to sin
Moses was loved and supported by his sister Miriam (which is Miryam in Hebrew)	Jesus was loved and supported in His ministry by His mother Mary (which is also Miryam in Hebrew)
Moses gave God's law on a mountain	Jesus gave the new law from the Mount of the Beatitudes (sermon on the mount)
Moses offered his life for the salvation of his people after the sin of the golden calf	Jesus offered His life for the salvation of the world
Moses rejected a lavish, ruling lifestyle in the house of the Pharaoh and instead, he chose a humble life	Jesus rejected the offers of Satan to be the ruler of this world and instead chose a humble life
Moses washed Aaron and his sons with water	Jesus washed the feet of His disciples