**Jesus, the Second Moses**

**Theme:** Jesus, the fulfillment of Scripture.

**Text: Isaiah 46:9-10 (Complete Jewish Bible)** “Remember things that happened at the beginning, long ago — that I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. **10**At the beginning I announce the end, proclaim in advance things not yet done; and I say that my plan will hold, I will do everything I please to do.

 **Ecclesiastes 3:10-11 (CJB)** I have seen the task God has given humanity to keep us occupied. **11**He has made everything suited to its time; also, he has given human beings an awareness of eternity; but in such a way that they can’t fully comprehend, from beginning to end, the things God does.

**Introduction:** The plans and purposes of God were set in motion before He even spoke the world into existence. This poses one of the greatest puzzlements to human beings imaginable. The very idea that God called you and ordained that you become His very own son, His very own daughter, before He declared “let there be light”, is surely beyond our comprehension.

 ***Ephesians 1:3-6 (CJB)*** *Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through Christ, God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that heaven has to offer.****4****Before the creation of the world, he chose us through Christ to be holy and perfect in his presence.****5****Because of his love he had already decided to adopt us through Jesus Christ. He freely chose to do this****6****so that the kindness he had given us in his dear Son would be praised and given glory.*

 The plans and purposes of God were set in motion from the foundation of the world. Yet in His infinite wisdom, Throughout the ages God has revealed glimpses of His infinite glorious purposes to those who were proven faithful. Men like Abraham, who Jesus declared that he had been given the privilege of seeing the day of the Messiah (Jesus). ***John 8:56 (NKJV)*** *Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.”*

***1 Corinthians 2:7-14 (NLT)*** *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,****8****which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.* ***9****But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* ***10****But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.****11****For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.****12****Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.* ***13****These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.****14****But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.****15****But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.****16****For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*

**I. Shrouded in Mysteries A. The plans and purposes of God were shrouded in types and shadows in the lives, events, sacrifices, holy observances, and sacrifices of the Hebrew Scriptures, (Old Testament). 1. The stories and events in the lives of God’s people throughout the ages, often tell one story, but below the surface of these stories and events there is another more significant plan of God being unfolded. 2. Without spiritual eyes and godly understanding and revelation, we will fail to see the deeper meaning of these events.**

 **B. Jesus, the 2nd Adam**

 ***1 Corinthians 15: (NKJV)*** *And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam (Jesus) became a life-giving spirit.* ***46****However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*

 **1. The type always comes first as a shadow picture of the ultimate fulfillment in Christ.**

 ***Romans 5:12&15-17 (NKJV)*** *When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned...****15****But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.****16****And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.****17****For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.*

**II. Jesus, the Second Moses**

 **A. Moses was a shadow picture or type of Christ (the Messiah).**

 **1. Jesus, became the anti-type of Moses, fulfilling the types that Moses earlier lived out through his birth, his calling and deliverance of God’s people from bondage in Egypt.**

* Moses, like Jesus, was born through a divine prophetic word.
* Moses, like Jesus, was delivered from the decree of the king to kill all male children, through a supernatural warning from God.
* Moses, like Jesus, had a wilderness experience where he was set apart to begin his ministry.
* Moses is given 12 tribes to lead to the land of promise.
* Jesus is given 12 disciples to lead to fulfill God’s promise.
* Moses was called to deliver those called by God, out of the bondages of physical slavery. Jesus was called to deliver those called by God, out of the spiritual bondages of spiritual slavery to sin.
* God delivered the people of Israel through supernatural power from bondage in Egypt.
* God delivered the world from sin through supernatural power through the ministry of Jesus, and his resurrection.
* The children of Israel experienced a type of new birth through baptism by crossing through the Red Sea with Moses.
* When we come to Christ, we experience the fulfillment of that type in being baptized into Christ.

 ***1 Corinthians 10:1-3 (NLT)*** *I don’t want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters,about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground.****2****In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses.****3****All of them ate the same spiritual food,****4****and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.*

**III. The Tabernacle of Moses, the Temple of Christ**

 **A. Moses built the tabernacle in the wilderness as God instructed, as a shadow picture of the ultimate tabernacle that Christ has been building from the day of Pentecost.**

 **B. In Exodus 24, the nation of Israel enters a covenant with God. God is calling them to be a nation of kings and priests to offer worship to Him.**

 **1.** God makes a covenant with the people through Moses, the type of Christ, their mediator.

 ***Exodus 24:7-8 (NKJV)*** *Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud to the people. Again they all responded, “We will do everything the Lord has commanded. We will obey.”* ***8****Then Moses took the blood from the basins and splattered it over the people, declaring, “Look, this blood confirms the covenant the Lord has made with you in giving you these instructions.”*

 **C. In the following chapters of the Exodus story, God instructs Moses to build a tent of meeting, where Gods presence can dwell among His people. This is a holy place set apart for worship of Israel’s God.**

 **1.** All these instructions are very detailed, tedious, and meticulous. They also assign ministry responsibilities to the tribe of Levi and the other 11 tribes of Israel

* The idea is that everyone is involved in service to the work of ministry to the Lord, although not all in the same capacity or service.

 ***John 1:14 (NIV)*** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (tabernacled).* ***We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,*** *who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

 **2. This is tabernacle language, because Jesus is building God’s tabernacle through His body by calling all who come to the Father through him, to dwell in his glory as the children of Israel dwelt under the glory of God as the cloud followed them.**

 **3. Jesus and the Mt. of Transfiguration**

 ***Matthew 17:1-4 (NKJV)*** *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;****2****and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.****3****And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.****4****Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us* to be *here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”*

* We traditionally have come to believe that Peter is just having one of his impulsive moments here, and that the Father speaks to rebuke Peter. I believe Peter, being a Torah observant Jew understands that the glory of God is being revealed so that it can have a dwelling place, just as Moses in the wilderness.

 ***Mathew 17:5-8 (NKJV)*** *While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”****6****And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.****7****But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”****8****When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.*

* This is the disciples Mt. Sanai experience, and they react much like the disciples under Moses reacted when they heard the voice of God speaking.
* The Father was revealing that the Son came to reveal a new a living tabernacle, not built with men’s hands, but by the Spirit of God through the body of Messiah and His disciples.

 **C. This is all tabernacle language, because God in Christ is brining to pass the fulfillment of the shadow and type given in the tabernacle in the wilderness under Moses, they type of Christ.**

 ***Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)*** *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,****20****having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,****21****in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,****22****in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

***1 Corinthians 3:9-10 (NKJV)*** *For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building.****10****According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.*

***1 Peter 2:4-5 (NKJV)*** *You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.* ***5****And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What’s more, you are his holy priests.[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Peter+2&version=NLT#fen-NLT-30365a)*] Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.*