

## Similarities

Scripture: Acts 7:30-40 (The Message)

Date: March 5, 2021

Message: *Forty years later, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, an angel appeared to him in the guise of flames of a burning bush.... I've seen the agony of my people in Egypt. I've heard their groans, I've come to help them. So get yourself ready; I'm sending you back to Egypt. This is the same Moses whom they earlier rejected saying, "Who put you in charge of us?" This is the Moses that God, using the angel flaming in the burning bush, sent back as ruler and redeemer.*

*Acts 7:30, 34-35*

We see the similarity between Moses and the Messiah.

1. EACH HAD A DIVINE CALL.  
Moses in his mysterious preservation. Messiah in his mysterious birth.  
Moses the burning bush. Messiah the dove-vision and heavenly voice at baptism.
2. EACH HAD A SPECIAL PREPARATION.  
Moses the experience of the Egyptian court and solitude of Horeb. Messiah in the experience of the carpenters house at Nazareth and the temptation of the Jordan desert
3. EACH A NEW SPIRITUAL FORCE.  
As bringing God near to men, revealing himself, Moses saw God in Sinai. Our Lord's vision on the Mount of Transfiguration
4. EACH WAS A TEACHER
5. EACH WERE REJECTED BY THEIR OWN GENERATION.

Prayer: *Father, we sometimes feel as the Israelites. There are times we feel that you left us in the battle. We know that you are with us, but so are our feelings of aloneness, the enemy seems to be taking ground. Our crying out to you seems to go unanswered. We know you are at work, help us trust you in the midst of our questions. We pray in the name of the Messiah, Jesus your Son, our only hope. Amen.*