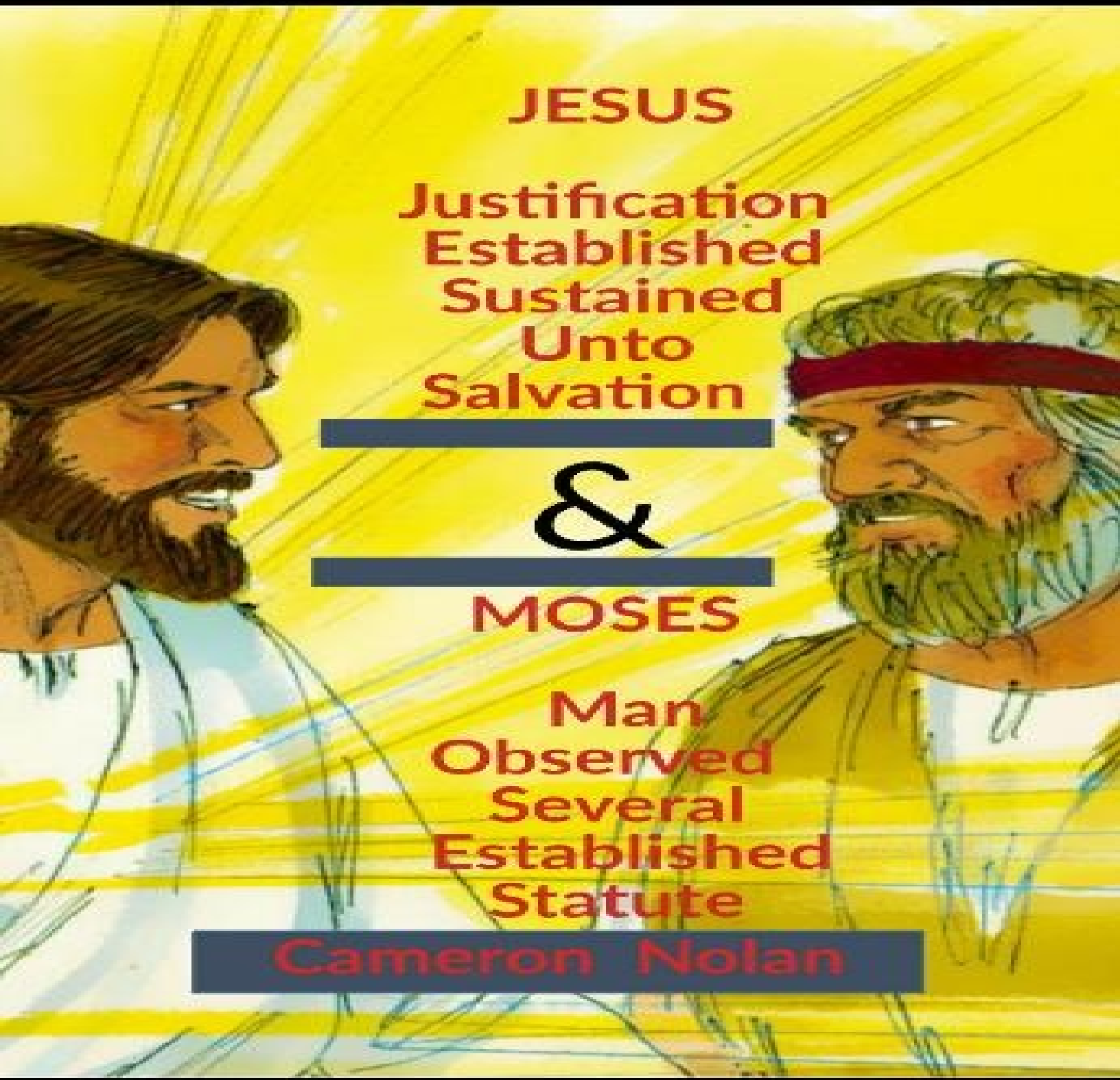
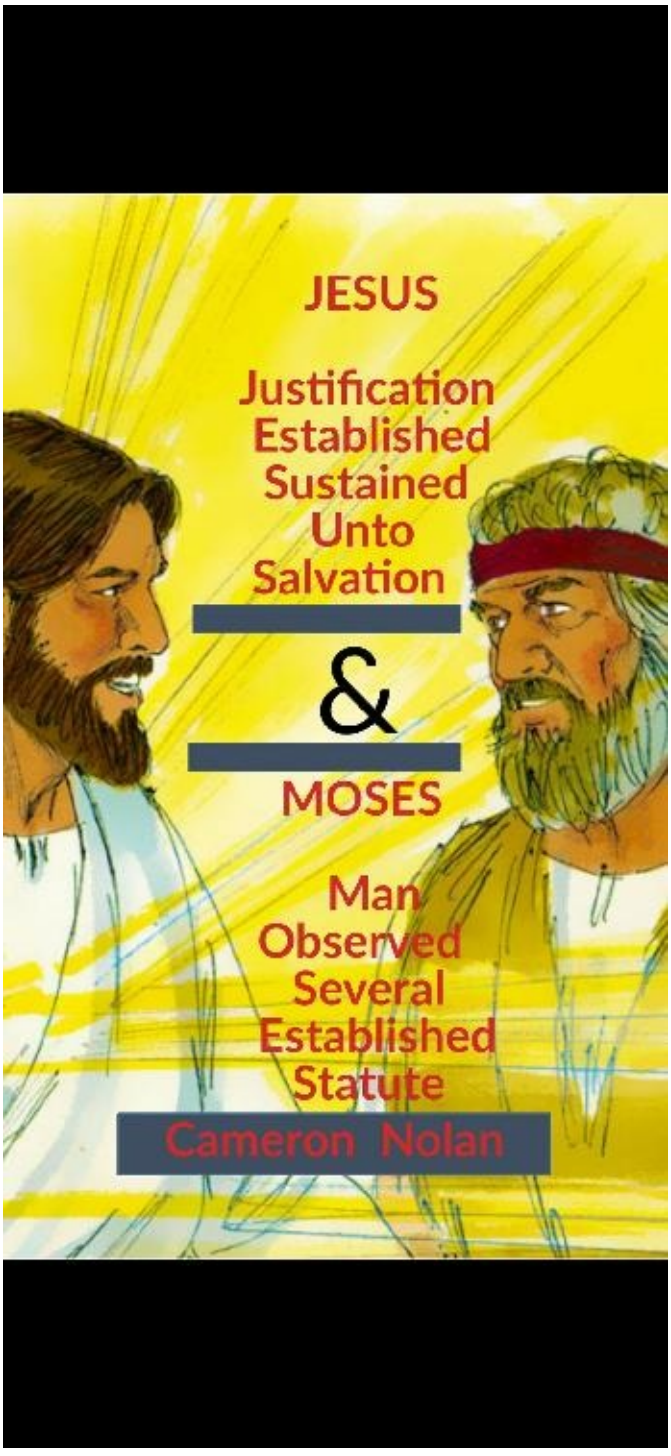

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INTRODUCTION

The word of God is a single entity. both the Old Testament and New Testament drives the same message of hope awaiting the fullness of the kingdom on the last day; the old complements the new just as the new make reference to the old, similarly, the new is hidden in the old just as the old is revealed or made manifest in the new.

All that the prophets prophesied was a pointer to the coming of Christ Jesus, for Christ actually came to fulfill all that the prophets foretold long ago. The scriptures can be easily linked interchangeably between the old and the New Testament. However, perfection was not yet established in the old but the full revelation and purpose of God came to a full manifestation in the new covenant through Christ Jesus our Savior.

In the new testament a new Law was established, the Law of the spirit which is love. For while the old focused on human effort and works; the new Law focused on grace, faith, and righteousness.

In the Old Testament, Christ was pre-figured in some notable personalities who served as a pointer to the fullness of the revelation in Christ.

This book tries to show the relationship between Moses and Christ, and just as Moses was a symbol of liberation to the Israelites the chosen people

of God, Christ became a symbol of redemption to the chosen race redeemed by his blood.

If you look critically, the name M-O-S-E-S (Man-observed-several-established-statute) is made up of five letters just as the name J-E-S-U-S(Justification-established-sustained-unto-salvation). So you can see the relationship. In fact, the meaning of the name Moses has a close affinity with the baptism that Christ has come to establish.

There are several events in the life of Moses that are quite similar to what took place in the life of Christ, this you would find in this book, and in fact, there was a meeting held between the great figures of the old of which Moses was inclusive and Jesus who represented the new era.

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CHAPTER ONE

Leadership Role

There are so many qualities you can find in good leadership; Moses was called by God while he was tending over the sheep of his father-in-law Jethro. Moses showed good leadership qualities, we can learn from; for he had great compassion for his own people, in fact, his love for his people made him kill an Egyptian that caused him to flee from Egypt.

Another wonderful quality of leadership Moses possessed was his ability to admit his own limitations before God. No matter how gifted or intelligent we are we must learn to humble ourselves before God so he can strengthen and bless us. Similarly, Moses also relied on God for guidance and sustenance.

Moses was also a very courageous young man who was fearless, he had great faith and led the people of God out of Egypt; it takes a man of great courage to lead God's people.

God has called each one of us like Moses in a unique way, we must ensure to arm ourselves with the right qualities for leadership so we can succeed and draw others to Christ.

Christ our master also possessed all the wonderful virtues we can think of, he humbled

himself unto death on the cross, he was selfless and worked hard to draw people to God, and he ensured that he brought happiness to those who were sad, freedom to those in captivity and healing to those who were sick. He knew the power of teamwork in leadership and so he chose his apostles to become partakers in his earthly ministry and finally he offered himself freely for our sins so we can be reconciled back to the Father; this is the greatest sacrifice any leader can afford for his followers.

Moses solicited for the people, Christ also solicit for us

One of the responsibilities of good leadership is the ability to represent the cause of those entrusted to your care. Moses, for example, stood for the people and pleaded on behalf of them when they sinned against God, by reminding God of the covenant he kept with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Christ also made intercession on our behalf to the Father, on the cross he pleaded for forgiveness on those who condemned and persecuted him. He also prayed for his apostles that they may be united and preserved. We are called also to pray not only for ourselves but also for our brethren.

Moses performed wonders with the staff God gave him; Christ cast out demons with the finger of God and healed those who were sick

There were lots of signs and wonders Moses performed with the staff God gave him as a symbol of authority; for example, the staff turning into a snake, the turning water into blood and the sending down of thunder, hail, and lightning through the use of the staff.

Similarly, Christ cast out demons by the power and authority given to him by God the father, he also cured all who were sick by the power of God.

Just as Moses was given the staff of authority to overcome Pharaoh, we have been given the word of God to overcome Satan.

The crossing of the Red Sea was a symbol of Christ leading us from death and bondage of sin unto Eternal life

The crossing of the Red Sea is quite symbolic, the Israelites were slaves in the hands of the Egyptians but God raised a deliverer in the person of Moses to lead the people of Israel out of bondage by crossing the Red Sea which was a symbol of the passage from darkness unto life.

Similarly, Christ was chosen by God to lead us from the slavery of sin and death into life through his death on the cross. Also through baptism, water is also symbolic since the Israelites passed through the Red Sea for their liberation, the same way at baptism we are baptized by water which means dying with Christ and rising to live with him.

God chose 70 men to assist Moses, Christ chose 70 disciples to preach the message of salvation

When Moses became tired of the perpetual complain and distress from the people, the Lord chose 70 men of great repute to assist Moses in his task.

Similarly, our Lord during his earthly ministry sent out 70 disciples to assist him in spreading the good news of salvation to various communities. We too have been called to proclaim the gospel.

CHAPTER TWO

The Encounter

Moses had the privilege to encounter God in a unique way no other man had done. First God appeared to him in a burning bush that never got consumed; this is quite interesting and amazing but Moses had the privilege to witness this awesome splendor, secondly, Moses staff became an instrument of great power that he will use to overcome the enemy.

Thirdly Moses became a great intercessor who stood in the gap for his own people; he was often called by God to the top of Mount Sinai where he witnessed the glory and power of God. Indeed Moses had the privilege to witness the glory of God in an awesome way and he was also full of the spirit of God.

Christ the son of God also had his encounter during his earthly ministry; although it's no dispute that he is the Son of God who already existed with the Father from the very beginning, our interest here is his encounter with the Father here on earth. Christ's special encounter with the Father can be seen during his baptism and his private prayers in the early hours.

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses just as Herod tried to kill Jesus

The circumstances surrounding the birth of Moses is quite similar to what occurred at Christ's birth; in the time of Moses Pharaoh ordered that all male babies be killed and thrown into the Nile but God spared the life of Moses because he was chosen as the deliverer to the people of Israel.

Similarly, when Christ was born, King Herod gave orders that all male children who are two years old and younger be killed but Christ who was chosen to deliver us from sin was taken by his father Joseph to Egypt until Herod died.

In the same way, God always preserves us; his chosen race from the attacks and plight of Satan.

There was an encounter between Moses and God at the burning bush; there was also an encounter between Jesus and the Father at his baptism

Moses had a special encounter with God at the burning bush when he was called and given instructions for his ministry. In the same way at the baptism of Jesus that marked the beginning of his ministry the heavens were open and God spoke about him and the Holy Spirit alighting on him in the form of a dove.

In the encounter of Moses, the voice of the Father spoke and the Holy Spirit was present in the symbol of a fire burning a bush. In the same way at the baptism of Christ the Father spoke and the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in the form of a dove. We too have been called to have a special encounter with God the Father and the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord.

There was the River Nile that saved Moses; there was the River Jordan that Christ was baptized.

The use of water has been symbolic for purification and liberation from the history of mankind, the great flood in the time of Noah and the cross-

ing of the Red Sea. For us to Christ has declared when he said to Nicodemus, "unless you are born of water and the Holy Spirit, you cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Moses used the brazen Serpent to saved those who focused on the serpent which was a symbol of Christ who would be crucified on the cross to save those who believe in him.

The brazen Serpent used by Moses in the Old Testament was a pre-figuration of the death of Christ on the cross and his resurrection to heaven. For us, we are saved only when we focus on Christ and not worldly pleasures.

There were forty years in the wilderness by the people of Israel before they entered the Promised Land; Moses stayed in Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, Christ experienced forty days and forty nights in the desert before he began his ministry

We are called also to penance, fasting, and prayers for an inward transformation of our lives.

CHAPTER THREE

Purification unto Salvation

Among the various responsibilities God gave Moses was the purification ritual for the people when they sinned against God, there was purification for various purposes such as purification for Priests, those with Leprosy, cleansing of the Levites, Day of Atonement etc. all these were meant to purify the people of Israel and draw them closer to God.

When Christ came, he put a stop all these rituals and ceremonies and gave a perfect atonement for the forgiveness of sins by his death on the Cross of Calvary.

Moses was to lead the people to the Promised Land but failed because he was a product of Adam but Christ has led us to eternal life because he is a product of the Spirit of God.

This is a direct comparison between the Old Law and the New Law, Christ has come to establish the New Covenant which has better things to offer us, for it is the spirit that gives life but the flesh has nothing to offer.

There was circumcision according to the Law of Moses just as there is a new circumcision in baptism unto Christ.

The Old Law dwelt more on the works of a man like physical circumcision but in the New Law, we are circumcised by baptism into Christ and we live no longer by the Law of works but we live by the Law of the spirit revealed through grace, righteousness, and faith in Christ.

There was the sacrifice of the blood of animals for the forgiveness of sins in the Law of Moses just as Christ came to establish a new sacrifice with his blood in the New Law.

The new sacrifice on the cross is the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of the sins of mankind, the blood of Christ surpasses the blood of bulls and calves. We are purified by the blood of Christ, we are privileged people and sons and daughters of God.

The people were fed with the manner in the wilderness; Christ fed the crowd with bread in the desert.

The Israelites ate mere bread in the wilderness and they died, Christ fed the multitude with bread in order to lead them to the real bread which was his own body, but they failed to understand his message and acted ignorantly like the Israelites of old; Christ wants to feed us with something more than material bread; he wants to feed us with his own body and blood and with his word, so we can have eternal life.

Finally, you would agree with me that the Old Covenant was summed up in the Law while the New Covenant is summed up in grace.

Which do you prefer?

Conclusion

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