

Can we believe Moses' incredible life was real?

Some have suggested that Moses was a mythological person rather than a real one.

Considering his life, that as a baby, he was put in a basket floating in the Nile River and then rescued and adopted by a princess; that he grew up to lead a nation out of Egypt; that he saw the Red Sea part to allow the nation through; and that he appeared before God on Mount Sinai, even the best fiction writers can't make up such compelling material as Moses' life.

Does that mean he was not real or does it mean that "the truth is stranger than fiction?" Does Moses' life affect us today?

Many have pointed to a lack of archaeological evidence to support Moses' existence as reason to doubt. Even so-called Christian publications have taken such stand.

"The fact is," *Christianity Today* said, "that not one shred of direct archaeological evidence has been found for (the years) the children of Israel sojourned in Egypt."

Should Christians doubt Moses' existence? Can we afford to?

While direct physical proof may be lacking, there is considerable indirect evidence that the Bible account is credible.

In his book "Israel in Egypt," Egyptologist James K. Hoffmeier said, "Archaeological data clearly demonstrates that Egypt was frequented by the peoples of the (countries bordering on the eastern Mediterranean), especially as a result of climatic problems that resulted in drought."

It has long been acknowledged that the Bible's description of slavery is accurate. The book "Moses



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— A Life" says, "The biblical account of the oppression of the Israelites appears to be corroborated in one often-reproduced tomb painting from ancient Egypt in which the making of mud bricks by a gang of slaves is depicted in explicit detail."

Also, the Bible's description of the tiny ark Jochebed placed Moses in is in line with historical evidence. The Bible says it was made of papyrus, which Cook's "Commentary" says "was commonly used by the Egyptians for light and swift boats."

Besides indirect corroboration of archaeology and history, other Bible accounts support that Moses was a real person and that the Israelites escaped slavery in Egypt and wandered in the wilderness.

1 Samuel 4:8 says, "Woe to us! Who will save us from the hand of this majestic God? This is the God that was the smiter of Egypt with every sort of slaughter in the wilderness."

Psalms 78:12-14 says, "In front of their forefathers he had done marvelously in the land of Egypt, the field of Zoan. He split the sea, that he might let them pass over, and he caused the waters to stand like a dam. And he continued to lead them with a cloud by day and the whole night with a light of fire."

Even Jesus referred to Moses as a real person at John 3:14: "And just as

Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of man must be lifted up."

So, to deny Moses' existence is to doubt the entire Bible, not just the accounts of Moses' life, and it is to doubt the founder of Christianity. Any Christian who doubts Moses' existence doubts the entire foundation of his faith.

Is it reasonable to believe the accounts of Moses' life, including that the Red Sea parted and the waters were dammed up with no visible dam there?

Consider the creation account in Genesis 1:6-8a: "And God went on to say: 'Let an expanse come to be in between the waters and let a dividing occur between the waters and the waters.' Then God proceeded to make the expanse and to make a division between the waters that should be beneath the expanse and the waters that should be above the expanse. And it came to be so. And God began to call the expanse Heaven."

If God had the power to create the physical heavens and earth and divide the waters between the earth and sky, wouldn't he also have the power to do anything he wanted with the water on earth?

Just because it's beyond human comprehension to understand such power doesn't make it illogical to believe in it. If that were so, there could be no religion because it would be illogical to believe in God, no matter how much proof there is of his existence.

Romans 1:20 tells us that it is inexcusable for people who see God's invisible qualities in creation to not believe in him. There is plenty of proof.

How does Moses' life affect us today?

Hebrews 11:24-27 tells us that he was an outstanding example of faith that we can imitate: "By faith Moses, when grown up, refused to be called the son of the daughter of Pharaoh, choosing to be ill-treated with the people of God rather than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin, because he esteemed the reproach of the Christ as riches greater

than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked intently toward the payment of the reward. By faith he left Egypt, but not fearing the anger of the king, for he continued steadfast as seeing the One who is invisible."

Also, Moses wrote several Bible books that contain valuable information for us today, the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and Job and Psalm 90.

Included in these books are the account of creation and an incredible body of legislation, often called the Law of Moses, upon which many laws today are based.

The Law of Moses included the concept of separation of church and state. The king under that law was not allowed to take on priestly duties as shown by the account in 2 Chronicles 26:16-19, where Uzziah, the king of Judah, was stricken with leprosy for disobeying that law.

But what is likely the most important benefit Christians can gain from Moses' life is the understanding of God's feelings on many matters that can be gained by studying the Law of Moses.

Although Colossians 2:13, 14 tells us we are not obligated to live by that law, we can learn much from it because it tells us many practices God approves of and doesn't approve of.

For example, a portion of the "Ten Commandments," Exodus 20:13-17 tells us several things God does not approve of: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman. You must not desire your fellow man's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman."

If people today obeyed those few commandments, a lot of the world's problems could be solved simply with those few things. There is clearly much wisdom to be gained by learning from Moses' example of faith and the books he recorded in the Bible. The only thing to be gained from doubting Moses' existence is an excuse to ignore the Bible's counsel.

matters of record

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Noe Musquiz, Goodland, and Elana J. Compton, Weskan.

Lucas Alexander Moore and Jennifer Marie Walker, both of Goodland.

Felipe Mora and Robyn Ree Baugh, both of Burlington.

Robert Douglas Wolfe and Rochelle Renee Carter, both of Goodland.

Allen Ray Snethen and Michelle Lynn Wente, both of Selden.

District Traffic

Feb. 9 — Adam Ray Homewood, 22, Topeka, was fined \$213 for speeding, 97/70.

Daniel G. Schulloff, 22, Englewood, Colo., was fined \$270 for speeding, 102/70.

Karl I. Barreto, 40, Oklahoma City, was fined \$213 for speeding, 97/70.

Feb. 10 — Mack H. Norvell, 55, Goodland, was fined \$137 for speeding, 73/55.

Feb. 11 — Marshall R. Hoppe, 25, Goodland, was fined \$10 for no

seat belt.

Feb. 12 — Jerry L. Crow Jr., 40, North Platte, Neb., was fined \$215 for 4,000 over on gross.

Pramod B. Krishna, 31, St. Louis, Mo., was fined \$480 for speeding, 116/70.

Robert A. Middleton, 56, Goodland, was fined \$132 for speeding, 57/40, and \$10 for no seat belt.

Feb. 13 — Duane Lee Rice, 44, Goodland, was fined \$96 for speeding, 51/40.

Arthur H. Greenhill, 52, Denver, was fined \$213 for speeding, 97/70.

Feb. 17 — Armin R. Hopson, 26, Moreno Valley, Calif., was fined \$213 for speeding, 97/70.

Glen M. Laurent, 26, Bird City, was fined \$90 for speeding, 49/40, amended by the judge.

Abel J. Ontiveroz, 19, Goodland, was fined \$108 for speeding, 68/55.

Cathryn A. Walker, 65, Sharon Springs, was fined \$114 for speeding, 79/65.

Kimberly Tompkins, 34, Goodland, was fined \$80 for no child restraint and \$10 for no seat belt.

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Your cooperation in answering the questions will be greatly appreciated and will help make the Directory accurate and complete.

Due to the state and national DO NOT CALL lists for telemarketers we are unable to contact you if you have placed your name on either list. If you would like your listing updated or purchase a home edition of the new Goodland City Directory, please call 890-5913 or 899-2786.

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United Methodist Church

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Pastor:

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Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am

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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

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Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm

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Worship Service: 10:30 am

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Morning Worship: 11 am

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10:00 a.m. Thursday

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