

**The Greater-than-Moses Prophet-Like-Moses**

Message of Life

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**Introduction**

**Deuteronomy 18 and the Prophet Like Moses**

**God Will Speak through a Prophet-Like-Moses whom Israel Must Heed (18:15-19)**

**Short-Term Fulfilled-Prophecies Will Validate the Prophet-Like-Moses (18:20-11)**

Short-Term Unfulfilled-Prophecies Expose False-Prophets; validate the true One.

What Is Another Name for Short-Term Fulfilled Prophecies? \_\_\_\_\_

**John’s Gospel Focuses on Eight Signs: A Sign Involves \_\_\_\_\_ing, then \_\_\_\_\_ing.**  
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Sign 1: Water to Wine (2:1-11) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 2: Heal Official’s Son from Afar (4:46-54) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 3: Heal Man who Was Lame 38 Years (5:1-15) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 4: Feed 5000 Men (6:1-14) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 5: Teleport Boat & Disciples to Port (6:15-21) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 6: Heal Man Born Blind (9:1-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 7: Raise Lazarus (11:1-44) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign 8: Cross and Resurrection (John 19–20) John 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Some in John 6 Recognized Him as the Greater-than-Moses Prophet-Like-Moses (6:14)**

**The John 6:14 People Must NOT Be Equated with the King-Makers of 6:15**

Note what Jesus told the people of John 6:15 (in John 6: \_\_\_\_\_)

**How Does John 6 Present Jesus as the Greater-than-Moses Prophet-Like-Moses?**

1. Moses merely told the people about manna (e.g., bread from heaven),

Here, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

and He \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Moses merely told the people that God would spare them from Pharaoh's army,

Here, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXPOSITION OF JOHN 6:2-14: THE SIGN CONVINCED SOME THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH**

**(6:2-4) Around Passover, a great crowd on shore followed Jesus to the place where He went ashore (around Bethsaida) and up the hillside.**

**(6:5-6) Jesus asked Philip where to buy food for all the people, to give him an opportunity to anticipate a Messianic sign.**

**(6:7) Philip said that 8 months' wages could only buy a mouthful of bread for each one.**

A denarius was a day's wage for a common laborer 200 working days  $\approx$  33 (six-day) weeks  $\approx$  8 months wages. 8 months (at 3 meals per day)  $\approx$  750 meals for one person.

There are 5,000 men (plus women & children—per Matthew 14:21)  $\approx$  20,000 people  
Philip concludes that it is impossible to satisfy all of the people

**(6:8-9) Andrew found a lad with 5 barley loaves & 2 fish (appetizers): A mere pittance.**

**(6:10) Jesus told His disciples to seat the people: They sat on the grass in groups of 50.**

**(6:11) Jesus gave thanks and began breaking bread the disciples gave everyone as much bread and fish as each wanted.**

**(6:12-13) After everyone was satisfied, Jesus sent each of the 12 with a basket, which they filled with leftover crumbs.**

**(6:14) The sign caused people to say that Jesus is the coming Prophet.**

**Reinforcement: Acts 3:22-26 Understands the Prophet Like Moses to Be the Messiah<sup>1</sup>**

22“For Moses said to the fathers, ‘The Lord our God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.’ 23And it shall be that every person who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ 24Indeed, all the prophets also (from Samuel and those afterward), as many as have spoken, have also announced these days. 25You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ 26To you first, God, having raised His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.”

**Conclusion**

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<sup>1</sup> The fact that the religious leaders asked John the Baptist whether he would identify himself as either the Christ or the prophet (John 1:25) does not constitute proof that they regarded the Prophet to be distinct from the Christ. Why not? They were on a fishing expedition, using any term to see if John would embrace it. For example, a little child might say, “Fido is gone,” while crying. We might ask, “Is Fido your dog?” Receiving no answer, we might ask, “Is Fido your doggie?” Still no answer, so we ask, “Is Fido your puppy?” Fido sounds more like a dog’s name than one for a cat, so we may try several before we find the vocabulary term with which the child is familiar.

However, let us assume that the religious leaders in John 1 distinguished the Christ from the Prophet. Even if they did, this does not tell us that the people in John 6:14 made such a distinction.

The fact that John repeatedly shows that Jesus is the greater-than-Moses Prophet-like-Moses causes me to conclude that these people believed in Jesus as the Messiah.