

HANDOUTS FOR THE BEATITUDES STUDY

Handout #1, Lesson 1:

HOLY MOUNTAINS OF GOD

1. The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2:10; Ezekiel 28:12-14
2. Noah's Ark rests on Mt. Ararat after the Great Flood	Genesis 8:4
3. The substitutionary atonement of the ram in place of the sacrifice of Abraham's son Isaac on Mt. Moriah	Genesis 22:2
4. Sinai Covenant on Mt. Sinai/Horeb	Exodus 19:12
5. The site of Solomon's Temple on Mt. Moriah	2 Chronicles 3:1
6. Elijah's defeat of the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel [<i>carmel</i> is a Hebrew word for "garden"]	1 Kings 18
7. Jesus and the giving of the New Covenant law on the Mt. of Beatitudes	Matthew 5
8. Jesus' official appointment of Peter as Vicar of the Church on the mountain at Caesarea Philippi	Matthew 16:13-19; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-21;
9. Jesus prevailed over temptation on a mountain	Matthew 4:8-11; Luke 4:1-13
10. The Mt. of Transfiguration when Jesus appeared in His glory	Matthew 17 [Peter refers to this place as "the holy mountain" in 2 Peter 1:16-18]
11. Jesus is arrested in a garden on the Mt. of Olives; Jesus ascends to the Father from the Mt. of Olives	Matthew 26:47ff; Mark 14:43ff; Luke 22:47ff; John 18:3ff; Acts 1:1-19
12. Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified was a lower elevation of Mt. Moriah	Matthew 27:32-36; Mark 15:21-27; Luke 23:26-34; John 19:17-24
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Questions for group discussion:

Question: Read the promised blessings of obedience to the Old Covenant Law of Moses in Leviticus 26:3-13 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14 and the curses or judgments/ punishments for disobedience to the Law of the Covenant in Leviticus 26:14-46 and Deuteronomy 28:15-46. What do you notice concerning the classification of blessings and the punishments/ judgments? Were the blessings and curses temporal or eternal under to Old Covenant?

Answer: Under the Old Covenant both blessings and curses were temporal. The blessings included fertility and prosperity while the curses were judgments brought through external forces like foreign armies and sickness.

Question: Why were blessings for obedience to the covenant only temporal under the Old Covenant and why were the curses or punishments only temporal?

Question: How do the Old Covenant blessings and curses compare to the New Covenant blessings and curses or punishments? Why is there a difference? See the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1020-1060 and #633 to help you with your answers.

Handout #2, Lesson 1: **Typology of Moses and Jesus**

Scriptural types: “A biblical person, thing, action, or event that foreshadows new truths, new actions, or new events. In the Old Testament, Melchizedech and Jonah are types of Jesus Christ. A likeness must exist between the type and the archetype, but the latter is always greater. Both are independent of each other.” Catholic Dictionary, John A. Hardon, S.J.

MOSES	JESUS
An evil king/Pharaoh tried to kill him as a baby: Exodus 1:22	King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus: Matthew 2:16
He was hidden from the evil king/Pharaoh: Exodus 2:2	An angel said to hide the child from the evil King Herod: Matthew 2:13
Moses was sent into Egypt to preserve his life: Exodus 2:3-4	Jesus was taken into Egypt to preserve His life: Matthew 2:13-15
He was saved by women: his mother: Exodus 2:3; Miriam 2:4; Pharaoh's daughter 2:5-10	Saved and helped by His mother, Mary: Matthew 2:14
Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses: Exodus 2:10	Joseph adopted Jesus: Matthew 1:25
Moses became a prince of Egypt: Exodus 2:10	Jesus is the Prince of Peace: Isaiah 9:5; Matthew 28:18; Luke 2:14
Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood	Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood
Moses had a secret identity	Messianic secret = Jesus the Son of God
He tried to save a Hebrew kinsman: Exodus 2:11-12	Jesus came to save His Hebrew kinsman first: Mark 7:26-28
Went from being a prince to a pauper: Exodus 2:15-19	Went from being God to being man: John 1:1-3; Mark 6:3
Saved women at a well: Exodus 2:15-19	Saved a woman at a well: John chapter 4
Became a shepherd: Exodus 3:1	He is the Good Shepherd: John 10:11
Moses' mission was to redeem Israel from slavery to Egypt	Jesus' mission is to redeem mankind from slavery to sin
Moses was loved and supported in his ministry by his sister Miriam [in Hebrew, Miryam]	Jesus was loved and supported in his ministry by His mother Mary [in Hebrew, Miryam]
He was often rejected by his own people	Jesus was often rejected by His own people
Moses will give God's law on the mountain of Sinai: Exodus 20:1-31:18; 34:1-35	Jesus will give the new law from the Mt. of Beatitudes: Matthew chapter 5
Moses spent 40 days fasting on the mountain: 24:18;34:28	Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert wilderness: Matthew 4:2
Moses performs signs/ miracles	Jesus performs signs/miracles
Moses offered his life for the salvation of his people after the sin of the Golden Calf: Exodus 32:33-33	Jesus offered His life for the salvation of the world: Isaiah 53:12; Romans 5:12; 6:10; 2 Corinthians 5:15-21; Colossians 1:19-20; 2:14-15; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; etc.
Moses is the prophet of the Old Covenant Church	Jesus is the prophet, priest, and King of a New and everlasting Covenant = the universal Catholic Church [note catholic means universal]
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