

June
Apostolic Covering

“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

“Baptized into Moses” is an interesting phrase which speaks to us of how all the leaders were submitted to the mantle of Moses. Here the “fathers” speak of the leaders of the various tribes and could relate today to the lead pastor of a local church, a tribe among the nation. It is clear that leaders at all levels relate to some spiritual authority above themselves. Moses is identified in the New Testament as an “*apostle*” of the “*church in the wilderness*” (Hebrews 3:1-6). He is also representative of the apostolic ministry in Matthew 17:1-13 on the Mount of Transfiguration where he appears with Elijah who represents the prophetic ministry. I believe this is a true understanding because we have Jesus as the “Chief Cornerstone” in the picture, being built upon the foundation of apostle and prophets (Moses and Elijah). Then Peter, representing the “church” says, “*let us build three tabernacles and stay*”. So we see the complete picture on New Testament order with the Chief Cornerstone, the foundation gifts of apostle and prophet and the church being built thereon (Eph.2:20). We also see that Christ is revealed in Glory here because the correct foundation has been laid, which we are seeing in today’s church as the restoration of ministry grows to maturity. The scripture teaches us that the “glory of God” will be manifested at the greatest level when the Church is restored to a Biblical structure according to the pattern revealed.

Moses is also revealed as an “apostle/evangelist” having led the “children of Israel” out of bondage and servitude in Egypt for 400 years. He also functioned as an “apostle/pastor” while leading the flock thru the Wilderness for forty years, making sure they were fed and protected. Clearly, Moses fulfilled the duties of the apostolic ministry during his lifetime. God is raising up “Moses type ministries” in the Church today, who serve as “fathers” of a nation (apostolic network), to the “fathers” of local churches and translocal ministries. Who is the Moses in your life?

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