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Assignment 7C

When Moses was born, God had a special job for him. He was considered beautiful (Ex. 2:2) and had to be shipped off by his mother for him to survive. God identified Himself audibly to Moses through a burning bush, God called Himself "I Am" and said He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (Ex.2:4-16) Moses's name in Hebrew is "drawn forth" and in Egyptian it is just "son" (Merrill. Pg.110). Moses was drawn forth or called by God to do remarkable things. Moses was highly favored by God because he was chosen for some pretty big jobs.

Moses was God's leader of His people. He was the mediator between Israel and God. Moses had several responsibilities to uphold. He had to speak with the Pharaoh concerning freeing the Israelites, lead the Israelites through the wilderness, deliver the Law to the Israelites, and train his successor before his death. Moses was not a perfect man, but he was a faithful man. When defending a Hebrew slave, Moses killed an Egyptian foreman and hid his body (Ex.2:12). Moses also sinned when performing a miracle for the Lord. Moses began getting irritated with the Israelites lack of faith and complaints, He misspoke and upstaged God's glory. For this sin God told Moses that he wouldn't be the one to lead Israel into Canaan.

Though the Lord told Moses that he wouldn't be the leader in the new land, Moses was still blessed to see the borders of the land. Before he died, Moses instructed Israel's new leader Joshua, bless the tribes, write down all the law, give Israel the requirements of God, and recite a song. Moses died in Moab at the age of 120 years old.