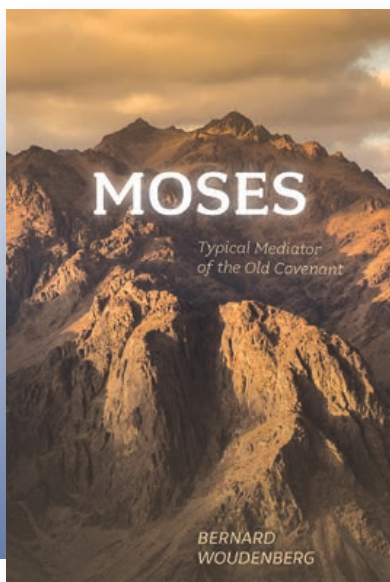




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This reviewer anxiously awaits volume 2 because of what will be included. He hopes it will include an index, along with a textual index (although the fine table of contents is extremely valuable until then).



***Moses: Typical Mediator of the Old Covenant***

Bernard Woudenberg. Jenison, MI: Reformed Free Publishing Association, 2021. 282 pages. Hardcover. \$27.95.

What a book! Perhaps we have often read the portions of Scripture which lay out Moses' life, and perhaps we have heard sermons on the passages opened up in this new publication; yet this handsome volume will still lay truths before the reader. Here in this life of Moses he is seen as the typical mediator of the Old Covenant who mediated between God and his church in those days when Israel was led

out of Egypt on the way to the promised land.

Originally, these articles were part of a long series of some two hundred articles the author wrote for the *Standard Bearer's* rubric "The Cloud of Witnesses." (Perhaps there are other series in the *Standard Bearer* which could be made available as are these.) These forty-six articles lay out Moses' work for his Lord during his 120 years on earth.

This volume, though its author engages in some poetic license, will lay before its readers the wonderful grace of God shown to God's people in spite of their weaknesses and sin. Commenting on Numbers 14:13–19, Woudenberg writes:

This was the deepest love of Moses' heart. It was true that he loved Israel, the people that he led. It was true that he loved the promise of God to bring them into Canaan land. But more than anything else, he loved his God and was jealous for the glory of God's name. He desired with all his heart that the goodness of God should be revealed and maintained unto the ends of the earth. For this he first pleaded, and from this derived all the rest. There was nothing on Israel's part that could be pleaded as an excuse for what they did. There was no virtue on Israel's part that warranted that their sin should be overlooked. There was only one thing that demanded Israel's preservation. God had promised forgiveness and redemption, and for his name's sake Moses pleaded, "Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the Greatness of thy mercy" (Num. 14:19). (219)

Each chapter is short, though filled with good material. Quoting from Augustine's experience, "Take up and read," it will help you to see how God works through his people

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