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## A Few Things They Didn't Like About Moses

## I. Introduction:

- A. Moses was chosen by the Lord to lead Israel out of bondage (Exodus 3:1-10).
  - 1. Through Moses the Lord was revealed to the children of Israel (**Psalms 103:6-7**).
  - 2. Through Moses the law was given to Israel (John 7:19).
- B. In his time Moses was very meek [humble; lowly], above all the men which were upon the face of the earth (**Numbers 12:3**).
  - 1. Think of who else was meek and lowly (Matthew 11:28-30).
  - 2. Moses was meek, but don't confuse meekness with weakness. After pleading with the Lord for Him not to destroy the people, Moses "went off" [so to speak] on them (**Exodus 32:15-35**).

## II. Body: **Acts 7:15-41**

- A. The people didn't like that Moses did not lead them to their expectations of water and food (**Exodus 15:22-24**, **Exodus 16:2-3**, **Exodus 17:1-3**, etc.).
  - 1. If you feed some people, they'll worship you (John 6:5-15).
  - 2. Jesus says that is altogether wrong (**John 6:24-27**; cf. **Romans 14:17**).
- B. They didn't like Moses' position of authority (**Numbers 12:1-2** and **Numbers 16:1-3**).
  - 1. Envy existed against him (**Psalms 106:16**).
  - 2. Rebellion against the messengers of God is rebellion against God (Jeremiah 26:4-6, Matthew 10:40, and Luke 10:16).
- C. The people would rather an idol lead them because they were impatient with Moses (**Exodus 32:1**).
  - 1. After Israel witnessed God judge the naysayers multiple times, they still wanted another leader and to go back to Egypt (**Numbers 14:1-4**).
  - 2. It is not up to us to determine the pace, but rather to focus on the destination (**Luke 13:23-24**).
  - 3. Are those leading doing so according to God's will? If so, follow what is good (Philippians 3:17, I Thessalonians 5:15, Hebrews 13:7, and III John 1:11).
  - 4. Remember who is at the head of the line (I Corinthians 11:1).
- III. Conclusion: While the people had issues with Moses, the Lord says he was faithful (**Numbers 12:7** and **Hebrews 3:2**; **3:5**; cf. **Deuteronomy 34:10-12**). Even after his error that kept him from the land promised to Israel (**Numbers 20:1-13**), he still led the people till his death whether they liked him or not (**Deuteronomy 34:1-5**).