

THE EVENT OF THE GOLDEN CALF (8)

Exodus 32:1-34:35

Key Verses: 32:13,14

"Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.'
Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened."

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read 32:1-6. What happened while Moses was on the mountain 40 days? (24:18) Why did the people want an idol and an animal party? Why did Aaron yield?
2. Read 32:7-10. How did God see this event? What does "stiff-necked" mean? What did God propose to do? What does this reveal about God's character?
3. Read 32:11-14. In this first prayer, on what basis did Moses plead with God to relent? How did God respond? What does this show about God? About Moses?
4. Read 32:15-25. What did Moses hear and see? What did he do? What shows Aaron's weakness and the need for strong leadership? Read 32:25-29. What did Moses do when he got down the mountain? Why? Why were the Levites set apart?
5. Read 32:30-35. How does Moses' second prayer reveal his shepherd heart? What was God's response? What can we learn about God here?
6. Skim chapter 33. What was Moses' prayer topic? Why was this so important? Describe his meetings with God in this chapter.
7. Skim chapter 34. Describe Moses' preparation, his prayer, God's personal revelation of himself and the second giving of the law (1-9). What promises and commands did God give Moses? (10-28) Describe Moses' appearance when he came down (29-35).