

# Exodus 32

## I. The golden calf. Vs. 1-10

A. The people wanted Aaron to make gods for them. Vs. 1

B. Aaron told the people to break off the golden earrings and bring them to him. Vs. 2-3

C. Aaron fashioned a golden calf with a graving tool. Vs. 4

1. Psalms 106:19-21 "They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;"

D. Aaron built an altar before the golden calf. Vs. 5

1. Aaron and the people broke the second commandment.

Exodus 20:4-6 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

E. They offerd burnt and peace offerings to the golden calf. Vs. 6

F. God told Moses to go down to the people for they had corrupted themselves. Vs. 7

G. They had worshiped a golden calf. Vs. 8

H. God called the people "stiff-necked people". Vs. 9

I. God told Moses that he would bring his wrath against them. Vs. 10

J. God would make a great nation from Moses. Vs. 10

## II. Moses' intercession for Israel. Vs. 11-14

A. Moses asked God to consider his relationship with Israel and his reputation with the nations. Vs. 11-12

B. Moses asked God to consider his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Vs. 13

**C. God changed his mind. Vs. 14**

**III. Moses and Joshua's return from Mt. Sinai. Vs. 15-18**

**A. Moses took the two tables of testimony with him as he returned to the people. Vs. 15**

**1. "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables." Vs. 16**

**B. Joshua told Moses the noise from the people was the noise of war in the camp. Vs. 17**

**C. Moses said no, it was singing. Vs. 18**

**IV. The idolaters slain. Vs. 19-35**

**A. When Moses saw the golden calf, he broke the two tables of testimony. Vs. 19**

**1. The breaking of the two tables of testimony was symbolic of the breaking of the covenant between the people and God.  
Exodus 24:3 "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do."**

**B. Moses took the golden calf and burned it, ground it to powder, put in water and made the people drink it. Vs. 20**

**C. Aaron gave his false account of what happened. Vs. 21-24**

**D. Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me." Vs. 25-26**

**E. The Levites gathered unto Moses. Vs. 26**

**F. Moses had the Levites slay everyone who was still worshipping the golden calf. Vs. 27-28**

**G. Three thousand lost their lives. Vs. 28**

**H. Moses told the people to devote themselves to the Lord while he would intercede for them before the Lord. Vs. 29-30**

**I. Moses wanted God to blot his name out of the book if he did not forgive the people. Vs. 31-33**

**1. This book is not the Lamb's Book of life for those who are saved.  
2. This book is the book of the living that has the names of those who are alive on the earth.  
Psalms 69:28 "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous."**

**a. When a person dies physically, his name is blotted out of this book.**

**b. If a person's name is blotted out of this book then they will die physically.**

**3. If God did not forgive the people, then Moses wanted to die.**

**J. God told Moses to go, lead the people to the promised land, and he would plague the people for making the golden calf. Vs. 34-35**