The life of Moses (From Egypt to the Edge of the Promised Land)

Exodus and selected verses from Deuteronomy

**LESSON 20 – The Gold Calf and the Command to Leave Sinai**

**(Exodus 32:1-33:6)**

**DAYS ONE THRU FOUR -** Read Exodus 32:1-35 (The Gold Calf)

1. What happened in verse 1, *when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain*?

*Answer here*

2. What was Aaron’s immediate response in verses 2-4a?

*Answer here*

3. How did the people give credit to this false god for bringing them out of Egypt in verse 4b?

*Answer here*

4. a. How did Aaron then show that he would rather please men than God in verses 5-6?

*Answer here*

b. How many commandments had these people just broken?

*Answer here*

c. What better choices did the apostle Paul make in the following verses?

Galatians 1:10

*Answer here*

1 Thessalonians 2:4

*Answer here*

5. As *the LORD* told Moses what was going on below with these people he had brought out of Egypt, how did He describe them and their behavior in verses 7-9?

*Answer here*

6. As *the LORD* threatened to *consume* (destroy) these people and start over with only Moses, how did he plead with *the LORD his God* in verses 11-12?

*Answer here*

7. a. What did Moses ask *the LORD* to *remember*?

*Answer here*

b. How did *the LORD* respond in verse 14?

*Answer here*

8. As Moses came down from the mountain, describe what he had *in his hand*.

*Answer here*

9. As Joshua accompanied Moses off the mountain, describe the noise from the camp identified by Moses.

*Answer here*

10. a. When Moses *saw the calf and the dancing*, how did he picture the nation breaking God’s commandments by what he did in his *anger*?

*Answer here*

b. List some things that stand out to you as Moses describes this same scene in Deuteronomy 9:15-20.

*Answer here*

c. How does 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 tell us what we should still learn from this *example*?

*Answer here*

11. Then what did Moses do with the calf and its remains back in Exodus 32:20?

*Answer here*

12. What question did Moses have for Aaron in verse 21?

*Answer here*

13. What excuse did Aaron make as he acted like this golden calf had just popped out of the fire by itself?

*Answer here*

14. a. When Moses *saw that the people were unrestrained* because *Aaron had not restrained them*,what choice did Moses give them in verse 26?

*Answer here*

b. Which people chose *the LORD’s side*?

*Answer here*

15. Then, as the Levites obeyed the words of *the LORD God of Israel* in verses 27-28, what was the death toll in this judgment from God to preserve His honor and glory?

*Answer here*

**EXTRA INFO:** They apparently killed all who persisted in the idolatry and immorality.

16. What did the Levites in verse 29 need to do to receive a blessing for this terrible slaughter of their own people?

*Answer here*

17. As Moses confirmed *the great sin these people had committed*, and went back up the mountain, how did he still show his love for his people in verse 32?

*Answer here*

18. As the LORD spoke of blotting people out of His book, how can we see His compassion for sinners along with the demands of His holiness in Ezekiel 33:10-11?

*Answer here*

19. As Moses should still lead the people to the Promised Land with the LORD’s *Angel* in Exodus 32:34, what did the word, *nevertheless* mean for them?

*Answer here*

20. What did *the LORD* do in Exodus 32:35 because *of what they did with Aaron’s calf*?

*Answer here*

**DAY FIVE -** Read Exodus 33:1-6 (The Command to Leave Sinai)

1. What instructions did the LORD then give to Moses in verse 1?

*Answer here*

2. a. What would the LORD do to help His people when they got to this land He *swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*?

*Answer here*

b. What does Joshua 5:13-15 say about the LORD’s *Angel who would go before them*?

*Answer here*

3. What was the bad news back in Exodus 33:3?

*Answer here*

4. How did the people react to this *bad news* in verses 4 and 6?

*Answer here*

5. What did *the LORD* tell Moses to *say to the children of Israel* in verse 5?

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** As we saw Aaron completely fail to be the high priest he should have been under the old covenant, why is the ministry of Jesus Christ as our High Priest under the new covenant, so much better? Read Hebrews 7:22-28 and share what stands out to you.

*Answer here*