

Exodus 32

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32 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. (They think that something bad happened to Moses. These people lacked faith and patience)

(This is almost unbelievable. God brought them out of Egypt, not Moses. God defeated Pharaoh's army, not Moses. These people witnessed miracle after miracle; and yet, it only took a few months for Israel to turn against God and return to idol worship. They want Aaron, their priest, to make them a golden idol to worship)

²And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. (Aaron, the chief priest, is an Idiot. He agreed to make an Idol for them to worship. This is blasphemy against God – the God that saved all of their lives and freed them from Egypt)

³And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

⁴And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (The calf was one of the gods of Egypt. This is one of the graven images that God said not to make in the Ten Commandments)

⁵And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. (Aaron actually thinks that this idol will please God. It won't)

⁶And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. (They worshipped the golden calf, got drunk and had a sexual orgy)

(This is similar to today's Easter sunrise celebrations. People today think that an Ishtar celebration <Easter> will please God. It doesn't)

⁷ And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: (thy people-> God disowned them – and rightfully so)

⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (God was rightfully insulted)

⁹ And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: (stiffnecked = stubborn and undisciplined)

¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. (God was ready to kill the whole bunch. They deserved it)

¹¹ And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? (Moses acted as the intercessor for the people of Israel. This is the sign of a good leader)

(God was in His right to destroy the whole bunch; but He spared them as a favor to Moses. These people got real lucky that day. Will they remember it and change their ways?)

¹² Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. (evil = wrath, anger, tumult – better translation)

(If God had destroyed the Israelites, the Egyptians and other nations would have spun this into a false narrative against God)

¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

¹⁴ And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people. (evil = wrath, anger, tumult – better translation)

(God has emotions like we do. HE was rightfully angry at the Israelites. HE spared them for Moses' sake; because Moses had been loyal and faithful to God)

¹⁵ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. (tables = highly polished, smooth stone tablets)

¹⁶ And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. (These tables were written by the hand of God, Himself)

¹⁷ And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. (It wasn't war. it was a drunken orgy before the golden calf)

¹⁸ And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear. (They already broke the first commandment. They are partying and worshipping their golden idol)

¹⁹ And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. (That was a dumb move. Those tablets were written by the hand of God)

²⁰ And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. (He made them eat the gold that they had made the calf with)

²¹ And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? (What the heck were you thinking?)

²² And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief. (It's their fault, not mine. Aaron is blaming the people for the whole mess)

²³ For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt,

we wot not what is become of him. (Their patience ran out after only 40 days)

²⁴ And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf. (Aaron blames everyone and everything, but himself. The calf didn't just fall out of the fire. Aaron fashioned it himself with an engraving tool. Aaron is a liar) See verse 4

²⁵ And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) (They are surrounded by unfriendly tribes; and there is no guard around the camp; and no protection from an invasion. They were drunk and unarmed. They would have been easy prey for anyone to take)

²⁶ Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. (They were a type for the Elect, who stood with God in the First Age. The Elect will stand again with God, against antichrist, at the end of this Age)

²⁷ And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. (Kill those who are against God and want to keep worshipping the golden calf)

NOTE: (These idol worshippers are a type for those who will worship antichrist in the end times. But they will suffer a spiritual death, not a physical death)

²⁸ And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. (These are the idolaters who stood against Moses. Their golden calf couldn't protect them)

²⁹ For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. (Get right with God and repent for what you did. Ask for forgiveness and stay away from idol worship and sexual perversion)

(These people had seen God perform miracle after miracle for their benefit. How could they even doubt that there is a God in heaven?)

³⁰ And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. (Here, Moses is acting as intercessor for the people. He is like a type for Jesus)

NOTE: (Today, Jesus is our intercessor before God because He lived a flesh life. He is qualified to judge us. He experienced life in the flesh with its ups and downs, just as we do. But His life was perfect, without sin. HE was the perfect sacrifice for all time, to redeem us from our sins)

³¹ And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. (The first step in repentance is admitting you sinned. The second step is to change your ways for the better)

³² Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. (Moses is offering himself to God as atonement for the peoples' sin)

³³ And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. (Judgment; they had witnessed God's miracles first hand. They deliberately chose to turn against Him after all that)

NOTE: (They are a type for the Elect. If any of them switch sides and work for antichrist in the end days, they will lose their salvation. That is the unforgivable sin; because they know the truth and will deliberately be turning against God)

³⁴ Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them. (God is fair. HE's not going to punish Moses for other peoples' sin. They will all answer for their ownsins in due time – unless they repent)

³⁵ And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made. 1Corinthians-10 (God sent a plague that killed an additional 20,000 idolaters – those who refused to repent)