

EXODUS – LESSON TWELVE

I. THE GOLDEN CALF AND THE NEW TWO TABLES OF STONE (Chapters 32-34).

- A. The people of Israel worship the golden calf (32:1-6)
 - 1. Moses' delay creates an impatient people.
 - 2. Gold authorized by Aaron and supplied by the people.
 - 3. The calf is proclaimed as "thy gods...which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.
 - 4. Aaron erects altar and proclaims a feast unto Jehovah.
 - 5. People worship with lewdness.
- B. God reveals His anger and Moses seeks intercedes for the people (32:7-14).
 - 1. God desires to consume the people and start over with Moses.
 - 2. Moses reminds God of His oath to Israel's fathers and Egypt's potential mocking.
 - 3. God repents of the evil He had sought to do.
- C. Moses breaks the tables of stone and forces the people to drink water containing the powder of the burnt calf (32:15-20).
- D. Aaron's excuse and the punishment of the people (32:21-35).
 - 1. Aaron says, "I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf."
 - 2. The sons of Levi put to death about 3,000 with the sword.
 - 3. Moses returns to God to confess the sins of the people – God will punish the one who sins.
- E. God threatens to remove Himself from His people and have an angel guide them to the promised land (33:1-23).
 - 1. People mourn and are instructed to take off their ornaments to await God's decision.
 - 2. Moses erects a tent removed from the people and through a cloud, God meets with Moses in the tent.
 - 3. Moses pleads for Jehovah to go with the people – God agrees.
 - 4. Moses protected in the cleft of the rock from seeing the face of God when God's glory passes before Moses.
- F. Moses hews two new tables of stone and goes up into the mount to write the testimony from God (34:1-28).
 - 1. Moses worships and again pleads for God's favor on the people.
 - 2. Idolatry is forbidden.
 - 3. The feast of unleavened bread and redemption of the first-born enjoined.
 - 4. The sabbath commanded – in plowing time and harvest.
 - 5. Along with the passover feast, the feast of weeks (pentecost) and the ingathering at the end of the year (feast of tabernacles) requires all males to appear before the Lord.
 - 6. Blood of sacrifices not to be offered with leavened bread.
 - 7. The sacrifice of the Passover is not to be left until the morning.

8. The first –fruits of the ground is be brought to the house of Jehovah.
 9. A young goat (kid) is not be boiled in the mother’s milk.
 10. Moses writes down the words of the covenant – the ten commandments.
- G. Moses’ face shines when God speaks with him (34:39-35)
1. Moses placed a veil over his face when revealing God’ commands to the people.
 2. Moses removes the veil when in the presence of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the people ask Aaron to make them a god?
2. What did Aaron build for the people?
Did his commentary as to what happened harmonize with what he did?
3. What commandment did Aaron and the people break?
4. What did God want to do with the people and with Moses?
5. What did Moses say to cause God to repent of His plans?
What is involved in God “repenting”?
6. What did Moses do when he heard and saw the people of Israel practicing idolatry?
7. How many people of Israel were put to death for this sin?
By whom were they put to death?
8. After the initial punishment, what did God threaten to do?

9. What did Moses say in response?

10. What of God did Moses see?
How does this harmonize with John's statement, "that no man hath seen God at anytime" (John 1:18)?

11. What is the name of God that should discourage idolatry?

12. The Sabbath day was to be observed in _____ and _____.

13. How many times a year were the males to appear before Jehovah?

14. What was commanded in respect to a young goat (kid)?

15. What did Moses do to his face when giving commandments to people that he had just received from God?

Why did he do this?

What point in the New Testament does Paul make in referring to this occurrence?