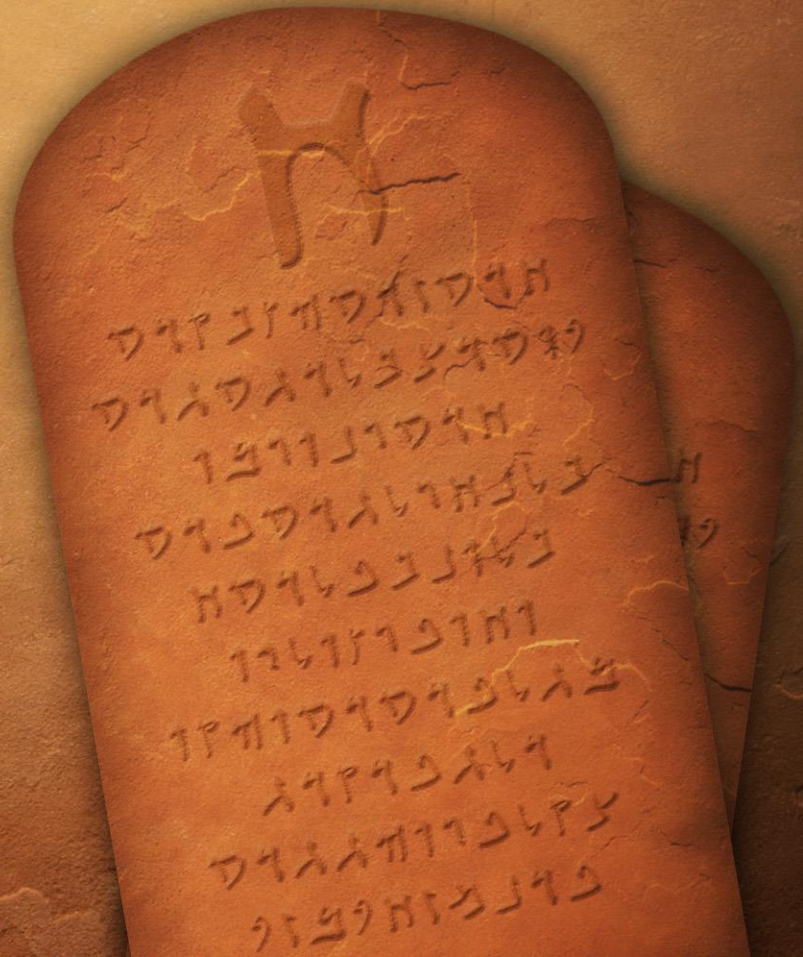


# Israel At Mount Sinai (2)

## Exodus 32-34

Journey Through the Bible (25)



# Previously

- We continue with our 6<sup>th</sup> (of 17) time periods of Bible history – the wilderness wanderings
- In our last lesson, we examined the giving of the 10 commandments and other laws that would govern Israel.
- We also addressed how Israel had made a covenant with YHWH to obey His will.
- Today, we resume with Israel breaking their covenant with YHWH.

# Concerning Mt. Sinai

- Israel will remain at Mt. Sinai for about 1 year.
- Events are recorded in **Exodus 19 – Numbers 10:11.**
- During this time, they receive the Law, build the tabernacle, establish the priesthood and observe the 2<sup>nd</sup> Passover, and finally number various groups of people, before they proceed to the promised land.

# Breaking God's Covenant – Exodus 32

- **Exodus 19:8, 24:3 & 7** – Recall how 3 times Israel affirmed, “All that the LORD has said we will do...”
- **20:1-5** – Recall the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> commandments
  - No God's before Me
  - No carved images

# Breaking God's Covenant – Exodus 32

- **24:28** – Moses is on Mt. Sinai for 40 days where the LORD gave him “two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God” (**31:18**)  
NOTE: On the tables, the 10 commandments are written (**Ex. 24:28, Deut. 4:13**)
- BUT, as noted Moses also received detailed instructions for the tabernacle, priesthood, etc.  
**31:1-11** – gifted artisans

# Breaking God's Covenant – Exodus 32

- **24:13-14** – Joshua accompanied him (though he did not go up with Moses)  
Aaron and Hur stayed behind for the people
- **32:1-4** - while Moses delayed the people approached Aaron to make them “gods”.  
Aaron helps them commit this sin.
- **32:5-6** – the next day they have a feast to their “gods”. **Recall the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 commandments that they PROMISED to keep!**

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **32:7-10** – YHWH tells Moses to go down, “For YOUR people whom YOU brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.” YHWH is ready to destroy the people and start over with Moses.
- **32:11-14** - Moses intercedes for Israel.
  - What would Egypt think (and other nations)
  - Remember the promise to Abraham...
- YHWH relented some.

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **32:15-19** – Moses and Joshua return and find the people worshipping idols. He breaks the tablets in anger. (JUST as they had broken God's commands & covenant)
- **32:20** - Moses destroys the calf, grinds it into powder and casts it into the water and makes the Israelites drink it!



# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **32:21-24** – He confronts Aaron, who makes pitiful excuses
- **32:25-28** - Moses separates the followers of God from the rebellious and commands that they slay their wicked relatives  
About 3000 men die that day



# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **32:29-32** – Moses calls for the people to consecrate themselves. They had committed a great sin. He will go to YHWH and try to make atonement for them.

He goes to YHWH and intercedes for the people to be forgiven, even declaring “*If You will not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.*”

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **32:33-35** – YHWH declares (righteously) that He would blot out of His book those who were guilty. He would punish the guilty. The people were plagued.
- **33:1-6** – Next, YHWH tells the people to depart (even though they are not ready) Again He tells Moses that he had brought them out of Egypt (YHWH is still not identifying with them)

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **33:7-11** – Moses pitches his tent OUTSIDE the camp and calls it “the tabernacle of meeting.” He would go there to speak to the LORD. When he went, the people would rise and worship.

*“So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to a friend.”*

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **33:12-17** – Moses further intercedes for the people. He declares that if he has found grace, that the LORD should go with them.  
*“...Show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is YOUR people.”*
- Furthermore, if He would not be with them then don't let them leave that place.
- YHWH heeds the request of Moses

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **33:18-23** – Moses further requests, “*Show me Your glory*”  
YHWH agrees to show His glory, but not His face!
- **34:1-9** – Moses goes up on the mountain a 2<sup>nd</sup> time WITH 2 tables of stone that he had prepared. Again, he is gone 40 days and nights (he did not drink or eat). He is given further instructions.

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **34:10-28** – YHWH again makes a covenant with the people.  
REPEATED is their need to NOT worship idols and to drive out the idolatrous inhabitants of the land.  
They are given further instructions concerning the Passover, firstborn regulations, etc.

# Moses intercedes – Exodus 32:7-34:35

- **34:29-35** – Moses comes down from the mountain! His face is shining (having been in the direct presence of YHWH).
  - He gives the people the commands of YHWH and THEN he puts a veil over his face.
- **WHENEVER** he would meet with the LORD, he would uncover his face and declare to the people what he was told. **THEN** he would put the veil back on!



# Lessons to Consider

Moses is a type of Jesus in many ways

- **Deuteronomy 18:15-18** – both were prophetic lawgivers.
- Moses intercedes – Jesus intercedes –  
**Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34**
- **Cf. John 3:14-16** – as Moses lifted up the serpent (**Num. 21:6-9**), so the Son of Man must be lifted up

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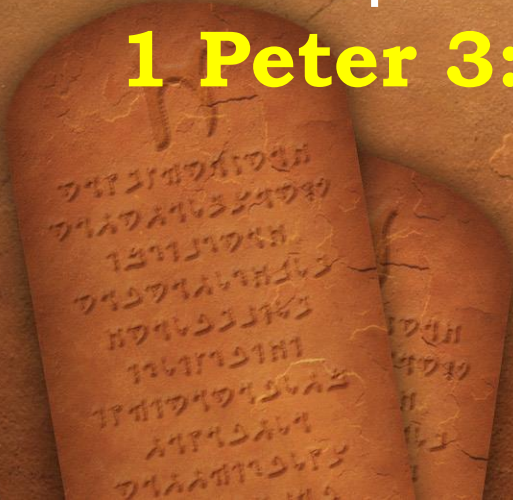
## Moses is a type of Jesus in many ways

- **Ex. 34:29-35** – Moses on the mountain sees the glory of God; Jesus on the Mount of transfiguration – **Matthew 17:1-2**
- Moses will erect the physical tabernacle; Jesus will erect the spiritual tabernacle – the church **Hebrews 8:1-6, esp. vs. 5**

# Lessons to Consider

## God listens to His people!

- He listened to Moses. While certainly more direct, we learn from him that God DOES listen.
- He is open to our prayers – **1 John 5:14-15,**  
**1 Peter 3:12**



# Lessons to Consider

When we sin, our relationship with God is affected

- The golden calf caused great problems.  
See **1 Corinthians 10:5-6, cf. vs. 11-12**
- Sin separates us from God –  
**Romans 3:23, 6:23**
- We need to genuinely repent to return to Him.  
He WILL restore us when we do –  
**Acts 8:22, 1 John 1:8-10.**

# Lessons to Consider

**When the Lord speaks, we need to listen!**

- Moses comes down and his face shines. When revealing God's word, he removes the veil.
- When God speaks, we **MUST** listen!  
**2 Peter 1:9, 1 John 5:3, James 1:22, 22, 25**  
Recall **Matthew 7:21-23**

# Lessons to Consider

**When the Lord speaks, we need to listen!**

- **2 Corinthians 3:7-18** appeals to our context.

When God speaks, there must be no veil. Sadly, many had a veil over their hearts in the days of Jesus (and even today)

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

- Do NOT be that person – **2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, etc.**

Are you living for God or  
against Him?



Let us pray!

