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Survey Of The Bible I

Genesis-Deuteronomy



Exo 32-34

- The events of chapter 32 picture what will happen to a church or home without proper spiritual leadership
 - What occurs in chapter 32 sounds like a college frat party/dance or teenagers throwing a party when their parents leave the house, and all is associated with IDOLATRY (32:6,19)
 1. There is FOOD AND DRINK (32:6)
 2. There are GAMES (32:6)
 3. There is LOUD MUSIC (32:18)
 4. There is DANCING (32:19)
 5. There is NAKEDNESS (32:25)
 - What does the Lord say about those who participate in this revelry?
“Thy people...have CORRUPTED themselves” (32:7)
 - The apostasy in worshipping the golden calf (32:4-10) is the seventh of 10x the children of Israel “tempt” the Lord cf. (Num 14:22)
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Exo 32-34

- Moses, a type of Christ, makes intercession for the sinning saints on the basis of an unconditional covenant (32:11-14) cf. (Heb 7:25; 1 John 2:1)
- Moses could have been proud and accepted God's offer (v.10), but he was meek and humble; he could have promoted self, but he chose to defend others
- Moses and the Lord spoke to each other as a man speaks to his friend (33:11), how else could a man get away with telling God he needs to REPENT (32:12)?
- How could the Lord "repent" if he is holy, sinless, and immutable? The word is used in respect to a change in God's actions not his attributes or character- he knew he would not consume the children of Israel; all was done to bring about the MEDIATION of Moses and to demonstrate the MERCY of the Lord
- All four sides of the two tables of stone were written on (32:15), the word of God was "etched in stone" (32:16)
- The tables were the WORD of God, the first scripture (i.e.- written word of God) and they are called: (1) the WORK of God; and (2) the WRITING of God (32:16)
- There was a rock concert type atmosphere at the foot of the mount because the music and singing sounded like WAR (32:17-18)





Exo 32-34

- In contrast to the dancing following the Red sea crossing (15:20), the dancing that occurs in (32:19) had ungodly motives and was conducted in an ungodly manner
- This is the type of dancing the world engages in (to various degrees); it is immodest, sensual, ungodly, and is nothing less than a pre-mating ritual
- The breaking of the two tables of stone represented the fact the children of Israel had broken all ten commandments by their actions (32:19)
- Those who engage in such revelry are NOT on the Lord's side (32:26)
- Whose side are you on? I know I am on the Lord's team because he is the CAPTAIN (Heb 2:10) and he CHOSE me (Eph 1:4)
- The 3,000 killed (32:28) are the first of at least 10 instances of wilderness fatalities cf. (Lev 10:2; Num 11:1,33; 14:37; 15:36; 16:32-35,49; 21:6; 25:9)
- Aaron failed in his leadership because he made a decision based on POPULARITY instead of PRINCIPLE; his decision earned temporary FAVOR with the people, but eventually brought FATALITY to them
- Moses is in the mount 40 days and 40 nights to make atonement for Israel's sin (32:31-34) cf. (Deu 9:18)





Exo 32-34

- The “tabernacle of the congregation” (33:7) was a precursor to THE tabernacle which was yet to be completed
- It was similar to Calvary in that it was located WITHOUT THE CAMP and it is where everyone went who sought the Lord (33:7) cf. (Heb 13:10-12)
- The conversation recorded in (33:12-34:3) takes place in the tabernacle of the congregation
- Evidence of being God’s people is God being with them (33:16; Rom 8:14)
- The first COPY of the word of God (34:1) and was just as much the word of God as “the original”

7 Divine Characteristics (34:6-7)

1. Merciful
2. Gracious
3. Longsuffering
4. Abundant in goodness and truth
5. Keeping mercy for thousands
6. Forgiving iniquity and transgression
7. Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children





Exo 32-34

- The word CATTLE is defined by its use in (34:19) as all domesticated beasts that SERVE man in the field (i.e.- a beast of burden like an ox) or are a SOURCE of sustenance (i.e.- a beast that produces food or clothing like a sheep)
 - The Lord promises to protect the land from attack on any of the three feast days that required all the males to be present before the Lord (34:23-24)
 - Moses is in the mount 40 days and 40 nights receiving the second set of tables (34:4-29) cf. (34:28)
 - Moses was able to go without food and water 40 days and 40 nights because he was “there with the Lord” (34:28)- fasting must be accompanied by prayer for it to be effectual (Psa 35:13; Dan 9:3; Matt 17:21; Acts 14:23; 1 Cor 7:5) otherwise it is nothing more than “neglecting of the body” (Col 2:23)
 - Those who spend time in the presence of the Lord will have a glow about them (i.e.- they have a spiritual tan from their exposure to the Son) and others, including carnal believers, will be afraid to be near them (34:30)
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