

Timeline of Truth: Moses Confronts Aaron & Israel Regarding the Golden Calf (Ex 32:15-35)

Review of Sinai Activity Up to This Point						
EXODUS	20:1-21	<i>The Ten Commandments</i>	21:28-36	<i>Animal Control Laws</i>	23:10-13	<i>The Law of Sabbaths</i>
	20:22-26	<i>The Law of the Altar</i>	22:1-15	<i>Responsibility for Property</i>	23:14-19	<i>Three Annual Feasts</i>
	21:1-11	<i>The Law Concerning Servants</i>	22:16-31	<i>Moral and Ceremonial Laws</i>	23:20-33	<i>God's Angel and God's Promises</i>
	21:12-27	<i>The Concerning Violence</i>	23:1-9	<i>Justice for All</i>	24:1-8	<i>Israel Accepts God's Covenant</i>
					24:9-18	<i>God Calls Moses Up the Mountain</i>

From Exodus 25-31, God gives Moses the following information (which Moses had not yet come down to share):

Summary of Information Given to Moses on the Mountain					
25:1-9	<i>Offerings for the Tabernacle</i>	28:1-4	<i>Garments of the Priests</i>	30:11-16	<i>Ransom Money</i>
25:10-22	<i>Instructions on the Ark</i>	28:5-14	<i>The Ephod</i>	30:17-21	<i>The Bronze Laver</i>
25:23-31	<i>The Golden Lampstand</i>	28:15-30	<i>The Breastplate</i>	30:22-33	<i>The Holy Anointing Oil</i>
26:1-37	<i>The Tabernacle Design</i>	28:31-43	<i>Other Garments</i>	30:34-38	<i>The Incense</i>
27:1-8	<i>The Altar of Burnt Offering</i>	29:1-37	<i>Consecration of Aaron & Sons</i>	31:1-11	<i>God's Gifted Artisans</i>
27:9-19	<i>The Court of the Tabernacle</i>	29:38-46	<i>The Daily Offerings</i>	31:12-18	<i>The Sabbath Law</i>
27:20-21	<i>The Care of the Lampstand</i>	30:1-10	<i>The Altar of Incense</i>	32:1-6	<i>The Golden Calf</i>

God Interrupts His Meeting with Moses, and Shares with Moses what has Been Going On in Israel's Camp...

^{32:1} Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me." ³ "So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. ⁴ And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow *is* a feast to the LORD." ⁶ Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. (1 Cor 10:7; Acts 7:40-41)

⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*." ⁸ "They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it *is* a stiff-necked people!" ¹⁰ "Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation." ¹¹ Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² "Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. ¹³ "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.'" ¹⁴ So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

¹⁵ And Moses turned and went down from the mountain,	1. Moses Heads _____ the Mountain
and the two tablets of the Testimony <i>were</i> in his hand. The tablets <i>were</i> written on both sides; on the one <i>side</i> and on the other they were written.	2. What Moses _____
¹⁶ Now the tablets <i>were</i> the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets.	
¹⁷ And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, " <i>There is</i> a noise of war in the camp."	3. Joshua _____ and _____
¹⁸ But he said: " <i>It is</i> not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, <i>But</i> the sound of singing I hear."	4. Moses _____ What He Hears
¹⁹ So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf <i>and</i> the dancing.	5. Moses _____ What He Fears
So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.	6. Moses _____ in Anger
²⁰ Then he took the calf which they had made, burned <i>it</i> in the fire, and ground <i>it</i> to powder; and he scattered <i>it</i> on the water and made the children of Israel drink <i>it</i> .	7. Moses Deals with the _____ and the _____

<p>²¹ And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that you have brought so great a sin upon them?"</p>	<p>8. Moses Confronts _____</p>
<p>²² So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they <i>are set</i> on evil. ²³ "For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; as <i>for</i> this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ²⁴ "And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break <i>it</i> off.' So they gave <i>it</i> to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out."</p>	<p>9. Aaron _____ and _____</p>
<p>²⁵ Now when Moses saw that the people <i>were</i> unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to <i>their</i> shame among their enemies), ²⁶ then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever <i>is</i> on the LORD'S side-- <i>come</i> to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him. ²⁷ And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' ²⁸ So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.</p>	<p>10. Moses Takes _____ Action</p>
<p>²⁹ Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother."</p>	<p>11. Moses _____ the Actions of the Sons of Levi</p>
<p>³⁰ Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."</p>	<p>12. Moses Tells the People the _____</p>
<p>³¹ Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! ³² "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin-- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."</p>	<p>13. Moses _____ to God</p>
<p>³³ And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. ³⁴ "Now therefore, go, lead the people to <i>the place</i> of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin." ³⁵ So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made.</p>	<p>14. God's _____</p>

The calf represented Yahweh on *their* terms. Yahweh had made clear repeatedly that he would be received and worshiped only on *his* terms. (Durham, J. I. (1998). *Exodus* (Vol. 3, p. 422). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.)

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