

Israel & the Golden Calf

Study 26: Exodus 32 & 34

1. Again read **Exodus 24:1-18**. Where does Moses go after the Covenant is confirmed between the LORD and Israel? How long will Moses stay in this location? What do you think Moses will see, experience, and hear during this time?
2. Read **Exodus 25:1-22, 23-30, 31-40, Exodus 26:1-6, 31-37, Exodus 27:1-8, 20-21, Exodus 28:1-5, Exodus 29:1-18, Exodus 30:1-10, Exodus 31:12-18**. What are some of the specific instructions the LORD gives to Moses during his time on the mountain?
3. Read **Exodus 32:1-35**. What do the people of Israel decide to do as a result of Moses being gone for so long? What do they convince Aaron to do in Moses' absence? Why do you think that the people were motivated to do this? How could they do such a thing, this soon after entering into Covenant with God? What, if anything, is wrong with the Israelites? Where do you think the people got this idol idea in the first place?
4. How does the LORD respond as a result of what Israel has done (v. 7-11)? How does God describe the Israelites? Why do you think God describes Israel in this way?
5. What does Moses have in his hands when he comes down the mountain (Exodus 31:18)? Who was responsible for making these two items? What does Moses do with these items when he sees what Israel has done? Why do you think that Moses did this?
6. What does Moses then do with the golden calf? What does he make the people of Israel do as a result? Why do you think that Moses made the Israelites do this? What does God instruct the Levites to do as a result of this situation (v. 25-28)? Why do you think God did this?
7. Read **Exodus 34:1-28**. What occurs between God and Moses now? What does the LORD order Moses to do? How does the LORD describe Himself in verses 6-7? In the end, what is eventually "renewed" or reconfirmed? What is the message to you in these passages?