

Israel's Response to the Covenant

Study 27: See Readings below

1. What do the people of Israel do just a few days after the Covenant was confirmed at Mount Sinai, while Moses was on the mountain for 40 days meeting with the LORD? What did the people convince Aaron to do? Why do you think the Israelites did this? How would you evaluate Israel's faithfulness to God at this time? Suggested Reading: *Exodus 32:1-10*
2. Read **Exodus 34:1-28**. Not long after Israel's blunder with the golden calf, God mercifully renews the Covenant with Israel. In **Exodus 34: 12-17**, the LORD emphasizes two things that Israel should do and not do when they enter the 'Promised Land' of Canaan. What does God command Israel to do when they enter the land? What does God strongly command Israel not to do when they enter the land? How do you think Israel will respond to these commands?
3. Read **Numbers 13:1-33 & Numbers 14:1-38**. One the premier covenant promises of God was the bountifully rich and beautiful land of Canaan that God was giving to Israel as an inheritance. How does Israel respond after a selected group of Israelite men return from previewing the 'Promised land'? What does God say about Israel's behavior?
4. Read **Numbers 21:4-9**. How do the people speak about the LORD and His gracious food provisions as they travel around the land of Edom? How does God feel about this?
5. Read **Numbers 25:1-5**. What do the people of Israel do when they settle in the plains of Moab, not long before entering the 'Promise Land'? Is Israel faithful the Covenant here? What do you think about Israel's behavior? What does God think about their behavior?
6. Read **Judges 2:11-23**. How do the people of Israel respond to their covenant with the LORD not long after they enter the 'Promised Land'?
7. Read **1 Kings 11:1-8, 1 Kings 19:9-10, 2 Chronicles 33:1-9**. How would you describe the faithfulness of King Solomon (900 BC) and King Manasseh (675 BC)? What impact did their behavior have upon the people of Israel? How does the prophet Elijah describe the behavior of Israel, just days after Elijah killed 450 prophets who were leading Israel in Baal worship?
8. What do you think about Israel's commitment to God and faithfulness to the Covenant?