

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

October 1, 2025

Exodus 32:1-6

Introduction:

1. Why did the children of Israel apostasize so quickly?
 - a) Misplaced trust: **Exodus 32.1:** *"Now when the people saw that Moses delayed"*
 - b) Misconception of God: **Exodus 32.1:** *"make us gods that shall go before us"*
 - c) Misguided memories: **Psalms 106.19-21:** *"They forgot God their Savior"*
2. In verses 2-6, we read about Aaron's role in their departure.

I. AARON BECAME A FOLLOWER

- A. What was Aaron's role in the nation of Israel?
 1. **Exodus 32.1:** *"the people gathered together to Aaron"* Why?
 2. Aaron was the spokesman for Moses. (Ex. 4.15,16; 16.9,10)
 3. Aaron was a judge over Israel. (Ex. 24.14; cf. Ex. 18.22)
- B. Aaron went from leader to follower.
 1. **Exodus 32.2:** *"Break off the golden earrings"* (cf. Ps. 7.2),
 2. **Exodus 32.2:** *the golden earrings which are in the ears*" (cf. Ex. 12.35),
 3. **Exodus 32.2:** *"in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters"*

II. AARON BECAME A FASHIONER

- A. Aaron fashioned the golden calf.
 1. **Exodus 32.3:** *"So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron"* Not the artisans, but to Aaron.
 2. **Exodus 32.3:** *"he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it"*
 - a) This was in direct violation of God's command. (Ex. 20.4)
 - b) Why a golden calf? The Egyptian god Osiris was represented by a bull.
- B. The people made a declaration.
 1. **Exodus 32.4:** *"Then they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt.'" (cf. Deut. 9.15,16)*
 2. How did Aaron respond to this declaration?

III. AARON BECAME A FACILITATOR

- A. Aaron blended their idolatry with true worship.
 1. **Exodus 32.5:** *"So when Aaron saw it..."* Literally, Came to realize.
 2. **Exodus 32.5:** *"Aaron made a proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.'" Aaron tried to prevent them from complete apostasy.*
- B. The feast of celebration.
 1. **Exodus 32.6:** *"Then they rose up early the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings"* Offer to whom? (Ex. 32.8)
 2. **Exodus 32.6:** *"The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play"*