

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

September 24, 2025

Exodus 32 (overview)

Introduction:

1. The Sabbath Day Review:
 - a) The Prescription: **Exodus 31.12,13**: *"Surely, My Sabbaths you shall keep."*
 - b) The Purpose: **Exodus 31.13**: *"it is a sign between Me and you."*
 - c) The Penalty: **Exodus 31.15**: *"he shall surely be put to death."*
2. What was written on the tablets of stone? (Ex. 31.18)
 - a) Who wrote on the tablets? (Ex. 31.18; cf. Ex. 24.,34; 34.1,27,28)
 - b) What was written on the tablets of stone? (Deut. 4.13; 10.4,5)
3. After all they experienced, the children of Israel turned to apostasy. (Ex. 24.18)

I. THE CAUSE OF THEIR APOSTASY

- A. They had misplaced faith.
 1. **Exodus 32.1**: *"Now when the people saw that Moses delayed..."*
 - a) How long was Moses gone? (Ex. 24.18; 34.28; Deut. 9.9,11,18,25)
 - b) He was there for the same duration as the first time. (Deut. 10.10)
 2. **Exodus 32.1**: *"the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt"*
 - a) Moses never took credit for himself. (Ex. 3.11; Num. 12.3)
 - b) They did not listen to God. (Ex. 6.6-9; 16.6-9,11,12)
 - c) **Exodus 20.18-21**: God appeared *"so that you may not sin."*
 3. Our faith must be in God and not in men. (Ps. 118.8,9; Jer. 17.5-8; 1 Cor. 2.1-5)
- B. They had a misconception of God.
 1. **Exodus 32.1**: *"Come, make us gods that shall go before us"*
 - a) They became creators themselves. (Isa. 40.18-23; 44.15-22; Deut. 32.36-38)
 - b) They changed their concept of God. (Ps. 106.19,20; cf. Ex. 12.12)
 - c) They forgot that there is no other God. (Ps. 106.21-23; cf. Deut. 4.39)
 2. Our concept of God cannot be manufactured. (Jer. 2.11; Rom. 1.23)

II. THE CAUSE OF AARON'S APOSTASY

- A. The people came to Aaron for answers.
 1. **Exodus 32.1**: *"the people gathered together to Aaron"*
 2. Aaron was put in charge to lead the people in Moses' absence. (Ex. 24.14)
 3. Even leaders can succumb to peer pressure. (1 Sam. 15.24)
- B. Aaron wanted to please the people.
 1. **Exodus 32.21**: *"What did this people do to you...?"*
 2. **Exodus 32.22-24**: *"You know the people, that they are set on evil"*
 3. Our desire to please others can affect our behavior (John 12.42,43)