

That the World May Know ... God is God Israel, the Exodus and Us

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." [Exodus 19:3-6](#)

WATCH OUT! FIVE SPIRITUALLY DESTRUCTIVE CHOICES GOD'S PEOPLE CAN MAKE

[Exodus 20:18](#)-When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

19-and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."

20-Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning."

21-The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

[Exodus 23:20](#)- "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

21-Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.

22-If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you.

23-My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out.

[Exodus 24:1](#)- Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel. You are to worship at a distance,

2-but Moses alone is to approach the LORD; the others must not come near. And the people may not come up with him."

3-When Moses went and told the people all the LORD's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the LORD has said we will do."

4a-Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said...

12-The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

13-Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God.

14-He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

[Exodus 24:15](#)-When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it,

16-and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

17-To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain.

18-Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

[Exodus 32:1](#)-When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him."



[Exodus 32:2](#)-Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me."

3-So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

4-He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

5-When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."

6-So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry...

19-When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.

20-And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

21-He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?"

22-"Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil.

23-They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.'

24-So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"



[Exodus 32:27](#)-Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'"

28-The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.

29-Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day..."

33-The LORD replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book.

34-Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin."

35-And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

