

Exodus

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God revealed to Moses the sin of the people.
32:7-10

- Punctuates the fact that our sin is never hidden from God.
- God reveals that He can and will wipe them out and start over with Moses in building the nation He promised to Abraham.

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Moses interceded for the Israelites. 32:11-14

- Moses appeals to the purpose of God in delivering His people from Egypt.
- He appeals to the appearance this would have to a watching world.
- He appeals to the promises of God to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- This is one of the sterling moments in Moses' life. He had the opportunity to be the single person from which the people of God restarts but he instead passionately intercedes for his people. This is leadership in finest form and quite a contrast to his brother Aaron.
- If there was ever a question as the place and power of prayer this should put it to rest.

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The tablets of the testimony 32:15-16

- ¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."
Exodus 24:12 (ESV)
- Moses descended the mountains with these two tablets of the testimony.
- Written on both sides
- Just as God had personally spoken to the who nation of Israel, now He has personally written the instructions on the tablets of stone.

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Moses' response to the golden calf 32:17-29

- Made the point of the egregious sin of the people by throwing down the tablets and breaking them.
- Burned the calf, that was probably made of wood and covered with gold, ground it to powder and scattered it over their source of water supply.
- Confronted and rebuked Aaron
- Called for a display of loyalty to Yahweh
- At God's command, sent the Levites throughout the people with the result that 3000 people were killed.

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Moses ascended the mountain again to seek God's atonement for the people. 32:30-35

- Moses asks that God forgive the sins of the people or else "blot me out of your book." This is the first mention of such a book.

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- The Book

- Those who are in the book are those who belong to God.
 - 1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1 (ESV)
 - 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Philippians 4:3 (ESV)

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- The Book

- Those who are in the book are those who belong to God.
 - 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. Revelation 3:5 (ESV)
 - 27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Revelation 21:27 (ESV)

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- The Book

- Those who are not in the book do not belong to God.
 - 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.
 - Revelation 13:8 (ESV)
 - 8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to rise from the bottomless pit and go to destruction. And the dwellers on earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will marvel to see the beast, because it was and is not and is to come. Revelation 17:8 (ESV)

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- The Book

- The Book and final judgment.
 - 10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. Daniel 7:10 (ESV)
 - 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. Revelation 20:12 (ESV)
 - 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15 (ESV)

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- God reminds Moses that He is the only one qualified to judge His people according to His will.
- God then restates His commission to Moses to lead the people to the Promised Land.
- God brings an unspecified plague on the people.

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God's mercy and judgment are expressed in His distancing Himself from His people. 33:1-11

- God's plan for the people has not changed in the reminder that He will bring them to the promised land. The command to go from this place is not a command to leave immediately. The departure is recorded in Numbers 10 in the second month of the second year since leaving Egypt. At this point it had been around 6 months since leaving Egypt.
- God's purpose to dwell among them in the Tabernacle was interrupted by the sin of the people.
- God's mercy is seen in that it was not His desire to express His wrath toward His people.

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- The people responded by mourning the loss of the close presence of God.
- This mourning was expressed by taking off their ornaments as our outward expression of their grief.
- The "tent of meeting" had been specified as a part of the Tabernacle complex and the place where the priests would minister. Now, however, instead of being in the Tabernacle complex in the midst of the people, Moses pitched the tent outside the camp and God met Moses there exclusively.