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Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

We as God's children have a weighty responsibility to show the world Christ by our love and actions.

II- Tablets of Stone:

There is evidence throughout the Bible that the men of God who were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the words of God knew that it was God's message at their hand. Many times they record this fact. However, what Moses received on the mountain was even more precious because it was in the handwriting of the Father.

Exodus 31:18 And he [Jehovah God] gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Adam Clarke says that this was the introduction of written letters to mankind. He says:

It might be thought too much to assert that letters no more than language were a natural discovery; that it was impossible for man to have invented writing, and that he did not invent it: yet this may appear really the case from the following reflections: -

1. Reason may show us how near to an impossibility it was that a just and proper number of convenient characters for the sounds in language should naturally be hit upon by any man, for whom it was easy to imitate and vary, but not to invent.
2. From evidence of the Mosaic history, it appears that the introduction of writing among the Hebrews was not from man, but God.
3. There are no evident vestiges of letters subsisting among other nations till after the delivery of the law at Mount Sinai; nor then, among some, till very late."

Moses now has, after forty days and nights on the mountain the tablets that God had promised. It is time to descend the mountain again.

III- Make us gods...

Moses had given instructions to the leaders of Israel that if they needed anything that Aaraon and Hur were there. ***Exodus 24:14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him***



Coordinates:

Exodus

Sights to See:

- 1- God wants those who know Him to pass that knowledge along to others.
- 2- He gave the tablets with instruction that they be taught to the people. We must be about the business of teaching the Word of God.
- 3- We must also realize we are the epistles of God and the world is reading them.
- 4- Men must be continually reminded that God is the only true God who gives deliverance.
- 5- God knows what is going on in the valley.
- 6- Our excuses for sin must sound as ridiculous as the one Aaron gave of the calf just coming out.
- 7- We are all stewards of our anger and should be made angry at the things that anger God.
- 8- The law was our schoolmaster that taught us of our need of grace. Thank God now for truth in *Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*



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come unto them. Moses trusted Aaron to lead the people in the ways of God. This trust would prove to be ill grounded.

Moses was upon the mountain that was shrouded in clouds and smoke. The people became impatient. Notice *Exodus 32:1* ***And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.***

Three things bear remarks here. First, they ask that Aaron make them gods that they could see. Second, they wanted the gods to lead them forward. They had so soon forgotten that it was God that had led them out of Egypt. Then they lost patience waiting on Moses to come back down. They said they didn't even know if he was still alive.

Some speculate that Aaron was not a willing participant in the events that followed. If Aaron gave them any reassurance or tried to talk them out of this we do not have it recorded. Perhaps he also was wondering about Moses. Notice now *Exodus 32:2* ***And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.*** Aaron instructed the people to give him the earrings they were given leaving Egypt.

IV- The Calf god:

Aaron takes the gold and fashioned it with his hand and tools. *Exodus 32:4* ***And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf...***

Notice the reaction of the people when they see it.

Exodus 32:4b ***...and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.*** They quickly did a transference of the redemption of Jehovah out of Egypt to this thing made by the hands of man.

Aaron, seeing the people's reaction now builds an altar and makes a proclamation. *Exodus 32:5* ***And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.*** Aaron now has the audacity to claim that they are going to worship Jehovah, who had plainly told them not to do what they had done, by bowing before the calf.

Exodus 32:6 ***And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.***

The party was on. The idolatry was in full swing. *John Gill's Commentary* says rose up to play was "to dance and sing, as was wont to be done by the Egyptians in the worship of their Apis or Ox..." They had reverted back to the pagan worship of Egypt. Some see this as a lot stronger and in fact see it as they were committing fornication as well.

V- God Tells Moses what's Going on in the Valley:

Moses is still on the mountain while these events are taking place in the valley. *Exodus 32:7* ***And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.***

