

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS BROKEN

Exodus 20 - 34

Our study of the Ten Commandments would not be complete without a glimpse at the behavior of the people after they had received these commandments. Notice this in the chapters following Exodus 20, and especially in Exodus 32:

A. Moses' Absence from the People:

1. After the people asked God not to speak with them, how did God give the civil and ceremonial laws for His people? Exodus 20:19, 21, 22

2. God next gave the instructions for building the Tabernacle. How long was Moses absent from the people for this purpose? Exodus 24:18

3. Who evidently accompanied Moses at least part of the way up the mountain? Exodus 24:13, 14a

4. What two men were left in charge of the people in Moses' absence? Exodus 24:14b

5. What did God give to Moses as he was ready to leave the mountain? Exodus 31:18

B. The Sin of the People: Read Exodus 32:1-6

1. While Moses was gone, what had the people asked Aaron to do? Exodus 32:1

2. What did Aaron tell the people to do? Exodus 32:2

3. What did Aaron make? Exodus 32:4a

4. What did the people say this image had done? Exodus 32:4b

5. What else did Aaron do? Exodus 32:5

6. How did the people act? Exodus 32:6

C. Moses' Prayer for the People: Read Exodus 32:7-14

1. Who saw the people's sin? Exodus 32:7, 8

2. What did He want to do to them? Exodus 32:9, 10

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3. For what two reasons did Moses say it would not be wise to do this?

a. Exodus 32:12 _____

Exodus 32:13 _____

D. The Punishment of the People: Read Exodus 32:15, 33:23

1. What happened to the tablets of God's law? Exodus 32:19

2. What happened to the calf? Exodus 32:20

3. What happened because the people were naked? Exodus 32:25-28

4. What other punishment did God send? Exodus 32:35

5. What else did God threaten not to do, but later promise He would do? Exodus 33:3, 14

E. God's Provision for the People: Read Exodus 34:1-3

1. What did God tell Moses to make after this? Exodus 34:1a

2. What did God promise He would do for His people? Exodus 34:1b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. After my study of God's commandments, will I, like the Israelites, forget them and break them so soon? If so, what punishment awaits me?

2. Is there any hope for those who break God's commandments today? (See Romans 6:12, 13, 8:3, 4)
