

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 07 Mar..... Ex 1-4 ..... Compassionate Action
- 2) 14 Mar..... Ex 5-10 ..... Divine Purpose
- 3) 21 Mar..... Ex 11-13 ..... Amazing Deliverance
- 4) 28 Mar..... Ex 13-15 ..... Persevering Faith
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24 ..... Easter Sunday
- 6) 11 Apr..... Ex 15-18 ..... Tested Devotion
- 7) 18 Apr..... Ex 19-24 ..... What Are Your Ground Rules
- 8) 25 Apr..... Ex 25-31 ..... Why do You Worship?
- 9) 02 May..... Ex 32-34 ..... **What If You Falter?**
- 10) 09 May..... Ex 35-40 ..... How Do You Contribute?
- 11) 16 May..... Lev 1-16 ..... Do Right When You Do Wrong
- 12) 23 May..... Lev 17-22 ..... Stay Away from Perverted Practices
- 13) 30 May..... Lev 23-27 ..... Show Others Godly Grace

**INTRODUCTION**

- Moses spent 80 days neither eating food or drinking water (God miraculously sustained him)....Ex 24:19; 34:28; Deut 9:9
- The actions of a few often tarnish everyone
- The wicked are wicked from birth.....Ps 58:3

Passage	Comments
Exodus 32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv 1-2 – The Israelites lose patience and take matters into their own hands. Aaron caves in to mob pressure                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Why doesn't God slay Aaron for committing a breach against Comm. #2 for leading the effort to make a graven image of God? After all, God had a man killed for cursing with God's name (Lev 24:11-16) in violation of Comm. #3 and another man killed for picking up sticks on the Sabbath (Num 15:32-35) in violation of Commandment. #4.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v10-14 – God gives Moses a unique test – Should God blot out the Jews and start over?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After all fools are not easily changed, if at all</li> <li>♦ v14 – But the Lord “repented” / changed His mind about wiping out the Israelites and starting over</li> <li>♦ God knew what He was going to do from the beginning – Yet God is so omniscient and all powerful He could still accomplish His will no matter how man responds</li> <li>♦ Other passages where God seems to repent or offer to change His plans based on man's decisions – Deut 32:26; 2Sam 24:16; 1Chron 21:15; Psalm 106:45; Jer 18:8; 26:13, 19 Joel 2:13; Jonah 3:10; 4:2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v15-19 – God writes the 10 Commandments on 2 tables/slabs of stone and on both sides</li> <li>• v33 – ‘Whosoever sins against God shall be blotted out of my book’                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God highlights individual responsibility</li> <li>♦ “...blotted out of my book” is equivalent to being “cut off” or killed..... Ex 31:14</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv26-28 – The Levites who chose to serve God slay about 3000 of the idolaters throughout the camp. Family relationships didn't matter. The wicked were to be put down like rogue dogs</li> <li>• v35 – God punished the rest of the idolaters with a plague – BUT Aaron seemed to have escaped any consequences probably due to repentance &amp; intercessory praying ..... Deut 9:20</li> </ul>

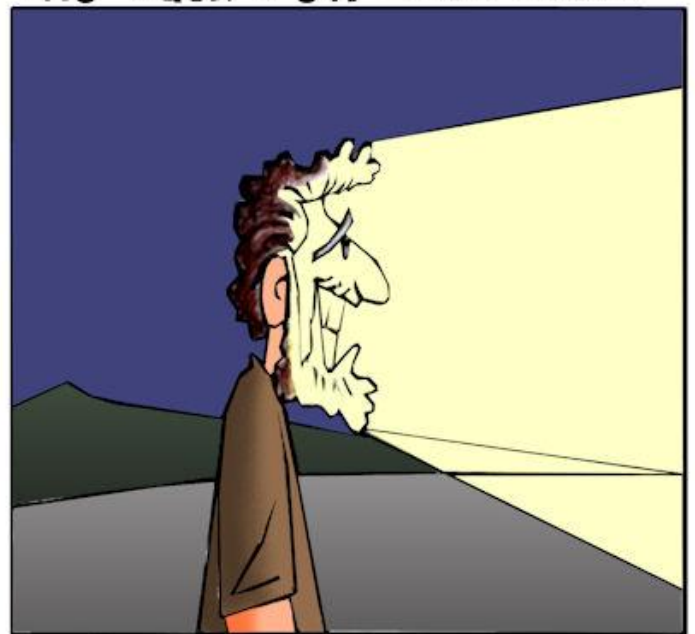
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Exodus 33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-3 – God seemed intent to allow the Israelites to waltz into the Promised Land within months after leaving Egypt, but led by a special Angel and not by God Himself</li> <li>• vv7-10 – Moses initially placed the tabernacle ‘without’ the camp – away from the people to possibly prevent inadvertent deaths</li> <li>• v11 – The Lord spoke to Moses “face-to-face”                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Skeptics see this passage as a contradiction with Ex 33:20 – ‘No man can see God's face and live’. But this ‘face-to-face,’ in context, is euphemism for speaking directly, freely, familiarly, and immediately - see Num 12:8. God spoke to other prophets indirectly through dreams or visions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v19 – God will be gracious and have compassion on whom he chooses ..... Rom 9:15</li> </ul>
Exodus 34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7 – God visits the iniquity of fathers onto the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generations. Often times there were 3-4 generations in one household, so the father's sins definitely would impact grandkids</li> <li>• v28 – Moses spends another 40 days on the mountain top</li> <li>• v29 – Moses' face shines so much from being in God's presence he is forced to wear a veil. See 33:18-23;</li> </ul>

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

- God's ways are definitely not our ways, but He got the Israelites pointed in the right direction despite themselves

**NEXT WEEK:** Exodus 35-40 – The Israelites are rejuvenated and recommitted to serve God, and they begin to construct the Tabernacle according to God's design

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There's something about Moses today.. he is just beaming. **Exodus 34:29**