

EXODUS 32:7-14 - THE GOLDEN CALF

OPEN IN
PRAYERPrepare your heart to engage with the text through prayer."Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things in your law" (Ps.
119:18). Pray to God to help you understand and see wonderful things
that build you up in the faith.

Up to this point, God has freed Israel from their slavery in Egypt, destroyed the Egyptians who chased after them, provided them with water, and given them mana from heaven. Now, Moses has gone up Mount Sinai and was with the Lord, receiving the law from Him to tell Israel. But the people of Israel were impatient and tired of waiting for Moses to come down, they made a golden calf as a god of their own and worshipped it instead of Yahweh.

HIGHLIGHT

Read the passage and highlight, circle, or underline any words or phrases that stand out to you.

Exodus 32:7–14 - ⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you."

¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Summarize the passage. What are the key words or thoughts? What would you title this passage (one word or short phrase)?

EXPLAIN What does this passage show you about God?
AND APPLY

How do you relate to the people of Israel in this passage?

RESPOND

Respond to God in prayer with how this passage has encouraged you or challenged you.

Pray to God confessing of any sin this passage has revealed in your life, asking Him to help you grow in spiritual maturity in light of what you've learned, and praising Him for what you have seen about His character and truth in this passage.