

# EXODUS 32 vs 1

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Where is Sinai? Is it where we see on most maps; or is it in Midian (modern Saudi Arabia) where Moses lived for years, where he saw the burning bush? And is it the same place where Paul went in Arabia after his Damascus experience; where he received teaching directly from the risen Lord? The **sea of Edom** is where those of **Esau** resettled along the **Red Sea** named after their father **Esau** whose name means: **red**.

Breaking of the Law, the sin of the people,

The Golden Calf,

**1 When the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron, and said to him, Get up, make demon gods for us, which will go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what happened to him.**

**2 And Aaron said to them, Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.**

**3 And all the people took off the gold rings that were on their ears, and brought them to Aaron.**

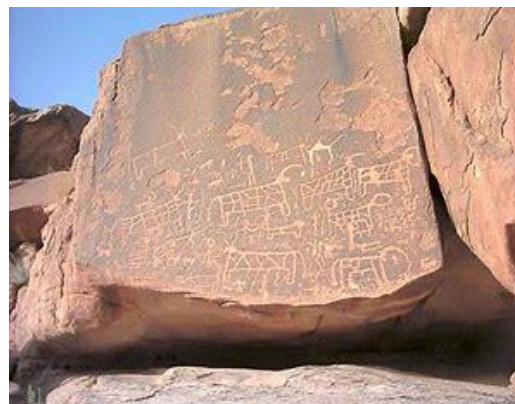
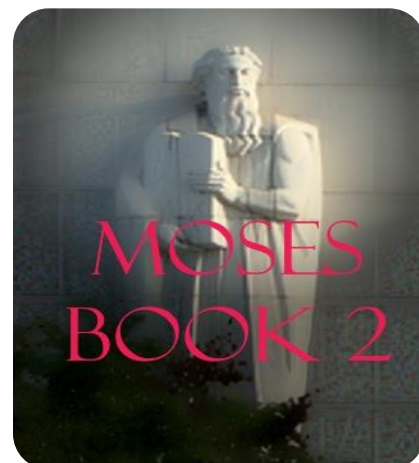
**4 And he took the gold from them, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it into the image of a calf. And they said, These are your gods, O Israel, that brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**

**5 And when Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of it; and Aaron announced, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord.**

**6 And they arose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and got up to play – drunken sex party games.**

**7 And the Lord said to Moses, Go down now; for your people, who you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: / and was Moses a little puzzled by the Lord: his people? He did what?**

**8 they have quickly turned aside from the way that I instructed them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, that which brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**



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**<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said, I have seen this people, and look, they are stubborn:**

**<sup>10</sup> So let Me alone, that My wrath can burn against them, and I can destroy them. I will make you into a great nation.**

<sup>11</sup> And Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why does You anger burn against Your people, **which You brought forth from the land of Egypt with great power**, and with a mighty hand? / Moses empathized with God, while correcting The Lord about who did what.

<sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, For an evil intent did He bring them out, to kill them in the mountains, and destroy them from the face of the earth? Turn from your fierce wrath, and reconsider this evil against Your people.

<sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, whom You swore to them by Yourself, and said to them, **I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give to your seed, and they will inherit it forever.**

<sup>14</sup> And the Lord reconsidered the evil which He thought to do to His people.

<sup>15</sup> **And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand: the tablets were written on both sides; on one side and on the other were they written.**

<sup>16</sup> **And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.**

<sup>17</sup> And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, **It sounds like war in the camp.**

<sup>18</sup> But Moses replied, It is not the sound of those that shout for victory, nor is it the sound of those that cry in defeat: but I hear the sound of singing.

<sup>19</sup> **And it happened, as he approached the camp, he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger burned, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, and broke them, smashing them at the base of the mount.**

<sup>20</sup> He took the calf they had made, and burned it up, and ground it to powder; and scattered it over the water, and made all Israel drink it.

<sup>21</sup> And Moses said to Aaron, What did this people do that you have led them into such gave sin?

<sup>22</sup> And Aaron said, Do not be angry my lord: You know the people, they are intent to do evil.

<sup>23</sup> They said to me, Make gods for us, who will go before us: since this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt -- we do not know what happened to him.

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<sup>24</sup> And I said to them, Whoever has any gold, let them take it off. **So they gave it to me: then I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.**

<sup>25</sup> And when Moses saw the people were vulgar drunks: -- for Aaron allowed them out of control to their shame,

<sup>26</sup> then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, **Who is on the Lord's side?** let him come to me. **And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.**

<sup>27</sup> And he said to them, **Thus says the Lord God of Israel:** every man strap his sword to his side, and go back and forth from entrance to entrance in the camp, and each of you kill his brother, his friend, and his neighbor.

<sup>28</sup> **Those of Levi did as Moses said: and about 3,000 men of the people fell that day.**

<sup>29</sup> For Moses had said, every man is against his son and his brother; so consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, that He may give a blessing to you.

<sup>30</sup> And it happened the next day, that Moses said to the people, You have sinned greatly: now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can atone for your sin.

<sup>31</sup> And Moses returned to the Lord, and said, this people have greatly sinned, and made for them gods of gold.

<sup>32</sup> Yet now, if You only forgive their sin; and if not, I pray you, erase me from Your book You have written.

<sup>33</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will erase that one from My book.

<sup>34</sup> So, now go, lead the people to the place I told you about: Indeed, My Angel will go before you: yet know this, on the day when I visit, I will visit their sin on them – holding them accountable.

<sup>35</sup> And the Lord put a plague on the people, for what they did with the calf Aaron made.

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