

REBELLION AGAINST THE LORD

Introduction: Israel heard Moses recite the LORD's law and agreed to obey it to make a covenant with the LORD. Moses went up Mt Sinai to receive the law from the LORD, which He wrote on two stone tablets. While Moses was in the mount for 40 days, the Israelites told Aaron to make them an image of the LORD, which violated the second command. This was clearly an act of rebellion against the LORD.

Lesson Aim To recognize rebellion, show its results and learn the only remedy.

Memory Verse: "If we sin willfully after that we have received the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation" (Heb 10:26-27a).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:

I. Rebellion of Israel - 32:1-14

Moses met with the LORD on Mt. Sinai for 40 days to receive the law that the LORD wrote on stone tablets. He tested the faith of Israel, Aaron and Moses. Israel and Aaron failed, but Moses passed.

1. How did the Israelites fail their test when Moses delayed in his return to them? 32:1
2. How did Aaron fail his test of faith as a leader? 32:2-4
3. What characterized the Israelites' new form of worship? 32:6, 18, 19, 25
4. What did the LORD tell Moses that his people had done? 32:7-8
5. How did the LORD describe the Israelites? 32:9
6. What two things did the LORD threaten to do in response to Israel's sin? 32:10
 - a.
 - b.
7. Name two ways that showed Moses passed the test that the LORD gave him. 32:12-13
 - a.
 - b.

II. Reproof by Moses - 32:15-35

8. How did Moses react to Israel's sin? 32:19-20
 - a.
 - b.
9. How did Moses deal with Aaron? 32:21-22
10. What tribe stood with Moses on the LORD's side? 32:26
11. How did Moses show the sincerity of his intercession for Israel? 32:32

III. Repentance of Israel - 33:1-11

12. How did the Israelites show their repentance? 33:4, 6
13. Why did Moses move the tabernacle outside the camp? 33:7; cf 33:3

IV. Reconciliation by Moses - 33:12-23

14. What promise did Moses seek from the LORD? 33:12-17
15. What was the second request that Moses made of the LORD? 33:18
16. Why did the LORD have to limit what Moses requested of Him? 33:19-20
17. What would the LORD do to grant Moses his request? 33:21-23