

- 4) By the fact that they observe the seventh day of the week, that is what distinguishes them from all other nations, sets them apart as God's people and indicates that the Lord is the One who makes the covenant with them.
  - g. When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mt. Sinai, (31:18) he gave him the two tablets of the testimony ( the testimony would be the 10 commandments), the tables of stone (probably the singular there because the two tablets are cut out of one piece of stone), inscribed by the finger of God (the Lord was the one who wrote the 10 commandments on stone).
4. The great lapse (32-33)
- i. Exodus 32
    - a. While Moses is up in the mountain, down in the valley below, what is going on is not good.
    - b. The people come to Aaron and say, "Now look. Moses has been gone a long time. Who knows what has happened to Moses? Why don't we just make a god or gods and we'll let these be visible representations of Jehovah and we'll say, 'These are the gods that brought us out of Egypt.'"
    - c. Aaron should have rebuked them.
      - 1) They are breaking the 2nd commandment (20:4-5) which says not to make an idol in the form of anything in the heaven above or earth beneath.
      - 2) They just made a covenant with the Lord and they are ready to break it.
    - d. Aaron says, "You give me all your earrings."
    - e. He melts down all the gold and takes a tool and fashioned a golden calf.
    - f. After he fashioned a golden calf, he built an altar and announced to the people, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."
      - 1) This we see that the golden calf was a visible representation of the Lord.
    - g. They had the festival.
      - 1) They rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.
      - 2) They rose up to indulge in revelry.
    - h. The Lord speaks to Moses, "The people have already broken the covenant. Now I am going to wipe out the people."