

- i. Moses asks the Lord not to do that and gives them two reasons why the Lord should not
  - 1) If the Lord kills them, the Egyptians will say the Lord had an evil intent in bringing the people out of Egypt. They will say that the Lord didn't bring them out to take them into the promised land, but to kill them in the wilderness.
  - 2) Moses also reminds them of the promises the Lord made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and asks the Lord how He is going to fulfill those promises if he wipes out all the people.
    - i) Moses could have been really puffed up.
      - a) The Lord said, "I'll wipe them out and make a great nation of you."
      - b) But the Lord said he didn't want that to happen.
    - ii) Moses was from the tribe of Levi and the Messiah was to come from Judah. If the Lord wipes them out the Messiah won't be able to come from Judah.
    - iii) This could have been a test for Moses.
- j. The Lord says to Moses that he will not kill the people.
- k. Moses goes back to the camp with Joshua.
- l. When Moses sees what is going on in the camp, he breaks the two tables of law.
  - 1) That was symbolical of the fact that Israel had broken the law of God and violated the covenant.
- m. Moses goes into the camp and sees this revelry and is fearless.
  - 1) He takes the golden calf, melts it down, grinds it into powder, pours the powder into water, and makes the people drink the water.
    - i) Why did he do that?
    - ii) The point of that was to show them that they bear the responsibility of their own sin.
  - 2) Then Moses goes to Aaron.
    - i) He says to Aaron, "What did this people do to you that would cause you to do such a thing?"
    - ii) Aaron says, "Well you know how prone these people are to evil? They came to me and wanted me to make the golden calf and I took their golden earrings and threw it into the fire and out came the golden calf."
      - a) Aaron never mentions the tool he used to fashion the golden calf.