

Exodus 32 God's Stereotyping Continues!

Today's study into Exodus chapter 32 is going to be a very, very important study for many modern-day Christians today. Often times the things that the world tells us and teaches us are in direct opposition to what our Father in Heaven tells us and teaches us, and I think that today's study is going to be a perfect example of this.

A great example of this worldly teaching is a word that has been kicked around quite a bit over the past several years, and that word is the word "*stereotype*". It seems to be one of our cultures most favorite words these days. Much like the title "*conspiracy theorist*", or "*homophobe*", or "*islamaphobe*". You can't stereotype people or you'll be dubbed an evil person. If you are found to be stereotyping people, then you're automatically labeled as a homophobe, or an Islamaphobe, or a hater and you are said to be causing division, and you are in direct opposition to the sanctity of unity. **(scrn 1)**



Who is it that is teaching unity and bringing all faiths around the world back under the wing of Catholicism through his ecumenical movement? Is it unity, or is it division that our Messiah came to bring? **Luke 12:51-53 (scrn 2)**

Luk 12:51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

Luk 12:52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

Luk 12:53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



Today's study of the 32nd chapter of the book of Exodus is going to have a lot to do with “*stereotyping*”. Today's study is going to be about two very different groups of people in the eyes of our Father. Those who follow Yahovah and do as he commanded, and those who follow after the world, and the philosophies of men, human tradition, and the elemental spirits of the world. In Yah's eyes there are only two groups of people, those who are for him, and those who are against him.

These two groups of people are well known by our Father in Heaven. And our Father in Heaven did indeed stereotype these people long ago and so did his only begotten Son in the New Testament, not once, not twice, but over, and over, and over again. My friends, if a chicken looks like a chicken, if a chicken walks like a chicken, if a chicken sounds like a chicken, if a chicken eats like a chicken, and if a chicken lays eggs like a chicken,... then I think it's pretty safe to say that... it's a chicken. And although we do not judge a book by it's cover... the bible does tell us that we will know them by their fruits and what they produce.

Just a couple of years ago in our fight against terrorism here in the Untied States, the airlines were not allowed to stereotype people when they got onto and aircraft here in a U.S. airport. If they had a long beard, and were wearing a burkah, and if they were carrying a prayer rug, you couldn't even approach that person to ask them any questions because if you did... you would be accused of “*stereotyping*” that person. (scrn 3)

We certainly can not judge one group of people because of their color, or their creed, or their nationality. But our Father in heaven does give most of us good God given common sense. If we know what our enemy looks like, and what he teaches, and what he believes in... and we know that he is in direct opposition to our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son, then we need to be able and willing... to identify that person as being our enemy. No one with the education of a first grade child would disagree that ISIS is indeed the enemy of Christianity, or that Hamass is the enemy of Israel. Those who openly teach and preach things not found in our Father's God breathed Scriptures are openly adding too... and taking away from his word and are thereby transgressing his word, and are thereby making themselves enemies of Yah by leading his set apart people astray. Is speaking out against them stereotyping? If so... then let it be so! If this is stereotyping... then let us be guilty of stereotyping all the day every day!

Keeping these things in mind, I'd like us to now turn to Exodus chapter 32 so that we can read it for ourselves and know exactly what it does say, and just as importantly, what it does not say. **Exodus chapter 32: E1**

Exo 32:1 *When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."*

Exo 32:2 *So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."*

Exo 32:3 *So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.*

Exo 32:4 *And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"*

Exo 32:5 *When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."*

Exo 32:6 *And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.*

Exo 32:7 *And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.*

Exo 32:8 *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!"*

Exo 32:9 *And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.*

Exo 32:10 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.”

Exo 32:11 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?

Exo 32:12 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.

Exo 32:13 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.’”

Exo 32:14 And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Exo 32:15 Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written.

Exo 32:16 The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

Exo 32:17 When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.”

Exo 32:18 But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.”

Exo 32:19 And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

Exo 32:20 He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

Exo 32:21 And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?”

Exo 32:22 And Aaron said, “Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil.

Exo 32:23 For they said to me, ‘Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’

Exo 32:24 So I said to them, ‘Let any who have gold take it off.’ So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.”

Exo 32:25 And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies),

Exo 32:26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the LORD's

side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.

Exo 32:27 And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and **each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.**’”

Exo 32:28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. **And that day about three thousand men of the people fell.**

Exo 32:29 And Moses said, “Today you have been ordained for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day.”

Exo 32:30 The next day Moses said to the people, **“You have sinned a great sin.** And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

Exo 32:31 So Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Alas, this people has sinned a great sin. They have made for themselves gods of gold.

Exo 32:32 But now, if you will forgive their sin—but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”

Exo 32:33 **But the LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot out of my book.**

Exo 32:34 But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.”

Exo 32:35 Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.

One of the first things that I like to talk about here in Exodus chapter 32, is that Yah saw what Israel did by creating a golden calf and calling it a “god”, as adultery. The house of Israel was claimed by Yah to be Yah’s, and Yah’s alone. And yet... the house of Israel had committed adultery against Yah by bringing another false god before him. Yah had set apart this people from all other people on the earth to be a kingdom of priests, and to be a holy nation to him. The very concept of “*a set apart people*” has everything to do with stereotyping, which once again is just a big fancy liberal term for judging. And I want us to listen very clearly to what the apostle Paul taught the assembly at Corinth concerning judging people. We can find that in **first Corinthians 5:11-13 (scrn 4)**

1Co 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

1Co 5:13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



Paul clearly explains to the church at Corinth how important it is to judge the wicked who are within the assembly. Paul tells us that were not supposed to judge those who are not in the assembly because Yah judges those who are outside of the assembly but... Paul makes it distinctly clear that we are to judge those who are within the assembly. And this is exactly what we are seeing here in Exodus chapter 32. If every time we judge a sinful brother or a sinful sister we are said to be stereotyping them... then let it be so. Is it stereotyping to say that all sin is wickedness, or that all who transgress our Fathers commandments will be judged? If it is... then I say again... let it be so. When Moses came down from the top of mount Sinai, and saw that they had created for themselves a golden calf, and were calling it a god... what was one of the first things that Moses did? Let's go back and take a look at **verse 26 E1**

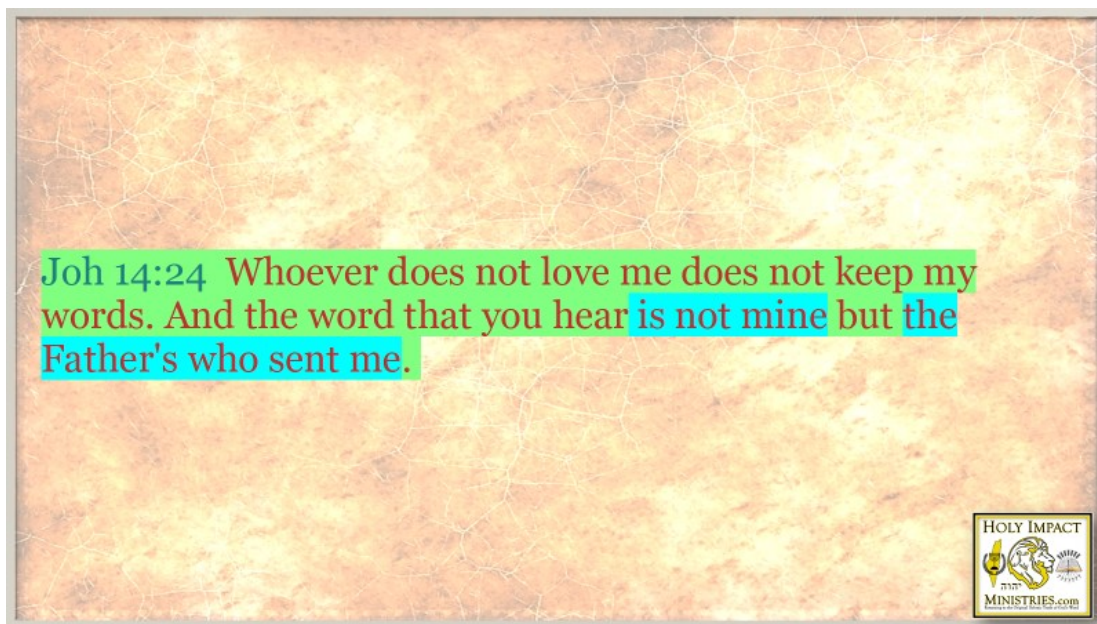
Exo 32:26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the LORD's side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.

One of the very first things that Moses did was to call those who were on the side of Yahovah to himself. And who came to his side? According to Moses, it was the sons of Levi who came to his side. Was he judging? You bet he was.

And when Moses was through judging the house of Israel, he commanded those who were on Yahovah's side to wipe out those who were not on Yahovah side by putting them to death. You see my friends this is the quintessential war that we fight spoken of by the apostle Paul in Ephesians chapter 6. And this is exactly why the apostle Paul tells us to put on the full armor of Yah.

There will always be those who claim to be worshiping our Father in Heaven who are not.

There will always be those who honor him with their lips, but whose hearts are far from him. There will always be those who claim to be Jews and are not. There will always be those who claim to be Christian and are not. There will always be those who will boast about how they have cast out demons in his name, and how they have done many mighty miracles in his name. There will always be those who will claim to be responsible for saving people during their services, and their radio programs, and their television shows. But you see my friends, what they don't realize is that our Father in Heaven does indeed "*stereotype*". Our Father in Heaven does indeed judge. Our Father in Heaven does indeed set his people apart. So the next time some worldly liberal thinking person accuses you of stereotyping, or judging your brother, you might want to point them to Exodus chapter 32 where Moses himself judges the house of Israel, or Matthew chapter 23 where our Messiah judges the rabbis of his time, or first Corinthians where Paul clearly distinguishes who it is that we are to judge. And we could get into a multitude of Scripture that has everything to do with stereotyping, and judging but before we go any farther, I want to be very clear here; we are to judge with righteous judgment. We are to judge according to the spoken word of Yahovah our Father in Heaven. There is a difference between unrighteous stereotyping and judging and righteous stereotyping and judging. We are to judge by the spoken word of our Messiah who tells us very clearly that his spoken word is not his own word. **John 14:24 (scrn 5)**



And so, I want to be extremely clear about what it is that we're seeing here, and I want us to have both eyes wide open as we examine what is happening here in Exodus chapter 32, because what is happening here in Exodus chapter 32 is going to continue to happen all throughout the rest of our Scripture clear on up through to the end of the age! Our Father in Heaven will indeed judge us. And our Father in Heaven will indeed separate the righteous from the wicked. And our Father in Heaven has indeed called us to be a set apart people. There is indeed an us, and there is indeed a them. Not says I, but says our very own Messiah in **Matthew 13:10-16 (scrn 6)**

Mat 13:10 Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?”

Mat 13:11 And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to **them** it has not been given.

Mat 13:12 For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 13:13 This is why I speak to **them** in parables, because seeing **they** do not see, and hearing **they** do not hear, nor do **they** understand.

Mat 13:14 Indeed, in **their** case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: ““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with **their** ears **they** can barely hear, and **their** eyes **they** have closed, lest **they** should see with **their** eyes and hear with **their** ears and understand with **their** heart and turn, and I would heal **them**.’

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.



According to our Messiah in his own red-letter words there is indeed in “*us*”, and there is indeed a “*them*”. And in order to be able to distinguish us from them, we must indeed be able to identify them. Which is exactly what Moses did when he threw the two tablets of the testimony on the ground and broke them into pieces, and called those who were for Yah to come to his side, and then commanded those who are not for Yah... to be wiped out.

Our Messiah once healed a man on the Sabbath and the religious Jews of that time were chastising our Messiah for healing a man on the Sabbath, and I bring this to our attention so that we might hear the red letter spoken words of our Messiah and how he tells us how to judge. We can find this conversation between our Messiah and these religious Jews in **John 7:21-24 (scrn 7)**

Joh 7:21 Jesus answered them, “I did one work, and you all marvel at it.

Joh 7:22 Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?

Joh 7:24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”



According to the red-letter words of our Messiah we are indeed commanded to judge. And we are commanded to judge with righteous judgment, and not by appearances alone. Where does “*right judgment*” come from? I would submit to you that “*right judgment*” comes from the spoken word of Yahovah. And it could also be said that “*right judgment*” comes from the spoken word of our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach, because our Messiah Yeshua has already explained to us, that the word that he is speaking is not his word... but his Fathers word. Therefore, whatever the Father or the Son speak come directly from the Father, and are indeed righteous. When our Messiah judges, he himself judges with “*righteous judgment*” that comes from the Father. **Act 17:30-31 (scrn 8)**

Act 17:30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Act 17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”



Once again, just as our Messiah has already explained to us... his word is not his own personal word. The word that our Messiah speaks, and the judgment that he uses, comes directly from his Father. And Yahovah the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture. The judgment that is being used comes from the Father. Just as Moses righteously judged the house of Israel in Exodus chapter 32 through the righteous judgment of Yahovah... so too will Yeshua judge the world through the righteous judgment of Yahovah. Stereotyping my friends... is found all throughout the Bible. And we are indeed commanded to stereotype those who do not stand with our Father in Heaven. We are commanded to identify them, and not to be yoked together with them. And even those who call themselves our brethren, and yet are guilty of sexual immorality, or greed, or being an idolater, or a reveler causing dissension within the assembly, or a drunkard, or swindler, are to be categorized, and rightly judged accordingly. And if they refuse to repent and turn from their wicked ways... we are to set them outside of the assembly. And we as Yah's possession are not to even eat with such a one. Once again, **1st Corinthians 5:11 (scrn 9)**

1Co 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.



And I want us to pay close attention to the word “*reviler*” that is found in first Corinthians chapter 5 verse 11 because this is also very important. The English word “*reviler*” found here in first Corinthians chapter 5 verse 11 comes from the Greek word “*loy-dor-os*” (loidoros). And it means “*abusive*” or “*mischievous*”, or a “*railer*”, which all point to someone within the assembly who is purposely causing dissension and division within the body.

Let there be no doubt in our minds that our Messiah did indeed come to bring division. But he did not come to bring division within the body. He came to divide the world, by calling out his set apart people to himself. He came to set us apart. For those of us in the body, there should be no division. There should be no dissension. There should be no backbiting. And those who do these things... are designated by the apostle Paul as “*revilers*”, who Paul says that we are not to even associate with. Which goes hand-in-hand with what his Messiah taught in **Matthew 7:6 (scrn 10)**

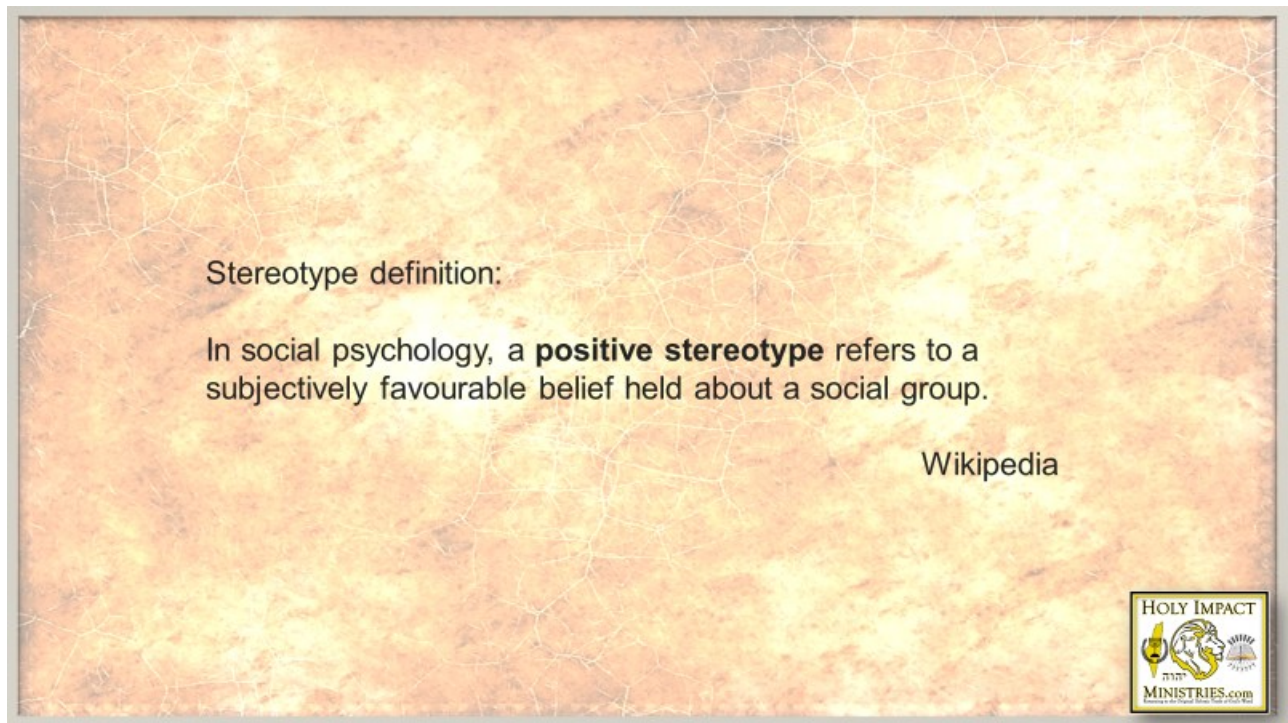
Mat 7:6 “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.”



When our Messiah speaks of division, he is speaking about separating us from the world, not separating us from us, or separating us from him, or his Father. We must remember that our Messiah also said that a house divided cannot stand. Therefore, if this be true, and a house divided cannot stand, then we should then be wise enough to know that this includes our Father's house as well. And for those who are causing division within our Fathers house... we are commanded not to even eat with such a one, and just as Paul told the church at Corinth, we are to indeed set the wicked man outside of the assembly.

Moving forward, what we see here in Exodus chapter 32 is a perfect example of our human fleshly nature. How ironic is it, that while Moses is receiving all of this instruction from our Father in Heaven at the top of mount Sinai, the people down below have already lost faith in him, and are beginning to turn away? Think about that for just a moment. And while we're thinking about that... let us also think about how many times we have been so full of the Ruach Hokadesh? How many times have we seen the power of Yah over, and over, and over again in our lives? How many times have we been blessed by his provision, and by his protection, and by his spoken word, and yet... because of the elemental spirits of this world... we too, have been led back into the snare of sin?

How many times have we stumbled and bumbled? How many times have we bloodied our knees and our elbows from falling and stumbling? How many times has the Prince of the air, the god of this world sifted us, and caused us to do, or to say something that is offensive to our Father in Heaven? What we're seeing here in Exodus chapter 32 should be a wake-up call for us all. To know and to understand that our Father in Heaven does indeed righteously judge... is to have the ability to wake up and to see Yah for who Yah truly is, and to fear him, and to cause us to remember... that fear is indeed the beginning of knowledge. (**scrn 11**)



There are only two social groups that our Father in heaven recognizes. One that loves him, and one that does not. There is no grey area. Those who are luke warm he will spew out of his mouth. To say that all who are part of this world who sin are sinners, and that the wages of sin is death could be called stereotyping by some. But this is righteous stereotyping because all who sin are indeed sinners and the wages of sin is indeed death. Only those of us who believe in his only begotten Son have an advocate, a Mediator, a High Priest to reconcile us back to the Father. Those who don't believe... have nothing.

Sin is indeed a cancer, and it must be cut out of the body in order to stop it from growing. A little leaven, leavens the whole lump. And this is exactly why we should be bold, and we should be passionate, and we should be standing for the truth of his word so that we can not only turn others back to our Father... but so that we too, might keep in mind, and remember that we too are still adorned with these fleshly bodies that are very easily manipulated by the god of this world, the Prince of the air, and forces of wickedness in high places. If we keep ourselves busy with the business our Father in Heaven, then we will have much less time to be bothered by his adversary.

Something else very important that I think we need to realize here in Exodus chapter 32, is what Yah had already commanded the house of Israel back in **Exodus chapter 20:3-4 (scrn 12)**.

Exo 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.



And already here in Exodus chapter 32 we see them creating other gods before Yahovah out of gold. Carving an image of something that is upon the earth and bowing down to it. And once again, Yah did not only give this commandment to them once in Exodus chapter 20, but twice? **Exodus 20:22-25 (scrn 13)**

Exo 20:22 And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.

Exo 20:23 You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

Exo 20:24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.

Exo 20:25 If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.



And so, even though the creator of the heavens and the earth spoke directly, and personally to the house of Israel, and even though he warned them with his own lips, his own breath, and in his own voice, not to make gods of silver or gold to be with him... our adversary had enticed

them to disobey this direct commandment and to willfully and intentionally do... exactly what Yah had commanded them not to do! And something else that I want us to take from Exodus chapter 32 is how the house of Israel and even Aaron the brother of Moses tried to rationalize what they had done. I want us to listen to Aaron backpedaling, and trying to rationalize what he had done by creating this Golden calf for the house of Israel. Listen to how Aaron tries to rationalize the creation of the golden calf to Moses his brother. **Exodus 32:21-34 (scrn 14)**

Exo 32:21 And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?”

Exo 32:22 And Aaron said, “Let not the anger of my lord burn hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil.

Exo 32:23 For they said to me, ‘Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’

Exo 32:24 So I said to them, ‘Let any who have gold take it off.’ So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.”



This my friends would be extremely hilarious if it wasn't so serious of an offense. Did you hear what Aaron just got done telling Moses? Aaron tries to blame it on the people. But who was it that created the calf? Aaron won't even take responsibility for creating the calf. What does he tell his brother Moses? Aaron says that he just threw some golden to the fire and out came this calf. Does it sound like Aaron is taking responsibility for what he did, or does it sound like Aaron's trying to pass the buck because he knows that he's in trouble?

It's kind of like my scolding my two sons, and having them look up at me and say, “*Well I don't know dad... I just walked out of the store and that thing was in my pocket. My brother told me to do it.*” Trust me, that did not work out very well for my two sons. And neither did this Golden calf incident work out very well for Aaron.

The only thing that saved Aaron, was that when Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “*Who is on Yahovah's side, come to me*”... Aaron was part of that Levitical priesthood that came to Moses. What Moses did here in Exodus chapter 32 sounds eerily similar to what Joshua did in **Joshua 24:14-17 (scrn 15)**

Jos 24:14 “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Jos 24:15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Jos 24:16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

Jos 24:17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.



Once again, we hear Joshua speaking that very same proclamation that was made by Moses back here in Exodus chapter 32. And I want us to contrast this with the red-letter words of our Messiah found in **Matthew 12:30 (scrn 16)**

Mat 12:30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.



Whoever is not with me... is against me... says... our Messiah. Why? Because this concept was brought forth long ago by his Father in Heaven. You were either with Yah, or you are against him and with his adversary. And so, how then, are we to understand this concept today?

Is it okay to rationalize away the commandment of Yah? Is it okay to wave off his commandments, and roll our eyes, and wag our heads, and proclaim that it really doesn't matter? It's really not that big a deal? Yah will understand. Yeshua will forgive me, I'll just ask for forgiveness? Is not rationalizing away his commandment willful and intentional sin? By rationalizing away his commandment, are we not willfully and intentionally transgressing his commandment?

You see this is exactly how our adversary traps us in his snare of deceit every single solitary time. We as humans love to rationalize. We love to think in our sinful human minds, that it's okay to lie to our children about it being our Messiah's birthday. And it's okay to lie to our children about a pagan toy God that comes out of the fireplace to give them all the desires of their hearts. It's okay to lie to our children about the anniversary of the death of our Messiah being on Good Friday instead of on Passover day. It's okay to lie to our children about celebrating a pagan Easter morning instead of celebrating the day that our Messiah was truly resurrected on First Fruits. It's okay, it doesn't really matter, we're using the name Jesus so that makes it okay.... Really?

We as a people love to rationalize like Aaron did. We love to push back against our Fathers commandment when it doesn't suit our emotional desires. We in our human minds love to think that holding hands and singing: Kumbaya with the world is the right thing to do. We in our human minds love to think that the world should join together in unity. We in our human minds love to rationalize what we think sounds godly. We in our human minds are all too often lead astray by our own human hearts. And it is because of the sickness of our human hearts that we love to rationalize away the commandment of our Father in Heaven. Listen to what our Messiah says in his own red-letter words about the human heart. We can find that in **Matthew 15:18-19 (scrn 17)**

Mat 15:18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.

Mat 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.



Jeremiah tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick. **Jeremiah 17:9 (scrn 18)**

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?



We would do well to remember why it is that our Father in Heaven commanded us to wear blue chords on the corners of our hips in **Numbers 15:37-41 (scrn 19)**

Num 15:37 The LORD said to Moses,

Num 15:38 “Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner.

Num 15:39 And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after.

Num 15:40 So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.

Num 15:41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”



And at the same time, I would submit to you that what happened to the house of Israel during this Golden calf incident has happened to all of us. I would submit to you that none of us are above what has happened here in Exodus chapter 32. I would submit to you that there is no difference between the house of Israel back in Exodus chapter 32, and the house of Israel today. They had to contend with their hardened hearts and their fleshly bodies just as we have to contend with our hardened hearts and our fleshly bodies today.

The difference between those who complete the race that they are running, and those who don't, is simply understanding the promise that our Father in Heaven made to us long ago. Those of us who willfully and intentionally choose our Father in Heaven are those who will complete the race. Those of us who willfully and intentionally choose our Father in Heaven are those who have truly been reborn, revitalized, refilled, rejuvenated, and resurrected from a life of death, to a life of abundance. Not says I, but says our God breathed Scripture. **Ezekiel 36:24-28 (scrn 20)**

Eze 36:24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

Eze 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

Eze 36:26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Eze 36:28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.



And so, as we make note of what happened to the house of Israel here in Exodus chapter 32, on that fateful day, and we make note of the fact that 3000 men of the people fell that very day... let us also make note of the fact of who it was that created us, and who it is that we belong to. The next time that you have a worry, or a bad dream, or the evil spirit of anxiety knocks upon your door. Just remember who you are. **Isaiah 43:1 (scrn 21)**

Isa 43:1 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."



And with that information under our belts we have now concluded Exodus chapter 32 part one of our study, and will be able to move into Exodus chapter 32 part two of our study this

next coming Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time. And trust me my friends we've only scratched the surface of Exodus chapter 32 here this evening so you won't want to miss next week's Bible study night.

And with that being said, as we always do, I would like to encourage you, and even challenge you, to take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, bend your knee, and face the holy promise land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true, or not.

Ask, seek, knock on his door, and his door alone, and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I'm pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries and I would once again just like to thank everyone within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with us to comb through our Fathers God breathed Scriptures to see if these things be true or not.