

Exodus Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Six: Sinai: Rebellion and Tabernacle Completion – Exodus 32-40

Exodus 32:1-33:6

- 1) Read Exodus 32:1-6 carefully. Who did the Israelites think they were worshipping (as suggested by the text)?

- 2) Read Exodus 32:9-10, 19-20, 25-29, 35 and 33:3, 5.
 - a) What were the consequences of Israel's sin?

 - b) Which tribe did God "set apart" from the rest of Israel and why?

- 3) In Exodus 32:26, Moses asked who was "for the Lord." Are you? If so, how are you demonstrating zeal for Him?

Exodus 33:7-34:9

- 4) Read Exodus 33:12-17. Which verse indicates that God reversed His threat (Exodus 33:3)?

- 5) How might you explain the seeming contradiction between Exodus 33:11 and 33:20?

- 6) Read Exodus 33:18-34:7. Moses wanted a sign to confirm that the Lord would, indeed, go with them.
 - a) How did God's proclamation of His "name" (in 34:6-7) confirm His intentions for Moses?

 - b) What confirmation does the name of the Lord, as proclaimed in these verses, give *you* as you face your present challenges?

Exodus 34:10-35

7) According to Exodus 34:10-28, the Lord reconfirmed His covenant. Using what you have learned about covenants in previous lessons, give a simple definition.

8) Did the Mosaic covenant have conditions? If so, what were they?

9) Read Exodus 34:29-35. The preceding verse (28) reminds us that, leading up to this time, Moses spent 40 days and nights alone with God. What extra step will you take this week to bask in God's presence and in the knowledge of His Word, believing that a genuine, visible transformation in you will take place?

Exodus 35-40:33: These chapters tell how Israel constructed the Tabernacle, in accordance with the instructions Moses received in Exodus 25-31.

10) How might the repetitions in Exodus 38:22; 39:1, 5, 7, 21, 26, 29, 31, 32, 42, 43; and 40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 32 explain the writer's purpose in giving each detail of the Tabernacle's construction?

11) According to Exodus 25:2, 35:21, 29, specifically who was asked to donate the items used to build the Tabernacle? According to Exodus 36:4-7, was the giving adequate?

12) What is your motivation for giving gifts of time, money, goods or service to the Lord?

Exodus 1-40

- 13)** What do you recall from your study of the book of Exodus (in this and previous lessons) that would support the idea that Exodus 40:34-35 describes a fitting climax?
- 14)** Read Hebrews 9 and explain as simply as you can why Christians today do not have a Tabernacle (or Temple).
- 15)** According to Exodus 40:36-38, the cloud that filled the Tabernacle (a physical manifestation of God's presence) lifted and guided the Israelites in their travels. What do you know from the Scriptures about how the Lord guides His people today? If possible, give an example of how you have personally experienced the "moving of the cloud" (the Lord's indication that you should make some kind of change or move).