

REVIEW:

1. Commandments & Building of the Tabernacle
 2. Golden Calf and Aaron's Excuse
 3. Destruction of Idol
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(25) Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

(26) then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

(27) And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' "

(28) So, the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

SILENT LEADERS

A) Moses saw the actions of the people and Aaron's indifference. His allowance of sin and not restraining or speaking on behalf of God. **When the Godly are silent, the wicked become unrestrained.**

3000 Killed

B) Moses tells the Levites to go through the camp and kill all those who were against the Lord. They kill 3000. 3000 is only 0.15 percent, but it may have represented only those responsible for crafting the golden calf.

The letter of the law brought the death of 3000, but the spirit brought 3000 to life!

(29) Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother." (30) Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

(31) Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin and have made for themselves a god of gold!

(32) Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

(33) And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. (34) Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you.

Behold, My Angel shall go before you.
Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for
punishment, I will visit punishment upon them
for their sin."

(35) So the LORD plagued the people because
of what they did with the calf which Aaron
made.

THE INTERCESSOR

A) Moses tells the people to consecrate
themselves as he goes back up to the mountain
to make atonement for their sin. Then pleads
with God to forgive them their sin on his behalf.
In the next chapters, there are a few dialogues
between God and Moses, and they center on
God's continued presence with the people, even
though they had sinned. Moses feared that God
would change his mind and abandon them for
their insolence, but God reassured him that He
had made the promise and so He would continue
with them to lead them in the land. **We have a**

deliverer who ascended to heaven to intercede for us.

FEAR HOLDS BACK

B) God also indicates that He will send His Angel before them to lead them. God says he will forgive them and, “**Now therefore, go, lead the people to the place of which I have spoken to you.**”

Fear has a way of keeping us stationary and away from the blessings of God.

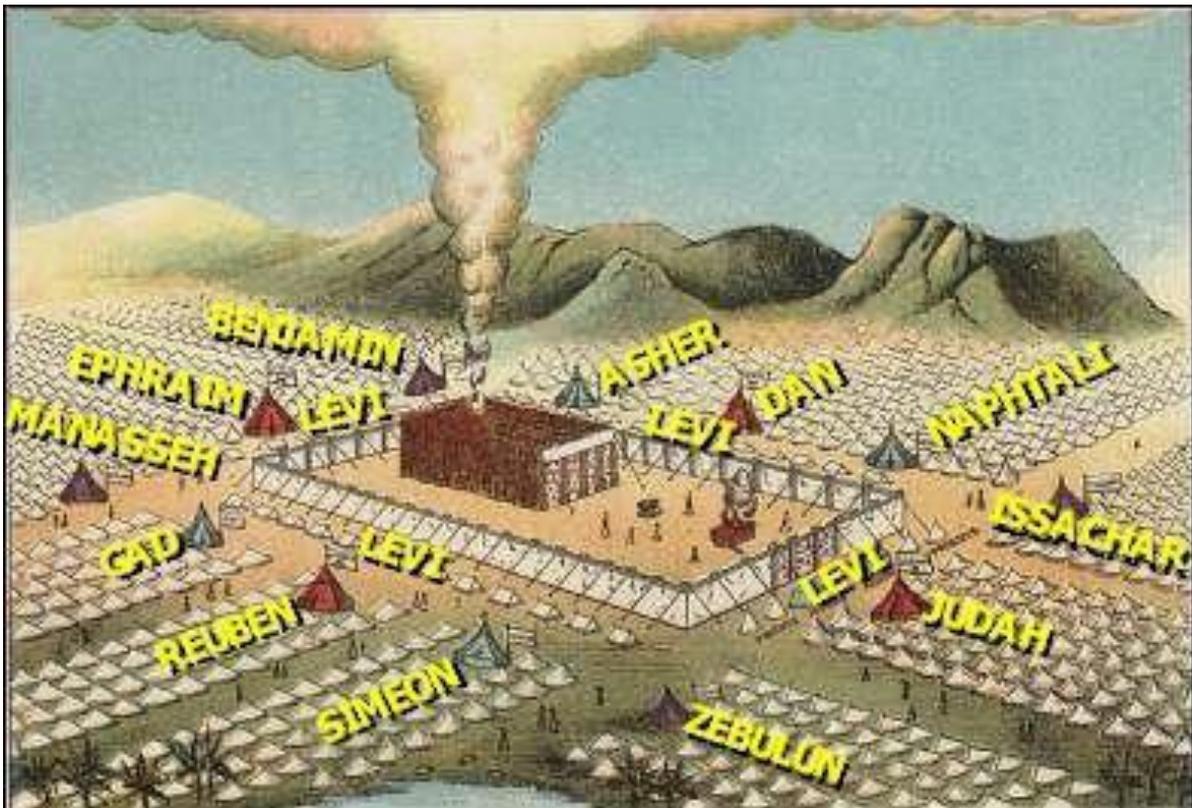
MOVING THE TENT

After the people sinned, Moses moved his tent outside the camp, where he and God met. It is called the Tent of Meeting. 3000 Feet

Sometimes you must move away from the camp to hear God.

TABERNACLE AS CENTER

After the tabernacle is built and the sacrificial system is instituted, the Tabernacle is placed in the center of the camps.



**Prior to Christ, we were on the outside.
After Christ, His Spirit dwells in us, and we
become the Temple of the Holy Spirit.**

PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEK