

## 32:1-6

After these 40 days and 40 nights, we have been out of Egypt for no less than 95 days (See 19:1, and “three days” here and “seven days” there.). Adoration without obedience; bloodshed without covenant; celebration without authorization; fellowship without reverence: These are the tenants of man-made religion.

**gods** translated plural here instead of singular as in Genesis 1:1 because the verbs here are plural, equally matched whereas it seems intentionally mismatched subject and verb exists in Genesis 1:1. People are strange. We want a **god** big enough to protect us and small enough to hold and define, and...if need be...bow down before.

Based on their fear in Exodus 20:19, they could have thought that God actually killed **Moses**. In verse 4 we find Aaron leading God’s people to believe they were worshiping God when they were definitely not.

As if that’s not bad enough, they are going to get churchy about their idolatry, and have a **feast** for Jehovah (verse 5), and we’re going to make our sin sound churchy.

**Rose up to play** sensual dance made them reduce their inhibitions.

## 32:7-10

**And the LORD said to Moses, “Go, get down!** Is it not ironic that God is giving plans to **Moses** for bringing the glory cloud down to the **people** so they can have a tangible religion, but they wouldn’t wait 40 days...so they made their own. We better be careful to recognize that God is taking care of our “needs” if we will be patient and not construct our solutions all the time. **For your people whom you brought** God’s a little miffed it seems since He took the credit for doing this in Exodus 19:1-4. **out of the land of Egypt** 32:1 shows this is what the people wanted. They wanted no god. They said “Moses brought us out.” God adjusted to their language. They wanted a nation without God. They wanted a religion they could govern. God often gives people what they want. Proverbs 1:30-33 tells the wicked they get filled with what they want. Be careful what you ask for. **have corrupted themselves**. According to chapter 24, these folks have seen the glory of God in a cloud settling upon Mt Sinai for 46 days! I guess that wasn’t good enough. “We can have a god that we admire, and we have a god that we can manipulate.” If the glory of God was enough to meet the need when you needed salvation from Egypt, then He’s enough to satisfy you when you’re picking your recreational activity. **8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way** weeks after “all that the Lord has spoken we will do.” They wanted a god they could see now. **which <sup>m</sup>I commanded them**.

**10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And <sup>r</sup>I will make of you a great nation.**” God was willing to renew the Abrahamic covenant through Moses.<sup>1</sup> If I were Moses, I would have thought, after 40 days of

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<sup>m</sup>Ex. 20:3, 4, 23

<sup>r</sup>Num. 14:12

<sup>1</sup>God could do this and it is first demonstrated in how He could have kept the Genesis 3:15 covenant through Noah and his family (and did). He destroyed everybody but a remnant of the seed.

fasting, “I’m hungry, and...that’s not a bad idea, Lord.”