

- D. An example of Rebellion 32-34...in process, in judgment and in prescription for the future.
1. In the arrangement of this section, 32:1 returns to the narration of 24:18. The intervening chapters are given to show the plan and intent of God and to let us see a little bit of the transaction on the mountain. But now we are back in the sequence of events of the movement of the people of Israel.
 2. The creation of the Golden calf 32:1-6

It is a bad day in Israelite history...note the role of the people, the poor judgment of Aaron and the significance of the 40 days.
 3. The Lord informs Moses 32:7-14
 4. Moses confronts the situation 32:15-35
 - a. The return to the camp 15-24
 - (1) The tablets broken 19
 - (2) the calf destroyed 20
 - (3) the excuse of Aaron 21ff
Note Aaron's description of the people!
 - b. The judgment of God 25-35
 - (1) Judgment by Levi 25ff
 - (2) Moses' intercession 30 ff
 - (3) Plagues by the Lord 35
The prayer of Moses, not the first nor the last, is one of the remarkable moments in the Old Testament. Note in particular 32:32...it will make you think of Paul's desire for Israel in the New Testament
 5. Planning for the advance move...33:1-23
 - a. The instruction 32:1-3
 - b. National lament 32:4 ff.
The lament is issued in light of the fact that the Lord said He would send them but He would not go with them.
 - c. Moses intercedes again 12 ff and God promises to go. See vs. 14...another moving verse.
 - d. God manifests himself to Moses 18-23