Repentance

or lack thereof . . .

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

(1 Corinthians 10:11)

⁴⁷ "yet when they come to themselves in the land where they were carried captive, and repent, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them captive, saying, 'We have sinned and done wrong, we have committed wickedness'; 48 "and when they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the temple which I have built for Your name"

(1 Kings 8:47-48)

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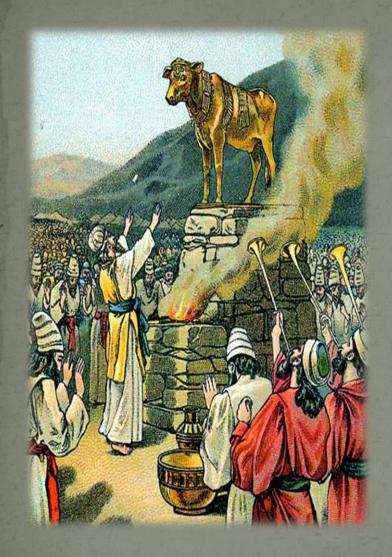
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Return, Restore, Repent

Golden Calf Incident – Jewish Tradition

- Moses broke the tablets of stone on Tammuz 17, thus it is a day of fasting.
- R' Joshua ben Levi taught: "The Jews only made the Golden Calf to open the way for repentance. It is written, 'If only they would retain this feeling in their heart, to fear Me and observe all My commandments ... forever." (Deut. 5:26 [29])

(Talmud, Avoda Zara 4b)



⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way (derek) which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (Exodus 32:8) ³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people." ⁴ When the people heard this disastrous word, they **mourned**, and no one put on his ornaments.

(Exodus 33:3-4)

And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, <u>and pardon</u> <u>our iniquity and our sin</u>, and take us for your inheritance."

ESV Exodus 34:9

And (Moses) said, "If I have found grace before thee, let my Lord go with us; for the people is stiff-necked: and <u>thou shalt take</u> <u>away our sins and our iniquities</u>, and we will be thine."

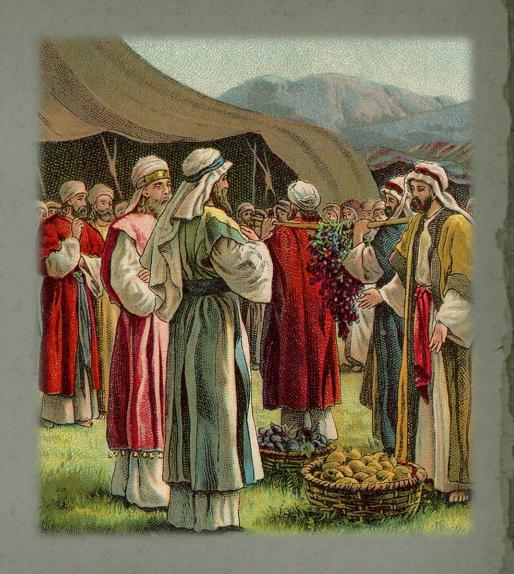
LXE Exodus 34:9

¹⁹ They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. ²⁰ Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. ²¹ They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; ²² Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

ESVPsalm 106:19-23

"For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the LORD, the LORD will not be with you."

ESV Numbers 14:43



³⁷ This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, 'God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.' This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us. 39 Our fathers refused to obey him, but thrust him aside, and in their hearts they turned to Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us. As for this Moses who led us out from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, and offered a sacrifice to the idol and were rejoicing in the works of their hands ...

Acts 7:37-41

They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer. ³⁶ **But they flattered him with their mouths; they lied to him with their tongues.** ³⁷ Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant."

Psalm 78:34-41

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(Deut. 5:26 [29]) (Talmud, Avoda Zara 4b)

May they always be of such mind, to revere Me and follow all My commandments, that it may go well with them and with their children forever!

TNK Deuteronomy 5:26

Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You