

"Who Is For YHWH? Come To Me" & "I Shall Send My Messenger"

Exodus 31:18-33:6

Reading Questions

1. What book is being referred to in Exodus 32:32-33?
2. What were the main basis upon which Mosheh made his appeal to יהוה for relenting from doing any evil to the people?

Reading Answers

1. It doesn't specifically say, but I am guessing this is the book of life (see related verses below for "Book of Life & Blotting Out")
2. Based upon what the Mitsrites (Egyptians) might speak if evil came upon the people and also based upon what יהוה swore by himself concerning Avraham, Yitschaq, and Ya'aqov. What the Mitsrites might speak was important because it has to do with יהוה's Name, and what was sworn also because it is about יהוה doing what He swore He would do. These are all related to bringing esteem to the Name of יהוה. This reminds me of verses discussing how יהוה has done this and other things for His Name's sake (related verses for "For His Name's Sake" below).

Reading Notes

- Mosheh was an intercessor for the people in Exodus 32:11-13. Perhaps this is part of his meekness and humility, and one of the reasons he was chosen by יהוה to do all the things that he was chosen to do. We see that Mosheh had faith that יהוה would keep his promises and do what he said concerning his servants Avraham, Yitschaq, and Ya'aqov and their seed after them. We too, like Mosheh, must have faith that יהוה will do the things He has said and means what He commands as well. If יהוה swears to do something, He will certainly do it. We must believe that His promises are all certain and unwavering and not doubt at all.
- Stiff-necked is referenced in this reading and could be referring to literally having a stiff neck, but could also be referring to a headstrong attitude to go in a certain direction and not listen to someone who is trying to tell you what is right, for you to repent of and/or listen to for your own good. May יהוה help us to never be stiff-necked but to always be tender hearted, and turn our heads to Him to listen to Him and obey, and be repentant and obedient in our hearts and our whole being.

Related Verses

Earrings: Genesis 35:4, Exodus 35:22, Numbers 31:50, Ezekiel 16:12

Golden Calf (or other Calf): Deuteronomy 9:16-21, 1 Kings 12:28, 2 Chronicles 11:14-15, 13:8, Nehemiah 9:18-19, Psalms 106:19, Hoshea 8:6, Acts 7:41

Book of Life & Blotting Out: Deuteronomy 25:19, 29:20, Psalms 69:28, Daniel 12:1, Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 17:8, 21:27, 22:19

For His Name's Sake: 1 Samuel 12:22, 1 Kings 8:41, Psalms 23:3, 25:1, 31:3, 79:9, 106:8, 109:21, Isaiah 48:9, 66:5, Jeremiah 14:7, 21, Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 44, 36:22, Matthew 10:22, 19:29, 24:9, Luke 21:12, Revelation 2:3