

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S CHRISTIANITY AND MT. SINAI EVENTS

Exodus 32:1-26; Revelation 3:14-20

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Discuss God bringing His people up out of Egypt to this point through Moses and Aaron. Moses and Joshua have gone up on the mountain to hear from God and Aaron (appointed High Priest) and the people were to wait for their return. Today's generation of "believers" are much like those at the foot of Mt. Sinai, waiting on Moses but who are waiting on the return of the Lord Jesus.

1. Moses and Joshua had gone up on the mountain and were gone for a long time and the people waited and waited and began to grow restless and began to ask what happened, where were they, etc. (Ex. 32:1)
 - Jesus has been gone a long time and His people have waited and waited and there have been questions about His returning, if ever. Where is the promise of His coming?(2 Peter 3:3-4)
2. The people began to clamor for Aaron to do something, so Aaron accommodated the people instead of standing firm and encouraging the people to wait. He gathered their jewelry and made a molten calf all the while he was the appointed High Priest of God's people. (Ex. 32:2-4)
 - Pastors today have accommodated the people as they have wanted change.
 - They have accepted non truth, partial truth, mixed beliefs.
 - Church movements have brought change to God's Truth - all beliefs are right, everybody is trying to get to the same place and God is God over all beliefs, etc.
 - Churches are modeled after people's wants/personal needs instead of God's Word
3. Moses and Joshua heard noise from the camp and Joshua thought it was the noise of war, but Moses said it was not war but music, loud, wild shouting and loud music that sounded like war, not Godly music/sounds. (Ex. 32:6, 17-18)
 - Much of today's music is shallow, rock, loud, sounds like war and has been brought into the Church.
 - Much of today's music is not Godly music, honoring Him, speaking of Him, glorifying Him, it is worldly noise.
 - What's the difference in the music heard in many churches today and what is heard in worldly places?
4. Moses and Joshua saw that the people were naked as they danced and made their noise. (Ex. 32:25)
 - There is physical nakedness and there is spiritual nakedness.
 - In today's Churches there are those who don't present themselves fresh and in their very best when coming before God. They wear the same thing as they do to ball games and to the mall or to Walmart.
 - God's people (Christians) are spiritually blind, poor and naked and are not any different from the rest of the world in their dress or actions or attitudes.
5. All that the people were doing in the golden calf creation was done in the name of God. (Ex. 32:4-5)
 - Jewelry was gathered in the name of the gods that brought them out of Egypt.
 - An altar was built to offer sacrifice and a feast was to be held for the LORD.
 - Christians today are neither cold nor hot for they dress like the world, talk like the world, act like the world but call themselves average, normal Christians.
 - All done in the name of the Lord.

6. God was angry and wanted to consume the people who were acting so wildly and rebellious.(Ex. 32:7-14)
 - God plagued the people and if Moses had not intervened, God would have destroyed Israel.
 - God is holy and just and will not tolerate such behavior from His people and will spew them out of His mouth.
 - Today's times are changing in so many ways and God is displeased for those who call themselves Christians are neither cold nor hot but worldly.

7. Moses moved the tabernacle from the center of the camp to the outer edge for God would not stay among such people. (Ex. 33:7)
 - God moved out from the people.
 - God is holy and will not dwell with such people who are openly wicked or those who are neither cold nor hot.
 - Jesus stands outside the "door and knocks" on the doors of those who call themselves Christians. (Rev. 3:20)
 - Inside is doctrinal perversion, spiritual nakedness and worldly noise of so called music.

CONCLUSION:

1. Moses stood up and cried out to the people: "Who is on the LORD's side, come to me...." (Ex. 32:26)
2. WHO is on the LORD's side today? If YOU are, then ACT like it!

(Pastors, apply the Revelation passage about the Laodicean Church throughout the outline as you feel led to the various points, a few have already been given.)