

BIBLE STUDY

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Exodus 32:1-6

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD." ⁶ And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

1 Kings 12:28-32

²⁸ So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." ²⁹ And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ³⁰ Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. ³¹ He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. ³² And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.

The Man of God and the [Lying] Prophet Play

Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD

1. The man of God: O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, "Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you." This is the sign which the LORD has spoken, "Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ashes which are on it shall be poured out."

2. Narrator: Now when the king heard the saying of the man of God, he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying

3. Jeroboam: Seize him!

4. Narrator: But his hand which he stretched out against the man of God dried up, so that he could not turn it back to himself. The altar also was split apart and the ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

5. Jeroboam: [to the man of God] Please plead with the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be turned back to me.

6. Narrator: So the man of God pleaded with the LORD, and the king's hand was turned back to him, and it became as it was before.

7. Jeroboam: [to the man of God] Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.

8. The man of God: If you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place. For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, "You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn back by the way which you came."

9. Narrator: So he went another way and did not turn back by the way which he came to Bethel. Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

10. Lying Prophet: Which way did he go? Saddle the donkey for me.

11. Narrator: So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it. So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak.

12. Lying Prophet: Are you the man of God who came from Judah?

13. Man of God: I am.

14. Prophet: Come home with me and eat bread.

15. Man of God: I cannot turn back with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. For a command came to me by the word of the LORD, "You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not turn back by going the way which you came."

16. Lying Prophet: I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, "Turn him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water."

17. Narrator: But he lied to him. So he turned back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water. Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had turned him back; and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah,

18. Lying Prophet: Thus says the LORD, "Because you have disobeyed the command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, but have turned back and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers."

19. Narrator: It came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he [the lying prophet] saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he [the lying prophet] had turned back. Now when he [the former man of God] had gone, a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body. And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told it in the city where the old [lying] prophet lived. Now when the [lying] prophet who turned him back from the way heard it, he said,

20. Lying Prophet: It is the man of God, who disobeyed the command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him.

21. Narrator: And He went and found his body thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body; the lion had not eaten the body nor torn the donkey. So the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey and turned him back, and he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him. He laid his body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, saying, "Alas, my brother!"

22. NARRATOR: After this thing Jeroboam did not turn back from his evil way, but turned back to making priests of the high places...

Isaiah 25:6-8

Yahweh of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain;

A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine. Yahweh will swallow up death for all time,

And Yahweh God will wipe tears away from all faces,

And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth;
For Yahweh has spoken.

Revelation 19:7-9

Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to the Lord, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready...Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

Revelation 21:3-

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain, the first things have passed away."

Luke 13:22-30

NARRATOR: He was...proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. And someone spoke to Him.

SOMEONE: Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?

JESUS: Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able [once the door is closed]. Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door.

THOSE STANDING OUTSIDE THE DOOR: Lord, open up to us!

HEAD OF THE HOUSE/JESUS: I do not know where you are from.

THOSE STANDING OUTSIDE: We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD/JESUS: I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God.

Luke 14:15-24

NARRATOR: When one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard this, he spoke to Him.

RECLINER: Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!

JESUS: A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to speak to those who had been invited.

SLAVE: Come; for everything is ready now.

NARRATOR: But they all alike began to make excuses.

FIRST ONE: I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.

ANOTHER ONE: I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out.

LAST ONE: I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.

NARRATOR: And the slave came *back* and reported this. Then the head of the household became angry and spoke to his slave.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.

SLAVE: Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.