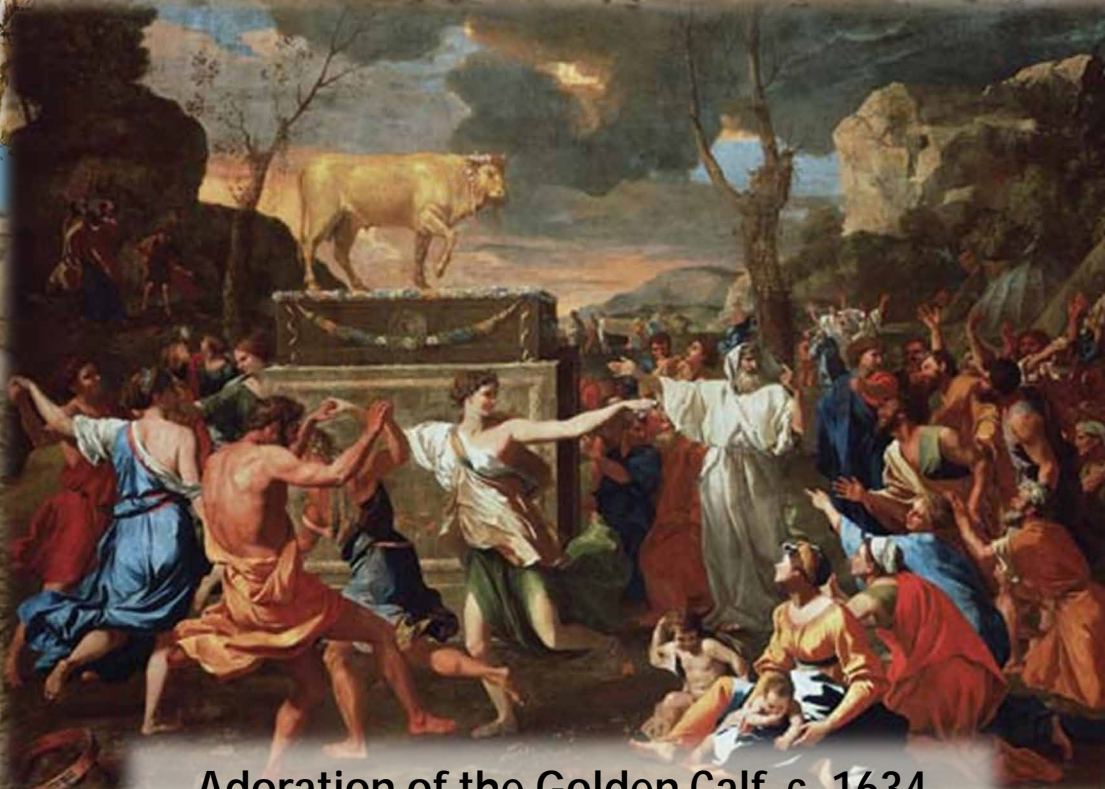


October 22
Exodus 32

Rebellion



Adoration of the Golden Calf, c. 1634
oil on canvas by Nicolas Poussin (1594-1665)



Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome



FBC Woodville
Sunday School Class
Michael G. Maness
see
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Exodus

1.	Sept	3	Reluctance	3-4	Moses at Burning Bush
2.	Sept	10	Confrontation	7	Moses before Pharaoh
3.	Sept	17	Liberation	12	Passover – “When I see ... blood ”
4.	Sept	24	Victory	14	Moses—Parting of Red Sea
5.	Oct	1	Sufficient	16	Moses—Manna from Heaven
6.	Oct	8	Commanded	20	Moses—Ten Commandments
7.	Oct	15	Equipped	25-31	Moses—Building the Tabernacle
8.	Oct	22	Rebellion	32	Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
9.	Oct	29	His Presence	39-40	Glory of Lord Filled Tabernacle

Leviticus

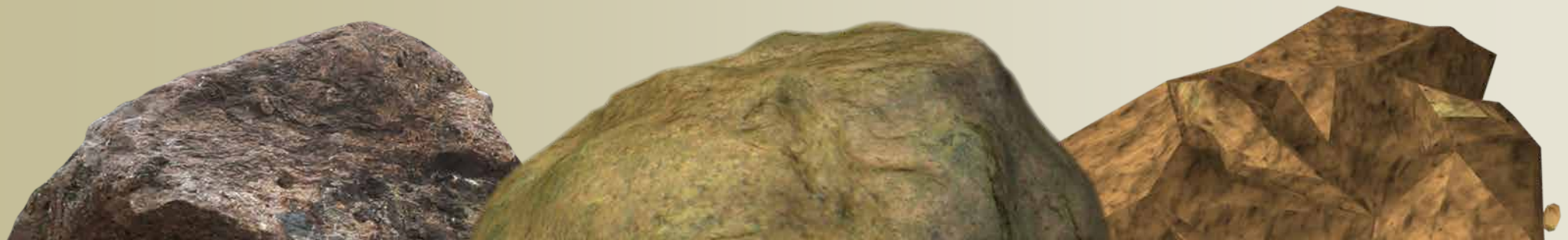
10.	Nov	5	Set Before	1-3	Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings
11.	Nov	12	Set Apart	9-10	Lord’s Fire Consumes Offerings
12.	Nov	19	Set Free	16 & 29	Annual Day of Atonement
13.	Nov	26	Set Futures	26	<i>If You Follow My Statutes</i>

Theme

Worshiping anyone or anything other than the one true God is rebellion against him.

Exodus 32

<i>verse</i>	1-4	Rebellion –	Aaron Makes Golden Calf – <i>Moou</i>
	5-6	Sin Committed –	Builds an Altar, Hosts a Festival
	7-10	God Angry –	God Threatens to Destroy
	11-14	Appeal for Grace –	Moses Prays, Holds God to Promise



Key Verse – Exodus 32:11

**But Moses sought the favor
of the LORD his God.**

**“LORD,” he said, “why should your
anger burn against your people,
whom you brought out of Egypt with
great power and a mighty hand?**

Alternate Title

Mad Cow

Disease

Alternate Title #2

That's a Lot of

BULL

Sad story ... reflects rejection

Worst rejection imaginable

Yet this sad story also reflects

Longing, Loving Loyalty of God

Kind of reminds me of an old ...

Elvis Presley song

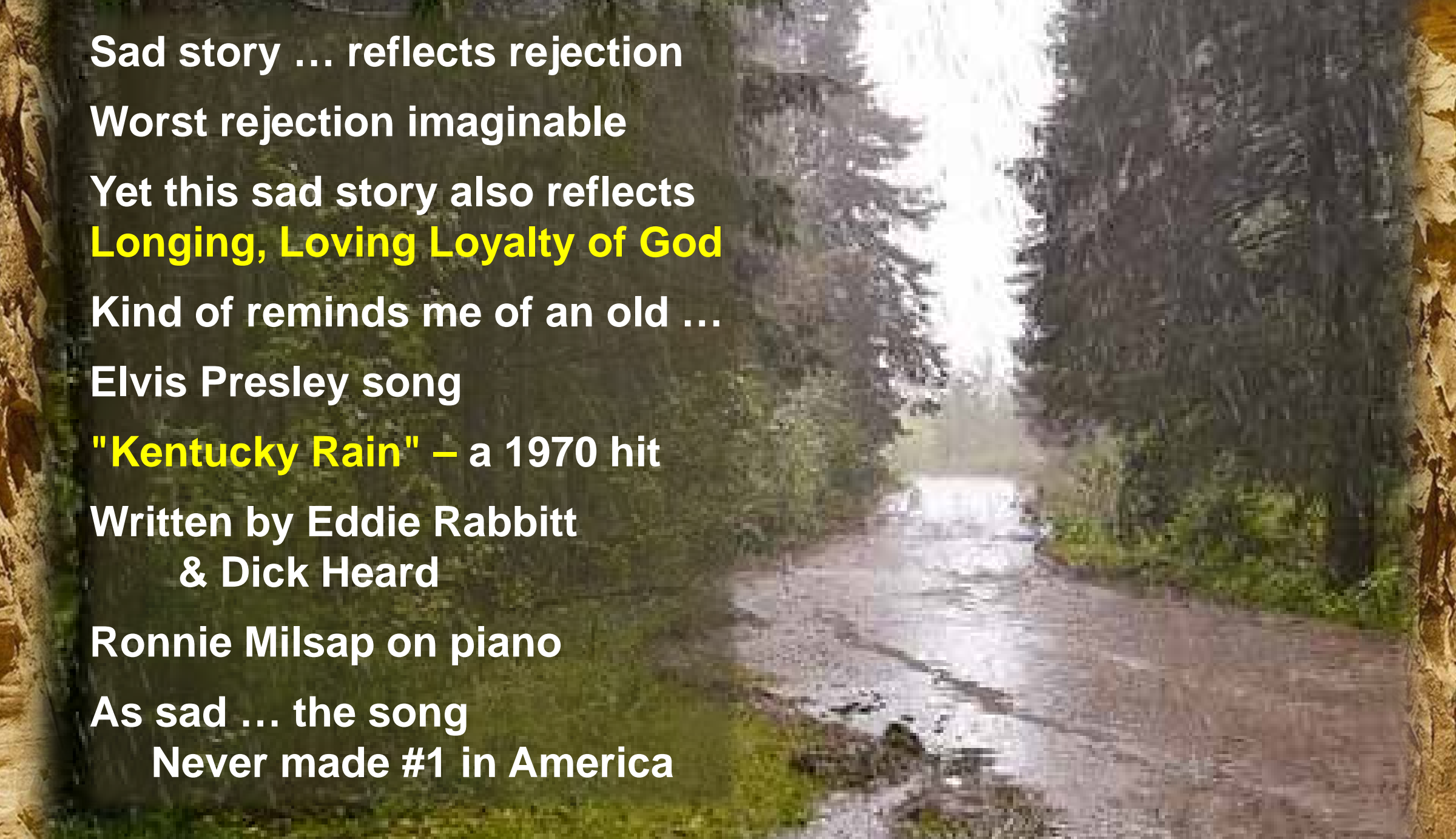
"Kentucky Rain" – a 1970 hit

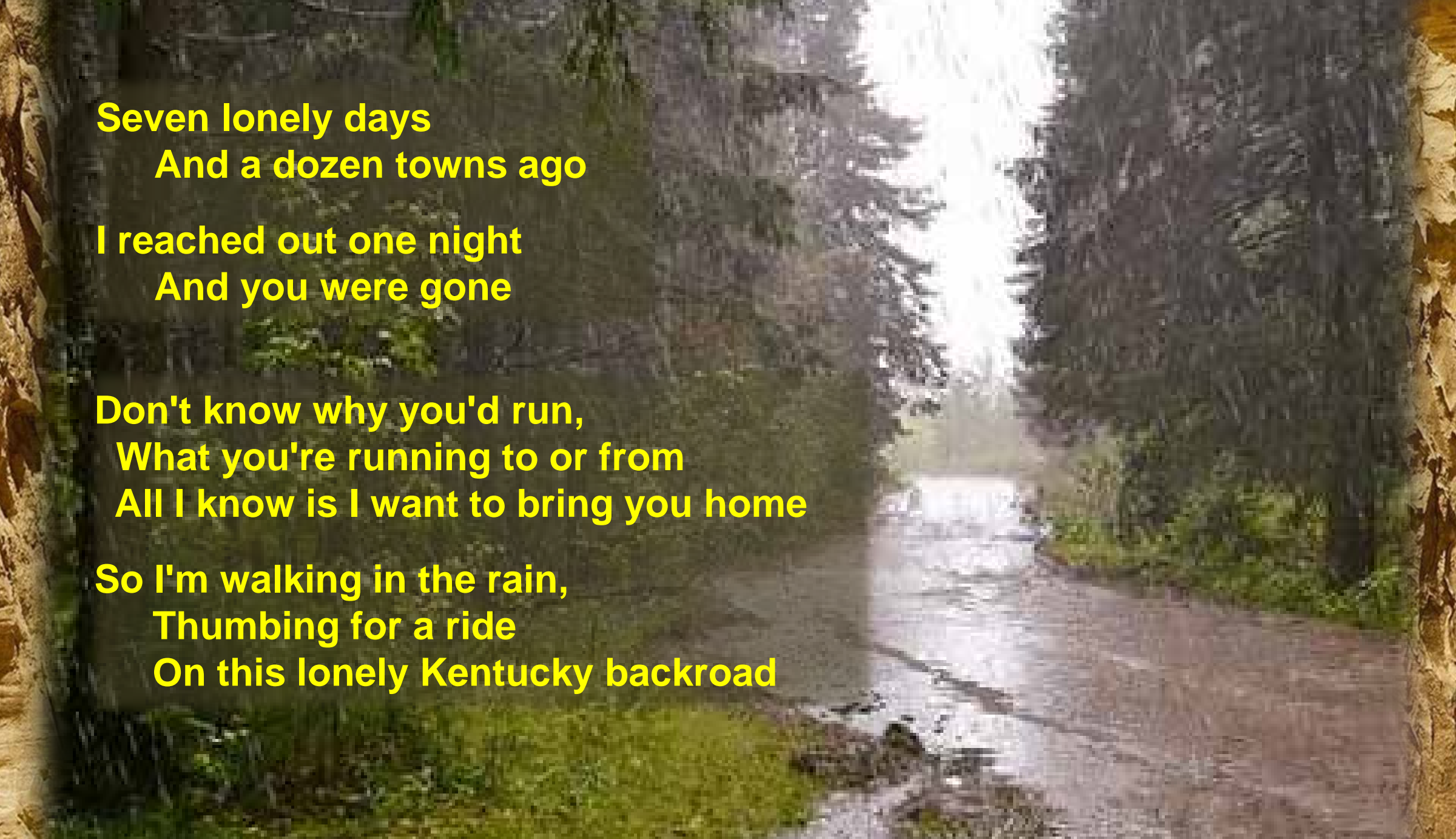
Written by Eddie Rabbitt
& Dick Heard

Ronnie Milsap on piano

As sad ... the song

Never made #1 in America



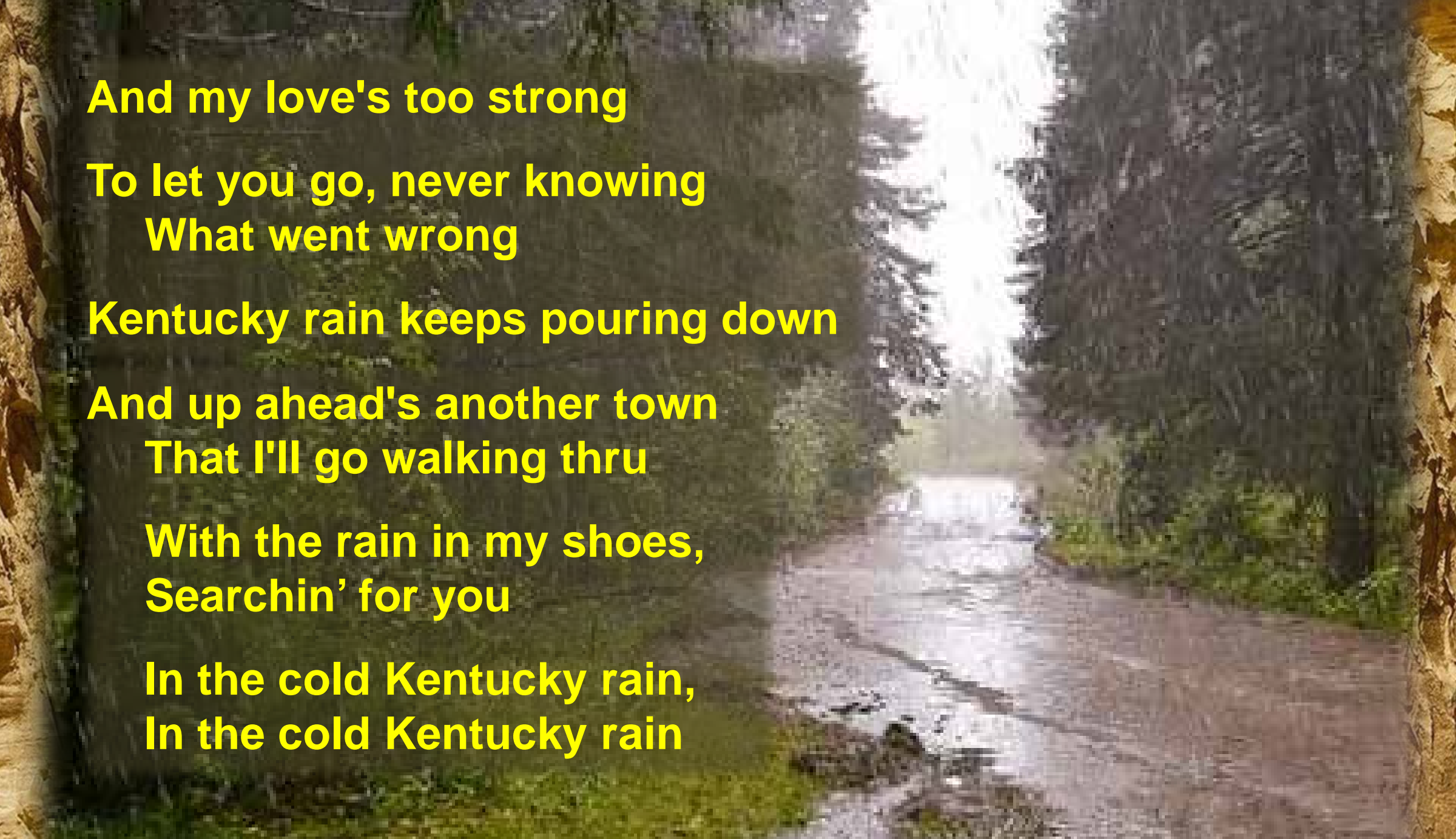


**Seven lonely days
And a dozen towns ago**

**I reached out one night
And you were gone**

**Don't know why you'd run,
What you're running to or from
All I know is I want to bring you home**

**So I'm walking in the rain,
Thumbing for a ride
On this lonely Kentucky backroad**



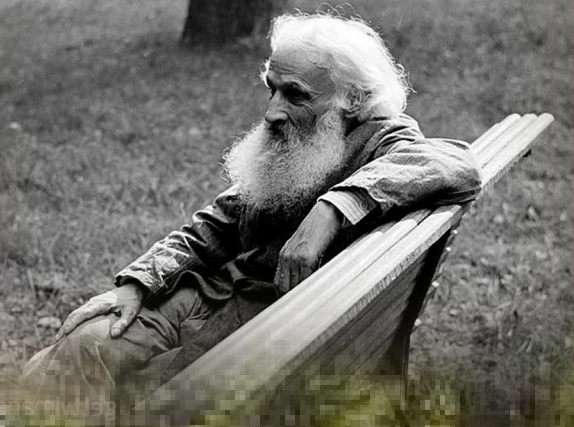
**And my love's too strong
To let you go, never knowing
What went wrong
Kentucky rain keeps pouring down
And up ahead's another town
That I'll go walking thru
With the rain in my shoes,
Searchin' for you
In the cold Kentucky rain,
In the cold Kentucky rain**

**Showed your photograph
To some old gray bearded man**

**Sitting on a bench
Outside a gen'ral store**

**They said "Yes, she's been here"
But their memory wasn't clear**

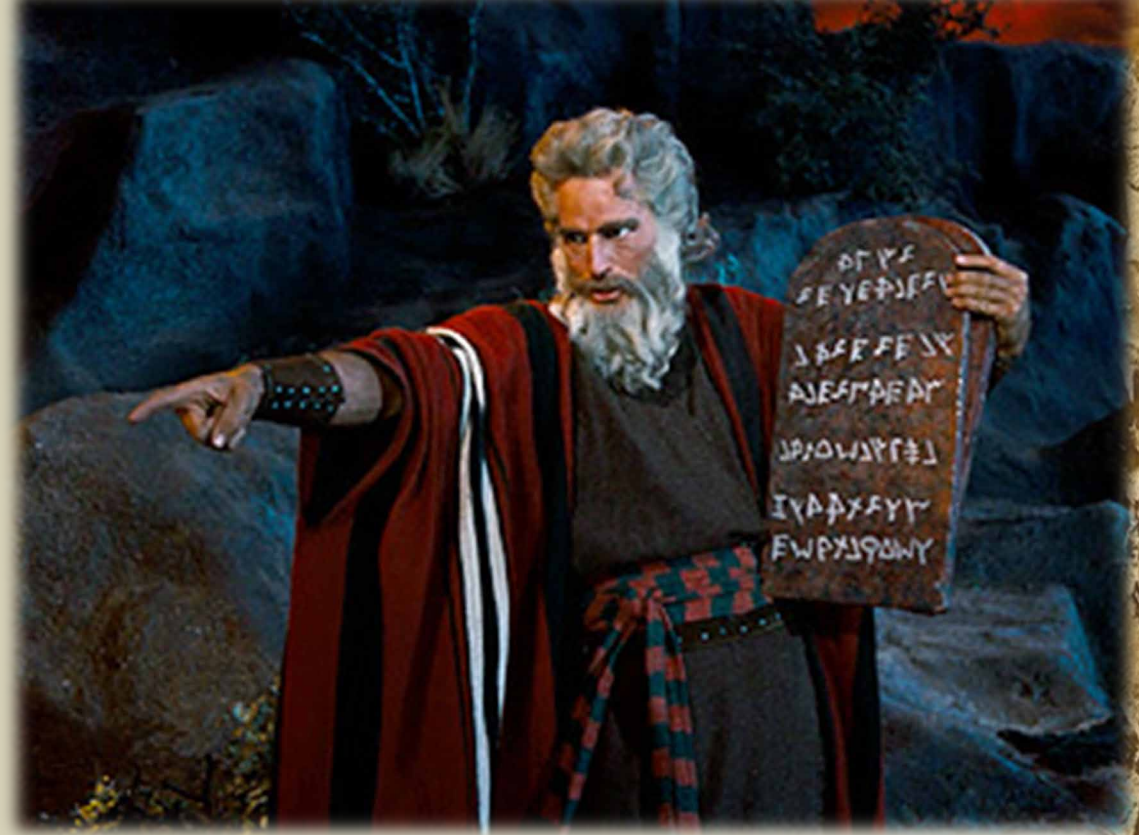
**Was it yesterday,
No, wait the day before**



**So I fin'ly got a ride
With a preacher man who asked
"Where you bound on such
a cold dark afternoon?"
As we drove on thru the rain,
As he listened, I explained
And he left me with a prayer
That I'd find you**



Utterly sad story of Israel
REVEALED to us again & again
Israel ... so **stiff-necked**
Israel ... so **unfaithful**
Israel ... so desolate of **loyalty**
Yet God never gives up ...
God gets **ANGRY** ...
But a good prayer from Moses
And God finds mercy **AGAIN**
God—Longing for Faithful Love



With a people, Israel
Seemingly incapable of **LOVE**
God Remains Faithful

In Exodus 7 ... back in September
We touched on the Egyptian Gods
Apis was the god of Memphis

a living ***Bull***

After ALL Israel went through
After ALL they have been told
Not just the Ten Commandments
But MANY times: “**No Other God**”
Then Moses leaves for a couple
weeks and poof ...

Mad Cow Disease



Statue of Apis in Louvre
13th dynasty, c. 1800-1639 B.C.

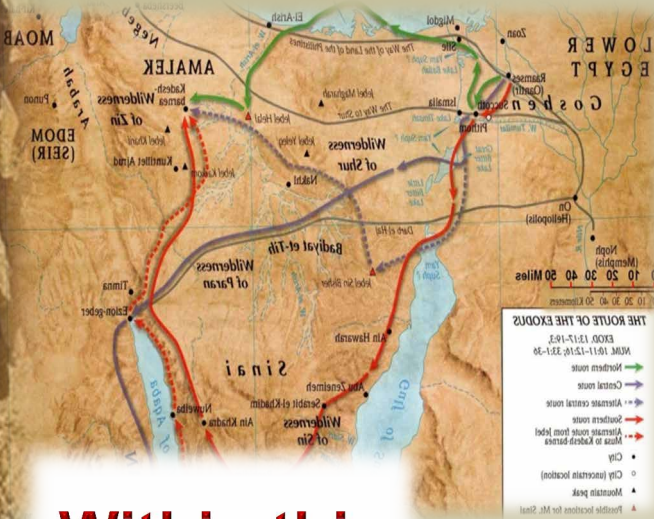
**Israel STILL
at the foot of
Mt. Sinai**

**Jebel Musa
Mt. Horeb**

*Horeb often refers to
whole mountain range*



Exodus and MOSES



Within this
section are
5 Chapters

You are
HERE >

we have come far ... fast

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| I. Preparation for Deliverance | 1 to 4 |
| II. Moses Confronts Pharaoh | 5 to 12 |
| III. Freedom Gained | 13 to 15 |
| IV. Into the Wilderness to Sinai | 15 to 18 |
| V. At the Foot of Mount Sinai | 19 to 24 |

Chapter 20 – Ten Commandments

MORE Law – the Book of the Covenant

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| VI. Building the Tabernacle | 25 to 40 |
| A. Specifications for Tabernacle | 25:1-31:11 |
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| C. Building of the Tabernacle | 35:4-39:43 |
| D. Completion of the Tabernacle | 40:1-38 |

**Those 5
Chapters
have several
narratives**

25 to 40

25:1-31:11

31:12-35:3

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| 1. Reminder of the Sabbath | 31:12-17 |
| 2. Giving of the Two Tablets | 31:18 |
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| 3. Golden Calf & Judgment | 32:1-35 |
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| 6. Moses' Requests Assurance of God's Presence | 33:12-23 |
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| b. Warnings & Feasts | 34:11-26 |
| 8. Shining and Veiling of Moses' face | 34:29-35 |
| 9. Reminder of the Sabbath | 35:1-3 |

35:4-39:43

40:1-38

BEFORE Israel builds the Golden Calf Ex. 32:1-14

40 Days & Nights ... Tabernacle Instructions

Exodus 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

Lengthy, detailed Tabernacle instructions

Exodus 31:12-17 ... more on Sabbath, **again**

Exodus 31:18 closes

¹⁸ When the LORD finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the TWO TABLES of the COVENANT LAW, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God

Two Tablets have **Ten Commandments**

Ex. 20:1-17 = Covenant ... “ten” seen 3x

3x = Ex. 34:28 ... Deut. 4:13 ... Deut. 10:4



AFTER Israel builds Golden Calf

Ex. 32:1-14

Exodus 32:15-29 tell us plainly

Moses—READY to descend from Mt. Sinai

Moses—READY to go down from Mt. Horeb

BEFORE Moses goes down

God is **AWARE** of all that is going on

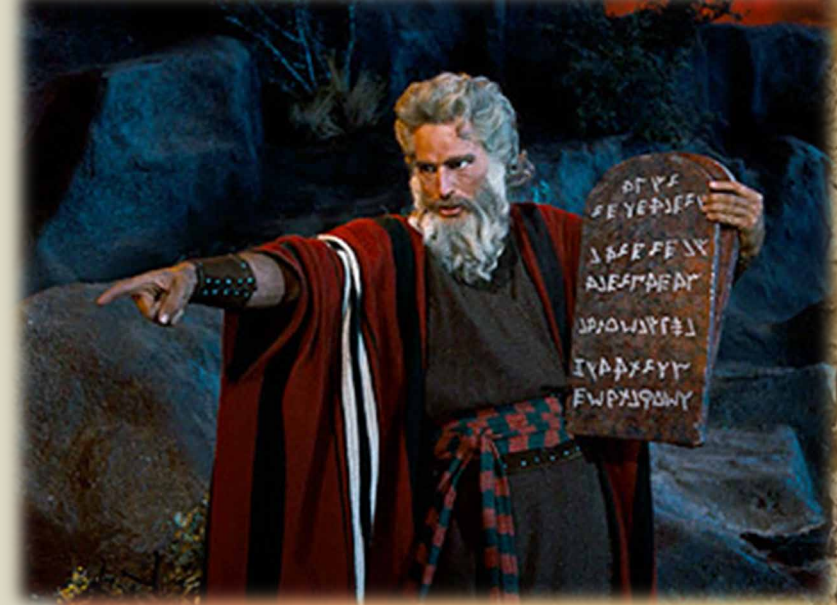
God tells Moses ... and **Moses PRAYS**

Moses prays **BEFORE** he **SEES**

Moses prays from hearing God's words

Moses heads down with two tablets, written
on the front and back ... meets Joshua

Joshua thinks there is victory



Exodus 32:16 ... as Moses goes down

32:16:

The tablets were the work of God;
the writing was the writing of God,
engraved on the tablets.

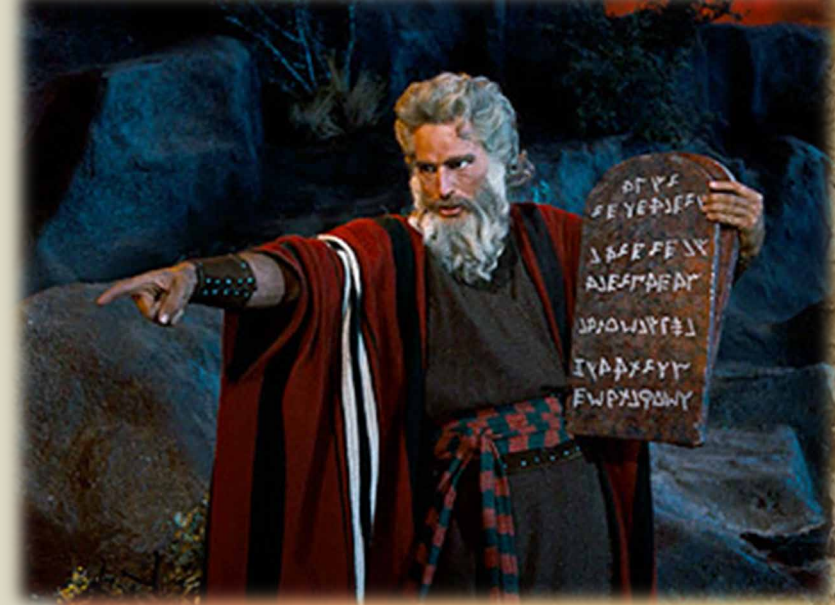
Moses meets Joshua who hears NOISE
thinking he missed a great victory party

32:18 Moses replied [to Joshua]:

“It is not the sound of victory, it is
not the sound of defeat....”

Then ... we have to share some background

What happened **AFTER** the Mad Cow Disease



After mass infection of Mad Cow Disease—
Moses goes *BERSERK*!

Well ... on second thought

NO ... Moses did not go *BERSERK*

“Berserk” connotes *out of control*

“Berserk” connotes *hog wild anger*

Of all things, **Moses TOOK** control

Moses **KNEW** God was on his side

Of all things, Moses was *DECISIVE*

Of all things, Moses Grabbed the

Wild Horse's Reins



After mass infection of Mad Cow Disease—
Moses took *CONTROL!*

Exodus 32:19-35

- ¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, **his anger burned** and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain.
- ²⁰ And he **took the calf** the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.
- ²¹ Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people ***DO TO YOU***, that you led them into such great sin?”



Poor Aaron ... Exodus 32:22-24

22 “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil.....

Aaron ... the pitiful ... bla, bla, bla

Aaron confesses his utter cowardice

Exodus 32:22-24 makes you want to cry

Moses *ain't havin' it ... ain't hearin' it*

25 Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.

No excuse ... Moses just takes charge



Poor ISRAEL!! ... Exodus 32:26-28

Moses is as strong here as EVER in all of the Book of the Exodus

²⁶ So Moses stood at the entrance to the camp and said,

“Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.”

And all the Levites rallied to him.

Moses orders the men to

Lock'n Load



Moses orders the men to *Lock'n Load*
Swords ON ... and ...

Listen to Moses' ORDERS:

Go back and forth through the camp
From one end to the other,
each killing his brother
and friend and neighbor.'

Locked 'n Loaded

Levites *went forth*

3,000 Died



Poor ISRAEL!! ... Exodus 32:29-35

Next, the SERMON ... *here's a News Headline*

Pastor KILLS 3,000 then *Preaches!*

²⁹ Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

NEXT day ...

Moses is not finished



Poor ISRAEL!! ...

Next day ...

Moses goes back to God

Moses asks for MERCY

OKAY ... Lord will NOT destroy ALL!

LORD struck the people with a plague

Plague closes Exodus 32

God is Finished

Exodus 33 ... God sends Israel to the

Promised Land



Exodus 32:1-4 Rebellion – Aaron Builds an Altar, Hosts a Festival

What brought on the Judgement? Ex. 32:1-14

Mad Cow Disease

¹ When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

FIRST REACTION to this?



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Seems to us ... a flood cometh

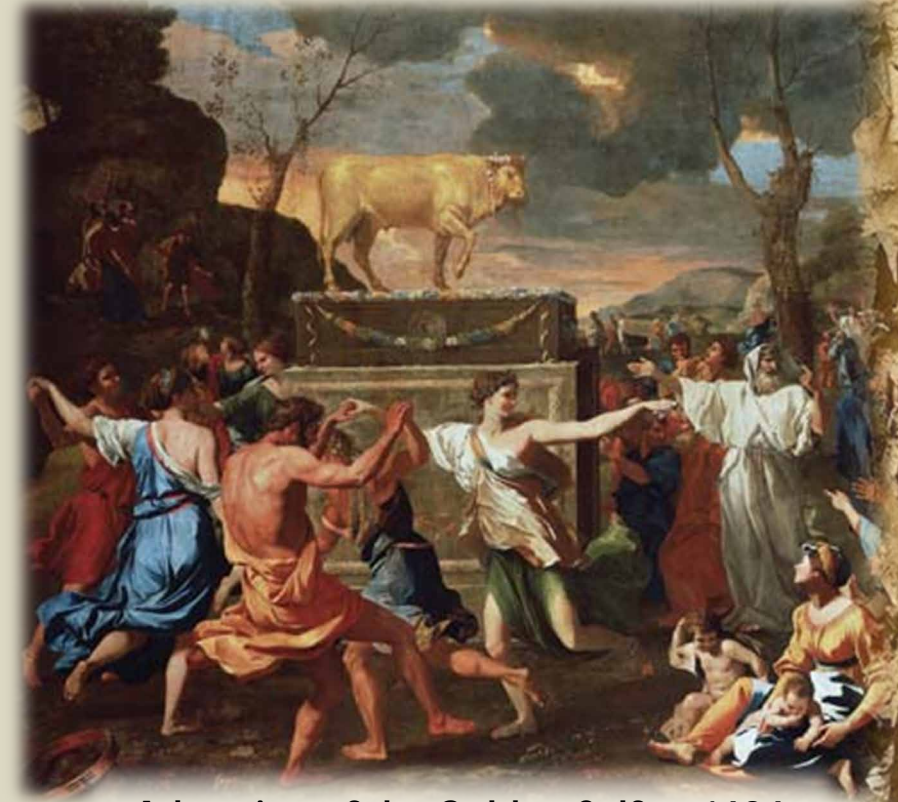
FIRST REACTION to this?

How pitifully UNGRATFUL

How SMALL their Faith

How utterly

I M P A T I E N T



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Exodus 32:1-4 Rebellion – Aaron Builds an Altar, Hosts a Festival

Ever the enabler ...

Aaron to the “rescue”

² Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.”

Living HIGH in the Desert

³ So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

What is this?

So cooperative!



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Exodus 32:1-4 Rebellion – Aaron Builds an Altar, Hosts a Festival

Aaron to the “rescue”

Living HIGH in the Desert

turns the stomach

Moses ... on Mt. Sinai 40 Days & Nights

**Rebellion & calf building had to
commence on week 2 or 3 ... *so SOOON***

Moses & God

Taken for Granted

Out of Sight

Out of Mind & Heart



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Exodus 32:1-4 Rebellion – Aaron Builds an Altar, Hosts a Festival

Aaron ... who walked the 300+ miles from Mt. Sinai to Raamses with Moses

Aaron ... who witnessed MORE than most

⁴ Aaron took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.

Hammering for a few days, I suppose

Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

Who was that spokesman?

Who said that?



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Why?

How could they?



Exodus 32:5-6 Sin Committed – Aaron Makes Golden Calf – *MoOO*

Now caught up in it all

Aaron TRIES to make the idolatry RIGHT

⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.”

⁶ So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings.

Afterward, they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

Mad Cow Party Time



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Exodus 32:5-6 Sin Committed – Aaron Makes Golden Calf – *Mo*oo

**According to Keil and Delitzsch, Israel
made the Golden Calf after Egyptian Apis
NOT meant to be the Egyptian god itself**

**Apis looking Mad Cow ...
supposed to represent**

YHWH – Creator!

**Israel chose one of the chief Egyptian
gods to represent & worship YHWH**

**In other words, they were NOT trying to
recreate Apis or worship Apis**

They chose the Apis BULL to represent

YHWH God



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MOO-olatry

**In Exodus 7 ... back in September
we touched on the Egyptian Gods
Apis, god of Memphis, a live BULL
“live” gods died, they were mummified**

**Apis mediated between humans and
some of the higher gods**

Arose in the 1st Dynasty c. 3000 B.C.

**Some suggest Apis was among the 1st of the
fertility gods, concerned with grain & herds**

Apis was depicted black or white ...

Born from a ray of light ... ahhhh

Lite BULL ... or BULL Lite?



**Statue of Apis in Louvre
13th dynasty, c. 1800-1639 B.C.**

Priests got “direction” or “omens”
from the BULL’s behavior ...

Yes sir ... yes ma’am ...

The Bull shook his mighty head

Priests said, “**Bull said YES**” or “**Bull said NO**”

Now then ... my friends, that is a lot of

BULL

6700–5650 B.C. temples & furniture in Anatolia
(Turkey today) were adorned with BULL heads

That is a whole lot *more*

BULL

Mootastic



Statue of Apis in Louvre
13th dynasty, c. 1800-1639 B.C.

Several “bull” cults in Ancient Egypt

Apis was the chief BULL god

Here is a BULL from the tomb of boy King Tut ... now in Luxor Museum

King Tut ruled in the 18th dynasty, c. 1332–1323 B.C.

After Thutmose or before Raamses

That is, THIS BULL was placed
after or before the Exodus

That means that ...

King Tut took his BULL with him



Bull head from tomb of Tutankhamun
in the Luxor Museum, Egypt

Secret Cult of Mithras arose in the Roman army not long after Christ

Some secular scholars claim it competed with early Christianity in growth

Mithraism SECRET cult w grades of initiation

God Mithra is always depicted killing a bull

New convert was “initiated” with a bull killed over him in a pit ... *blood pouring on him*

Mithra, born out of a rock ... means “friend”

100s of these carvings, 1000+ inscriptions relate Mithraism’s popularity in the Roman army

Cult died out c. A.D. 400 ... *much remains Secret today*



Mithras killing the bull
c. A.D. 200, in Louvre

Psalm 106 poetically describes Israel's rebellion so well ... including Exodus 32

Psalm 106:1-6 ... Praises God

⁷ When our ancestors were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea.

Psalm 106:8-18, rebellion of Dathan *Num. 16*

Psalm 106:19-27, relates the Golden Calf

Psalm 106:28-31 laments Israel eating to other gods & Phineas' intervened

Psalm 106:32-46, waters of Meribah

Psalm 106:47-48 closes in prayer & praise



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Exodus 32:5-6 Sin Committed – Aaron Makes Golden Calf – *Mo*

Psalm 106:19-27 laments Exodus 32

**¹⁹ At Horeb they made a calf and
worshiped an idol cast from metal.**

**²⁰ They exchanged their glorious God for
an image of a bull, which eats grass.**

²¹ They forgot the God who saved them...

**²³ So God said he would destroy them—
had not Moses, his chosen one,
stood in the breach before him to keep
his wrath from destroying them.**

**²⁴ Then they despised the pleasant land;
they did not believe his promise.**



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Exodus 32:5-6 Sin Committed – Aaron Makes Golden Calf – *Mo*oo

Psalm 106:19-27 laments Exodus 32

**²⁵ They grumbled in their tents
and did not obey the LORD.**

**²⁶ So God swore to them with uplifted
hand that he would make them
fall in the wilderness,**

**²⁷ make their descendants fall among
the nations and scatter them
throughout the lands.**

And 40 years they wandered ...

**The whole generation perishing
except Joshua and Caleb.**



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Exodus 32:7-10 God Angry – God Threatens to Destroy

Moses, near end of 40 Days & Nights

⁷ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt.

⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a CALF.

They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’



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Exodus 32:7-10 God Angry – God Threatens to Destroy

NOTHING more offensive to God

FIRST Commandment – busted to pieces

⁹ “I have seen these people,” the
LORD said to Moses, “and they
are a stiff-necked people.

What God says next is astonishing ...
so very HUMAN ... and so painful

¹⁰ Now leave me alone
so that my anger may burn against them
and that I may DESTROY THEM.

Then I will make you into a great nation.”



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Exodus 32:11-14 Appeal for Grace – Moses Prays, Holds God to Promise

Moses ... STILL on Mt. Sinai

When Moses heard God say that:

**¹¹ Moses sought the
favor of the LORD his God.**

**“LORD,” he said, “why should your
anger burn against your people,
whom You brought out of Egypt with
great power and a mighty hand?**

Moses REASONS with God

Moses APPEALS to God

Listen to Moses’ kindly heart



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Also ... remember

Recall that Moses is STILL on the mountain

Moses is STILL with God on Mt. Sinai

Moses has not yet CONFRONTED Israel

Moses has not yet SEEN first hand the

Mad Cow Disease

Listen to Moses

Remember ... Moses is still with God



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Listen to PASTOR Moses' heart

¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.

Moses ... still on Mt. Sinai ...

¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self:

Moses appeals to GOD's own HONOR!



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Listen to PASTOR Moses' heart

¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self:

‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’ ”

How can God respond?

What does God do?



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God does NOT destroy them

How DID God respond?

**¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and
did not bring on his people
the disaster he had threatened.**

Yet ... MOSES cometh

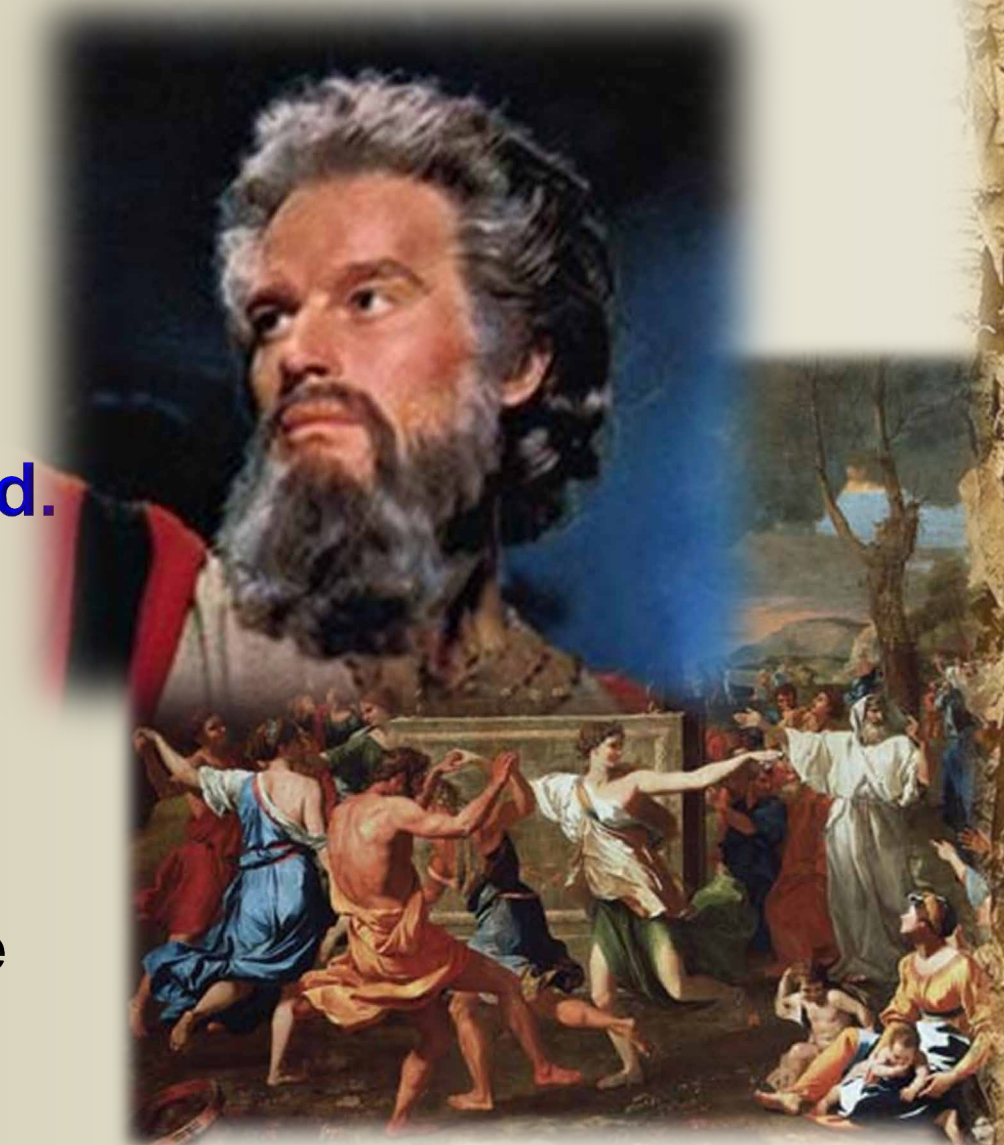
Rest of the story is that God ...

Through MOSES ... still kills 3,000

Through MOSES ... still sends a plague

Yes, God relented ...

God did not TOTALLY destroy them



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Exodus 32:11-14 Appeal for Grace – Moses Prays, Holds God to Promise

Moses comes down Mt. Sinai

Moses takes **CONTROL**

Moses breaks the Ten Commandments

Aaron weasels and twists like a worm

Moses ... LIKE a **BOSS**

Orders Levites to **Lock'n Load**

God relents

God has mercy

yet some *STILL PAY*



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One observation here

Remember **YOUR** prayers

One thing to **CLAIM** such and such

To **CLAIM** such and such **on Mt. Sinai**

To **CLAIM** such while **with GOD**

But who will you be when you

Who will you be when ...

You Come DOWN?

**You Come DOWN
from Mt. Sinai?**



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Will you be the BOSS?

Will you see **THROUGH** poor, pitiful ...

See **TRHOUGH** pitifully penitent Aaron?

Or will you be just
another Israelite



FULL OF

BULL



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Exodus 32:11-14 Appeal for Grace – Moses Prays, Holds God to Promise

Not that MOSES did anything wrong

Just pointing out that all too OFTEN

There is too LARGE a difference

Between *WHO* we are on our KNEES

and who we are in THE WORLD

Between *WHO* we are in Prayer CLOSET

and who we are at WORK

Between *WHO* we are on the MOUNTAIN

and who we are facing the

Mad Cow Disease



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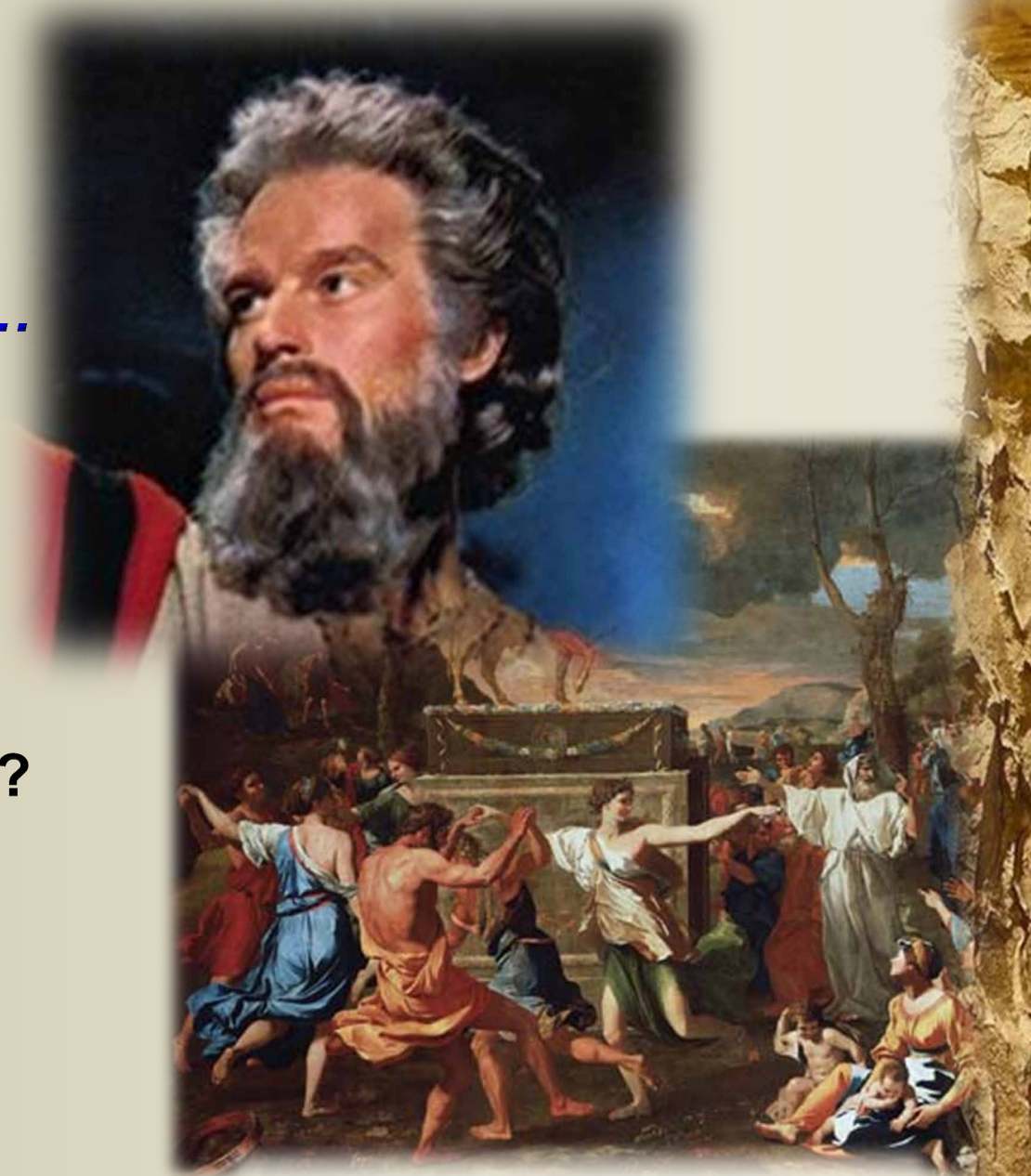
The real question of the hour is

Who **HAVE** you been? ... *or rather* ...

Who will **YOU BE** when you ...

- ✓ Get off your Knees?
- ✓ Get out of your Prayer Closet?
- ✓ Come down from your Mt. Sinai?

Who will **YOU BE** ...



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Real question of the hour is

Who will ***YOU BE*** ...

Who will ***YOU BE*** ...

when you see the

Mad Cow Disease

cause dah Mad Cow Disease

is a 20th century

Worldwide Plague



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