

Bible History Puzzle 51

When Moses was halfway down the mountain he met up with (Zipporah, Joshua) who had been waiting for him all this time. Together they went on down the mountain with the two tablets of (stone, wood) with the ten commandments engraved on them.

When they had almost reached the bottom, Joshua said, “I hear noise in the camp. Are they fighting a battle?”

“That is not the noise of battle,” said Moses, “That is the sound of (feasting, weeping).”

They hurried on. When they came in sight of the camp, they stopped. What did they see? Did they see people dancing around a golden (altar, image)? A calf?

Moses suddenly understood what had happened. Israel, God’s own people, had dared to make an image to worship, just like the heathens. Was their God, the God of the Israelites, an idol? Hadn’t the Lord spoken to His people Himself and told them how He wanted to be served?

Angry and sorrowful, Moses threw down the stone tablets. They smashed into pieces against the rocks.

“Moses is here!” someone suddenly called out. The dancing stopped. Frightened, the Israelites looked upwards and it became very (loud, quiet).

Moses walked into the camp and strode towards the golden calf. He immediately tore it down and broke it into pieces. Then he ground it down to a powder and poured it into the (drinking water, sand). “Now, drink your god!” he called out angrily. The people scattered towards their tents.

Moses then turned to Aaron. “Why have you done this?” he asked. “Why have you not stopped the (priests, people) from doing such a great evil against the Lord?”

Aaron tried to defend himself. “I couldn’t help it,” he said, “The people wanted it and I didn’t dare tell them (no, yes). I was afraid they would kill me!”

“You have not been brave, Aaron,” Moses said. Aaron knew that Moses was right.

Moses walked on for a little while and then he called out: “Whoever belongs to the Lord, come by me!”

Moses waited. Men started to come towards him. They were the Levites. The whole tribe of Levi walked (towards, away from) him. They had not taken part in this feast.

“Take your sword,” Moses said, “Go through the camp and kill everyone you meet.”

Throughout the camp there were still people talking in groups, maybe muttering that their (sleep, feast) had been interrupted. Don’t you think that the Israelites who realized they had sinned and were sorry for their sins had gone away into their tents in shame or to pray for forgiveness? Well, the Levites went out quickly and killed all that were still standing around and many many died that day.

So the day that started with feasting ended in much sadness. The next day, many (wells, graves) had to be dug.

Moses was not angry anymore, but very sorrowful. “You have sinned,” he said, “But I will go back to God on the mountain to ask for forgiveness for you all.”

Moses knew the Lord and he knew how the Lord had heard his prayers so often before and he (hoped, believed) the Lord would answer his request again this time.



Psalm 145: The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the _____ will he destroy.

Galatians 6: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man _____, that shall he also reap.

James 1: Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth _____.

Acts 3: Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be _____ out..

Find the shape on the outside of the puzzle that matches a shape in the tablet. Write the word from that shape on the matching shape.

