

How to study Chumash- One book at a time - Shmot class #22
The Mishkan - a House for God or a 'model home' for us -
The Golden Calf & the Mishkan - an obvious parallel or an amazing coincidence
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INTRODUCTION

After dedicating two classes to the thematic connections between Har Sinai and the Mishkan to support Ramban's approach - we begin today shiur with an in depth study of the famous story of the Golden Calf; in an attempt to understand the logic behind Rashi's approach that the commandment to build the Mishkan was given AFTER that sin. To understand the nation's wayward behaviour at Chet ha'Egel - we must return to Parshat Mishpatim to understand 'what the people were thinking'.

I. The roots of chet ha'Egel in Parshat Mishpatim & Yechezkel
Shmot 23:20-23 - God's 'conditional promise' to assist in conquering the Land
 [that the people heard on the same day as Matan Torah!]

כ הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי שֹׁלֵחַ מַלְאָךְ, לְפָנֶיךָ, לְשַׁמְרָךְ, בַּדֶּרֶךְ; וְלִהְבִּיאֲךָ, אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִכְנֵתִי.

20 Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

כא הִשְׁמַר מִפְּנֵיו וּשְׁמַע בְּקוֹלוֹ, אֶל-תִּמְרָבוּ: כִּי לֹא יִשָּׂא לַפִּשְׁעֵכֶם, כִּי שְׁמִי בְּקִרְבּוֹ.

21 Take heed of him, and hearken unto his voice; be not rebellious against him; for he will not pardon your transgression; for My name is in him.

כב כִּי אִם-שָׁמוֹעַ תִּשְׁמַע, בְּקוֹלוֹ, וַעֲשִׂיתָ, כֹּל אֲשֶׁר אֲדַבֵּר--וְאִי־בִיתִי, אֶת-אִי־בֶיךָ, וְצִרְתִּי, אֶת-צִרְרֶיךָ.

22 But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

כג כִּי-יֵלֶךְ מַלְאָכִי, לְפָנֶיךָ, וְהִבִּיֵּאךָ אֶל-הָאֲמֹרִי וְהַחִתִּי, וְהַפְּרִזִּי וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי הַחֹוֵי וְהַיְבוֹסִי; וְהִכְחַדְתִּיו.

23 For Mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I will cut them off.

כד לֹא-תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לֵאלֹהֵיהֶם, וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם, וְלֹא תַעֲשֶׂה כַּמַּעֲשִׂיהֶם: כִּי הָרֹס יִתְהַרֵּס, וְשִׁבְרָם יִשָּׁבֵר מִצְבֹּתֵיהֶם.

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their doings; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their pillars.

כה וַעֲבַדְתֶּם, אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, וַיְבָרֶךְ אֶת-לֶחְמְךָ, וְאֶת-מִימֶיךָ; וְהִסְרֹתִי מִחֶלֶה, מִקִּרְבְּךָ.... {ס}

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. {S}

כו לֹא תִהְיֶה מְשַׁכֵּלָה וְעִקְרָה, בְּאַרְצֶךָ; אֶת-מִסְפַּר יָמֶיךָ, אֲמַלֵּא.

26 None shall miscarry, nor be barren, in thy land; the number of thy days I will fulfil.

כז אֶת-אִימָתִי, אֲשַׁלַּח לְפָנֶיךָ, וְהִמָּתִי אֶת-כָּל-הָעָם, אֲשֶׁר תָּבֹא בָהֶם; וְנָתַתִּי אֶת-כָּל-אִי־בֶיךָ אֵלַיךָ, עֶרְף....

27 I will send My terror before thee, and will discomfit all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

לא וְשִׁתִּי אֶת-גְּבֻלְךָ, מִיַּם-סוּף וְעַד-יָם פְּלִשְׁתִּים, וּמִמִּדְבָּר, עַד-הַנָּהָר: כִּי אֶתֵּן בְּיָדְכֶם, אֶת יִשְׁבֵּי הָאָרֶץ, וְגִרְשָׁתֶמוֹ, מִפְּנֶיךָ.

31 And I will set thy border from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness unto the River; for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

לב לֹא-תִכְרֹת לָהֶם, וְלֵאלֹהֵיהֶם, בְּרִית.

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

II. The celebration at Sinai -

& what Am Yisrael knows when Moshe ascends for first 40 days:

Shmot 24:3-18

ג וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה, וַיְסַפֵּר לָעָם אֶת כָּל-דִּבְרֵי יְהוָה,
וְאֵת, כָּל-הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים; וַיַּעַן כָּל-הָעָם קוֹל אֶחָד,
וַיֹּאמְרוּ, כָּל-הַדִּבְרִים אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר יְהוָה, נַעֲשֶׂה.

3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the ordinances; and all the people answered with one voice, and said: 'All the words which the LORD hath spoken will we do.'

ד וַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה, אֶת כָּל-דִּבְרֵי יְהוָה, וַיִּשָּׂם
בַּבֹּקֶר, וַיְבִן מִזְבֵּחַ תַּחַת הָהָר; וּשְׁתֵּים
עָשָׂר מִצֵּבָה, לְשָׁנִים עָשָׂר שְׁבִטֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל.

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

ה וַיִּשְׁלַח, אֶת-נְעָרֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיַּעֲלוּ, עֹלֹת;
וַיִּזְבְּחוּ זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים, לַיהוָה--פָּרִים.

5 And he sent the young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

ו וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה חֲצִי הַדָּם, וַיָּשֶׂם בַּאֲגָנֹת; וְחֲצִי
הַדָּם, זָרַק עַל-הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he dashed against the altar.

ז וַיִּקַּח סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית, וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם; וַיֹּאמְרוּ, כָּל אֲשֶׁר-
דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע.

7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the people; and they said: 'All that the LORD hath spoken will we do, and obey.'

ח וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת-הַדָּם, וַיִּזְרֹק עַל-הָעָם; וַיֹּאמֶר, הִנֵּה דָם-
הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם, עַל כָּל-הַדִּבְרִים, הָאֵלֶּה.

8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said: 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you in agreement with all these words.'

ט וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה, וְאַהֲרֹן--נָדָב, וַאֲבִיהוּא, וּשְׁבַעֲסִים
מִזְקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

9 Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel;

י וַיֵּרְאוּ, אֶת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַתַּחַת
רַגְלָיו, כְּמַעֲשֵׂה לְבֶנֶת הַסַּפִּיר, וּכְעָצֶם הַשָּׁמַיִם,
לְטָהָר.

10 and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under His feet the like of a paved work of sapphire stone, and the like of the very heaven for clearness.

יא וְאֶל-אֲצִילֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֹא שָׁלַח יָדוֹ; וַיַּחֲזוּ,
אֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים, וַיֹּאכְלוּ, וַיִּשְׁתּוּ. {ס}

11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His hand; and they beheld God, and did eat and drink.

יב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, עֲלֵה אֵלַי הַהָרָה-
וְהָיָה-שָׁם; וְאֶתַּנָּה לְךָ אֶת-לַחַת הָאֵבֹן,
וְהַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּצְוָה, אֲשֶׁר כָּתַבְתִּי, לְהוֹרֹתָם.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Come up to Me into the mount and be there; and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them.'

יג וַיָּקָם מֹשֶׁה, וַיְהוֹשֶׁעַ מִשְׁרָתוֹ; וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה,
אֶל-הָר הָאֱלֹהִים.

13 And Moses rose up, and Joshua his minister; and Moses went up into the mount of God.

**יד וְאֶל-הַזִּקְנִים אָמַר שְׁבוּ-לָנוּ בָּזָה,
עַד אֲשֶׁר-נָשׁוּב אֵלֵיכֶם;
וְהִנֵּה אֲהָרֹן וְחֹר וְעִמְכֶם,
מִי-בֵּעַל דְּבָרִים יִגַּשׁ אֲלֵהֶם.**

14 And unto the elders he said: 'Tarry ye here for us, until we come back unto you; and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whosoever hath a cause, let him come near unto them.'

**טו וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה, אֶל-הָהָר;
וַיִּכֶס העֲנָן, אֶת-הָהָר.**

15 And Moses went up into the mount, and the cloud covered the mount.

**טז וַיִּשְׁכֹּן כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה עַל-הָר סִינַי, וַיִּכְסְהוּ
הָעֲנָן שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים; וַיִּקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בַּיּוֹם
הַשְּׂבִיעִי, מִתּוֹךְ הָעֲנָן.**

16 And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days; and the seventh day He called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

**יז וַיִּמְרָא הַכְּבוֹד יְהוָה, כְּאֵשׁ אֹכֶלֶת
בְּרֹאשׁ הָהָר, לְעֵינֵי, בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.**

17 And the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

**יח וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׁה בְּתוֹךְ הָעֲנָן, וַיַּעַל אֶל-הָהָר;
וַיְהִי מֹשֶׁה, בָּהָר,
אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם, וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה.**

18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount; and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

[Har Sinai camera takes over in chapters 25 thru 31]

Let's follow the 'camp camera' - which continues in 32:1

**א וַיֵּרָא הָעָם, כִּי-בִשֵּׁשׁ מֹשֶׁה לָרֶדֶת מִן-הָהָר;
וַיִּקְהַל הָעָם עַל-אַהֲרֹן, וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו:
קוּם עֲשֵׂה-לָנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ
לִפְנֵינוּ-- כִּי-זֶה מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ
אֲשֶׁר הָעֵלָנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם,
לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מָה-הָיָה לוֹ.**

1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him: 'Up, make us a god who shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.'

**ב וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם, אַהֲרֹן, פָּרְקוּ נְזָמֵי הַזָּהָב,
אֲשֶׁר בְּאָזְנֵי נְשֵׁיכֶם בְּנִיכֶם וּבְנֹתֵיכֶם;
וְהָבִיאוּ, אֵלַי.**

2 And Aaron said unto them: 'Break off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.'

**ג וַיִּתְּפְּרְקוּ, כָּל-הָעָם, אֶת-נְזָמֵי הַזָּהָב, אֲשֶׁר
בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם; וַיָּבִיאוּ, אֶל-אַהֲרֹן.**

3 And all the people broke off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

**ד וַיִּקַּח מִיָּדָם, וַיַּצַּר אֹתוֹ בַּחֶרֶט,
וַיַּעֲשֵׂהוּ עֵגֶל מִסִּכָּה; וַיֹּאמְרוּ--אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ
יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֲשֶׁר הָעֵלָנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם.**

4 And he received it at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it a molten calf; and they said: 'This is thy god, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.'

ה וַיֵּרָא אֶהָרֹן, וַיְבֹן מִזְבֵּחַ לִפְנָיו;
וַיִּקְרָא אֶהָרֹן וַיֹּאמֶר, חַג לַיהוָה מָחָר.

5 And when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said: 'To-morrow shall be a feast to the LORD.'

ו וַיִּשְׁכְּמוּ, מִמָּחָרֹת, וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת, וַיִּגְשׁוּ שְׁלָמִים;
וַיֵּשֶׁב הָעָם לֶאֱכֹל וְשָׂתוּ, וַיִּקְמוּ לְצַחֵק.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to make merry.

Let's note the parallels to Parshat Mishpatim - who s/b the "malach"?:

Story of chet ha'Egel	Parshat Mishpatim
א וַיֵּרָא הָעָם, כִּי-בָשָׁשׁ מֹשֶׁה לִרְדֹּת מִן-הָהָר; וַיִּקְהַל הָעָם עַל-אֶהָרֹן,	כ"ד: יז וְאֶל-הַזִּקְנִים אָמַר שְׁבוּ-לָנוּ בָּזָה, עַד אֲשֶׁר-נָשׁוּב אֵלֵיכֶם; וְהִנֵּה אֶהָרֹן וְחֹרֵר עִמָּכֶם, מִי-בָעַל דְּבָרִים יִגַּשׁ אֲלֵהֶם... יז וּמִרְאֵה כְּבוֹד יְהוָה, פָּאֵשׁ אֲכָלֶת בְּרֹאשׁ הָהָר, לְעֵינָי, בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל...
וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו קוֹם עֲשֵׂה-לָנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ לִפְנֵינוּ- כִּי-זֶה מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלָנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם, לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מָה- הָיָה לוֹ	כ"ג: כ הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי שֹׁלַח מַלְאָךְ לִפְנֶיךָ, לְשִׁמּוֹרְךָ, בַּדֶּרֶךְ; וְלִהְבִּיאֲךָ, אֶל- הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר הִכְנַתִּי.... כג כִּי-יֵלֶךְ מַלְאָכִי, לִפְנֶיךָ, וְהִבִּיאֲךָ אֶל-הָאֲמָרִי וְהַחֲתִי, וְהִפְרִזִּי וְהִכְנַעְנִי הַחֲוִי וְהִיבֹסִי; וְהִכְחַדְתִּיו.
ד וַיִּקַּח מִיָּדָם, וַיִּצַּר אֹתוֹ בַּחֶרֶט, וַיַּעֲשֵׂהוּ עֵגֶל מִסֹּכָה; וַיֹּאמְרוּ--אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֹדָה מִמִּצְרַיִם.	Chapter 24:
ה וַיֵּרָא אֶהָרֹן, וַיְבֹן מִזְבֵּחַ לִפְנָיו; וַיִּקְרָא אֶהָרֹן וַיֹּאמֶר, חַג לַיהוָה מָחָר.	ד וַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה, אֶת כָּל-דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה, וַיִּשְׁכֹּם בַּבֹּקֶר, וַיְבֹן מִזְבֵּחַ תַּחַת הָהָר; וּשְׁתִּים עֶשְׂרֵה מִצְבֵּה, לְשִׁנִּים עֶשֶׂר שְׁבֻטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. ה וַיִּשְׁלַח, אֶת- נְעָרֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיַּעֲלוּ, עֹלֹת; וַיִּזְבְּחוּ זִבְחִים שְׁלָמִים, לַיהוָה--פָּרִים. ט וַיַּעַל מֹשֶׁה, וְאֶהָרֹן--נָדְבָ, וְאַבְיָהוּא, וְשִׁבְעִים, מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.
ו וַיִּשְׁכְּמוּ, מִמָּחָרֹת, וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת, וַיִּגְשׁוּ שְׁלָמִים; וַיֵּשֶׁב הָעָם לֶאֱכֹל וְשָׂתוּ, וַיִּקְמוּ לְצַחֵק.	י וַיֵּרָאוּ, אֶת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְתַחַת רִגְלָיו, כַּמַּעֲשֵׂה לְבַנֵּת הַסָּפִיר, וּכְעָצֶם הַשָּׁמַיִם, לְטֹהַר. יא וְאֶל-אַצִּילֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, לֹא שֹׁלַח יָדוֹ; וַיַּחֲזֹ, אֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים, וַיֹּאכְלוּ, וַיִּשְׁתּוּ.

IV. Yechezkel's vision of Hashem's chariot [chapter 1]

- ד וַיֵּאָרָא וְהִנֵּה רוּחַ סְעָרָה בָּאָה מִן-הַצָּפוֹן, עָנָן גָּדוֹל וְאֵשׁ מִתְּלַקְחָת, וְנִגְהָ לוֹ, סָבִיב; וּמִתּוֹכָהּ--כְּעֵיִן הַחֹשֶׁמֶל, מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ.
- 4 And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire flashing up, so that a brightness was round about it; and out of the midst thereof as the colour of electrum, out of the midst of the fire.
- ה וּמִתּוֹכָהּ--דְּמוּת, אַרְבַּע חַיּוֹת; וְזֶה, מֵרְאִיָּהוּן--דְּמוּת אָדָם, לְהִנֵּה.
- 5 And out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man.
- ו וְאֵרְבָּעָה פָּנִים, לְאִחָת; וְאֵרְבַּע כְּנָפִים, לְאִחָת לָהֶם.
- 6 And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings.
- ז וְרַגְלֵיהֶם, רַגְלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְכַף רַגְלֵיהֶם, כְּכַף רַגְלֵי עֶגְלָה, וְנִצְצִים, כְּעֵיִן נְחֹשֶׁת קָלָל.
- 7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

Ramban 32:4

אלה אלהיך ישראל אשר העלוך

גם זה הכתוב יורה אותנו, כי אין טפש בעולם שיחשוב כי הזהב הזה אשר היה באזניהם הוא אשר הוציאם ממצרים, אבל אמרו כי כח הצורה הזאת העלם משם ויהנה לא תמצא שיאמר בעגל בשום מקום אשר הוציאנו ממצרים, כי הם מודים במי שאמר אנכי ה' אלהיך אשר הוצאתיך מארץ מצרים, כי שמו הגדול הוא המוציא אותם משם, אבל יאמרו במקומות רבים אשר העלוך, כי יקחו זה במקום היד הגדולה המחרבת ים

V. What enabled Am Yisrael's victories against Egypt & Amalek

The 'powerful' rod in Moshe's hand when Amalek attacks

Shmot 17 [the most recent military campaign]

- ח וַיָּבֹא, עַמְלֵק וַיִּלָּחֶם עִם-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּרֶפְדִּידִם.
- 8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- ט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּחַר-לָנוּ אַנְשִׁים, וְצֵא הִלָּחֶם בְּעַמְלֵק; מָחָר, אֲנֹכִי נֹצֵב עַל-רֹאשׁ הַגִּבְעָה, וּמִטָּה הָאֱלֹהִים, בְּיָדִי.
- 9 And Moses said unto Joshua: 'Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.'

Note connection to 'chet ha'Egel'

- י וַיַּעַשׂ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַר-לוֹ מֹשֶׁה--לְהִלָּחֶם, בְּעַמְלֵק; וּמֹשֶׁה אָהָרֹן וְחֹר, עָלוּ רֹאשׁ הַגִּבְעָה.
- 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- יא וְהָיָה, כַּאֲשֶׁר יָרִים מֹשֶׁה יָדוֹ--וַגִּבֹּר יִשְׂרָאֵל; וְכַאֲשֶׁר יָנִיחַ יָדוֹ, וַגִּבֹּר עַמְלֵק.
- 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.
- יב וַיְדִי מֹשֶׁה כְּבִדִּים, וַיִּקְחוּ-אֶבֶן וַיִּשְׁימוּ תַּחְתָּיו וַיֵּשֶׁב עָלֶיהָ; וְאַהֲרֹן וְחֹר תָּמְכוּ בְּיָדָיו, מִזָּה אֶחָד וּמִזָּה אֶחָד, וַיְהִי יָדָיו אֶמוּנָה, עַד-בֹּא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ.
- 12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

יג וַיַּחֲלֹשׁ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-עַמְלֵק וְאֶת-עַמּוֹ, לְפִי-חֶרֶב. **13** And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. {P}

יד וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, כָּתֹב זֶאת זְכָרוֹן בַּסֵּפֶר, וְשִׂים, בְּאָזְנֵי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ: כִּי-מָחָה אֶמְחָה אֶת-זְכָר עַמְלֵק, מִתַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם. **14** And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Write this for a memorial in the book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.'

טו וַיִּבֶן מֹשֶׁה, מִזְבֵּחַ; וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ, יְהוָה נִסִּי. **15** And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Adonai-nissi.

טז וַיֹּאמֶר, כִּי-יָד עַל-כִּסֵּי יְהוָה, מִלְחָמָה לַיהוָה, בְּעַמְלֵק--מִדֹּר, דֹּר. {פ} **16** And he said: 'The hand upon the throne of the LORD: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.'

Discuss

What do Bnei Yisrael need to conquer the nations of Canaan?

VI. Chapter 32 -What happens when Moshe goes down the mountatin

Does he accuse Aharon, or the people, and why

ז וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה: לֵךְ-רֵד--כִּי שָׁחַת עַמָּךְ, אֲשֶׁר הֵעַלִיתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם. **7** And the LORD spoke unto Moses: 'Go, get thee down; for thy people, that thou broughtest up out of the land of Egypt, have dealt corruptly;

ח סָרוּ מִהֵרָ, מִן-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתָם--עָשׂוּ לָהֶם, עֵגֶל מִסָּכָה; וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ-לוֹ, וַיִּזְבְּחוּ-לוֹ, וַיֹּאמְרוּ, אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֵעֲלֹךְ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם. **8** they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed unto it, and said: This is thy god, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.'

ט וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה: רְאִיתִי אֶת-הָעָם הַזֶּה, וְהִנֵּה עַם-קָשֶׁה-עֶרְף הוּא. **9** And the LORD said unto Moses: 'I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people.'

י וְעַתָּה הִנֵּיחָה לִּי, וַיִּחַר-אַפִּי בָהֶם וְאָכַלְס; וְאֶעֱשֶׂה אוֹתָךְ, לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל. **10** Now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them; and I will make of thee a great nation.'

Moshe's encounter with Aharon:

טו וַיִּפֹּן וַיֵּרֵד מֹשֶׁה, מִן-הָהָר, וּשְׁנֵי לַחַת הָעֵדֻת, בְּיָדוֹ: לַחַת, כְּתָבִים מְשֻׁנִּי עִבְרִיתָם--מִזָּה וּמִזָּה, הֵם כְּתָבִים. **15** And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand; tables that were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

טז וְהַלַּחַת--מַעֲשֵׂה אֱלֹהִים, הֵמָּה; וְהַמְּכָתֵב, מְכָתֵב אֱלֹהִים הוּא--חֲרוּת, עַל-הַלַּחַת. **16** And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

יז וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת-קוֹל הָעָם, בִּרְעָה; וַיֹּאמֶר, אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, קוֹל מִלְחָמָה, בַּמַּחֲנֶה. **17** And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses: 'There is a noise of war in the camp.'

יח וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵין קוֹל עֲנוֹת גְּבוּרָה, וְאֵין קוֹל, עֲנוֹת
חֲלוּשָׁה; קוֹל עֲנוֹת, אֲנֹכִי שֹׁמֵעַ.

18 And he said: 'It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome, but the noise of them that sing do I hear.'

יט וַיְהִי, כַּאֲשֶׁר קָרַב אֶל-הַמַּחֲנֶה, וַיֵּרָא אֶת-
הָעֵגֹל, וּמַחֲלֹת; וַיַּחַר-אַף מֹשֶׁה, וַיִּשְׁלֹךְ מִיָּדוֹ
אֶת-הַלַּחֹת, וַיִּשְׁבֵּר אֹתָם, תַּחַת הָהָר.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mount.

כ וַיִּקַּח אֶת-הָעֵגֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ, וַיִּשְׂרֹף בָּאֵשׁ, וַיִּטְחֵן, עַד
אֲשֶׁר-דָּק; וַיִּזֶר עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם, וַיִּשְׁק אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

כא וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-אַהֲרֹן, מָה-עָשִׂיתָ לָּךְ
הָעָם הַזֶּה: כִּי-הֵבֵאתָ עָלֵינוּ, חַטָּאת גְּדוֹלָה.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron: 'What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought a great sin upon them?'

כב וַיֹּאמֶר אַהֲרֹן, אֶל-יַחַד אֶף אֲדֹנָי; אֵתָּה
יַדְעָתָ אֶת-הָעָם, כִּי בָרַע הוּא.

22 And Aaron said: 'Let not the anger of my lord wax hot; thou knowest the people, that they are set on evil.'

כג וַיֹּאמְרוּ לִי--עֲשֵׂה-לָנוּ אֱלֹהִים, אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ
לִפְנֵינוּ: כִּי-זֶה מֹשֶׁה הָאִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר הָעֵלָנוּ
מִמִּצְרַיִם--לֹא יָדַעְנוּ, מָה-הָיָה לוֹ.

23 So they said unto me: Make us a god, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him.

כד וַאֲמַר לָהֶם לְמִי זָהָב, הִתְפָּרְקוּ וַיִּתְּנוּ-לִי;
וַאֲשַׁלְכֵהוּ בָאֵשׁ, וַיֵּצֵא הָעֵגֹל הַזֶּה.

24 And I said unto them: Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off; so they gave it me; and I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.'

כה וַיֵּרָא מֹשֶׁה אֶת-הָעָם, כִּי פָרַע הוּא:
כִּי-פָרַעַה אַהֲרֹן, לְשִׁמְצָה בְּקִמְיָהֶם.

25 And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose--for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies--

Discuss

Note the verb "ra" - evil or a 'sound' (or Egyptian god)

Does Moshe claim that Aharon sinned, or that he the people to sin.

How is the celebration and korbanot different at Har Sinai

[relate to educational component]

Note the dancing

VII, Parallel to travel with the Mishkan

See Bamidbar - conclusion of chapter 10

לה וַיְהִי בִּנְסֻעַ הָאָרֶץ, וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה: קוּמָה
יְהוָה, וַיִּפְּצוּ אֹיְבֶיךָ, וַיִּנָּסוּ מִשְׁנְאָיֶךָ, מִפְּנֶיךָ.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said: 'Rise up, O LORD, and let Thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate Thee flee before Thee.'

לו וּבִגְּחָהּ, יֹאמֶר: שׁוּבָה יְהוָה,

36 And when it rested, he said: 'Return, O LORD, unto the ten thousands of the families of Israel.' {P}

רַבּוֹת אֲלֵפֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. [{ס}] {פ}