

## A word-search puzzle from the Bible Pages. Theme: Exodus 32, the matter of the golden calf.

55 words are hidden in this puzzle. They are printed across, or up or down, or diagonally, backwards or forwards, but always in a straight line, with no letters skipped. Each letter may form a part of more than one word. All letters do not belong to words, and there is no “hidden message”.



List of words (see comments on page 2): AARON, ANGRY, ASIDE, BROKE, BURNED, CALF, CAMP, CAUSED, CHAPTER, CONSUME, CORRUPTED, DELAYED, DOWN, DRINK, DRINKING, EARRINGS, EATING, EXODUS, GATHERED, GODS, GOLDEN, GROUND, HEARD, IMAGE, ISRAELITES, JOSHUA, KILLED, LEVITES, LORD, MADE, MAKE, MOLDED, MOSES, MOSHEH, MOUNTAIN, NOISE, PEOPLE, PLEADED, POWDER, RELENDED, REVELLING, SACRIFICED, SAID, SAW, SINGING, SWORDS, TABLETS, TESTIMONY, THIRTYTWO, THREE THOUSAND, THROUGHOUT, TURNED, UNRESTRAINED, WENT, WRATH

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## Regarding the selection of words in this puzzle

The words in the maze on page 1 are regarding the event with the golden calf, by Mount Sinai. In the following, the first occurrence of each of the words that appear in the puzzle, is highlighted in **bold** style.

**Chapter thirty-two** in the book of **Exodus** in the Old Testament records that when **Moses (Mosheh)** **delayed** to come **down** from the **mountain**, the **Israelites** **went** to his brother **Aaron** and asked him to **make** them **gods** (idols) which would “lead” them. So, Aaron **said** to them, “Break off the **golden earrings** which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” Out of them, Aaron **made (molded)** an idol **image** in the form of a **calf**. He built an altar before the idol, and told the **people** that the next day, there would be a feast.

On that day, the Israelites **sacrificed** to the calf idol and worshipped it. They were **eating** and **drinking** and **singing** and **revelling, unrestrained**, so that there was much **noise**. **Joshua**, who had followed Moses to the mountain, **heard** the noise from the **camp** below, and told Moses about it.

The **Lord** said to Moses, “Go, get down; for your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have **corrupted** themselves. They have **turned aside** quickly out of the way which I commanded them”. The Lord wanted to **consume** (destroy) the whole nation, and make a new nation of Moses, but Moses **pleaded** for the people of Israel and asked the Lord to turn away from his fierce **wrath**, and so, the Lord **relented** (changed his mind).

Moses went down from the mountain, carrying the two **tablets** which contained a **testimony** regarding the covenant which the Lord had made with the Israelites. When Moses approached the camp, he **saw** the calf and the dancing, and became **angry** and cast down the stone tablets and **broke** them. He took the idol calf and **burned** it and **ground** the remains into **powder** and mixed it in water and **caused** the Israelites to **drink** it.

Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the Lord’s side? Let him come to me.” And the **Levites gathered** themselves together to him. Moses told them to take **swords** and walk from gate to gate, **throughout** the camp, and slay people. They did that, and **killed three thousand** people.

That event led to a change to the covenant which had just been made. Those who want, can study the books of Moses, in order to see what that change was.

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