

MOUNT SINAI SPEAKS ONCE MORE



Three thousand skulls discovered in "Mount Sinai Cave. Three thousand slain for worshipping the Golden calf. — Exodus 32: 27, 28.

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WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH

The Bible account of the severe penalty and frightful consequences of sin is now vindicated by discoveries in Mount Sinai. When Moses was away from the congregation of Israel for forty days in the presence of the Creator on the smoking Mount Sinai (Exodus 19: 16 to 18), receiving the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God on two tables of stone, the people made a golden calf from their earrings, bracelets, etc., brought out of Egypt. — Exodus 32: 1 to 6.

As Moses came down from the mount with the tables of stone and heard the shouting and singing of the people, and seeing the golden calf, his anger was hot and he cast down the tables of stone and broke them before the people because they had broken the commandment forbidding the worship of other gods. This act emphasized the truth that the breaking of one of the commandments was the same as breaking them all. — James 2: 10.

The prophet James understood this when he spoke as follows:

“Wherefore if you keep the whole law and offend in one point you are guilty of all. For he that said do not commit adultery said also do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery yet if thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” — James 2:



This shows Mount Sinai where the stream of water flows mentioned in connection with these great historical events.

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When Israel, during the forty days absence of Moses, had broken the commandment which forbade idolatry, they had broken them all. The consequence was death to three thousand men by the sword. — Exodus 32: 27, 28. "The wages of sin is death." — Romans 6: 23.

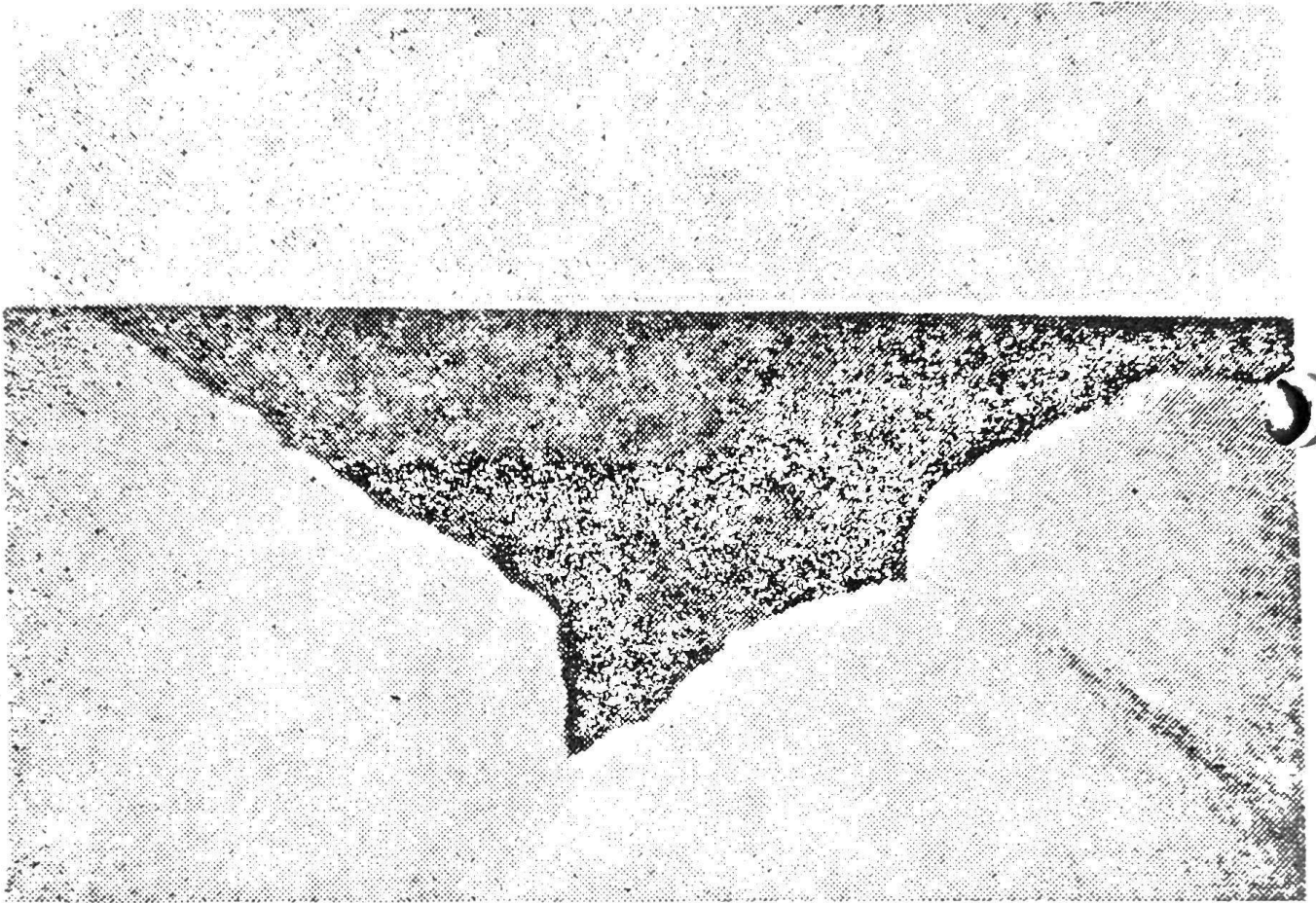
These three thousand skulls found in a cave at Mount Sinai establish the truth of the Bible narrative concerning the giving and breaking of this law by Moses and Israel at Sinai.

"The people gathered themselves together



Skulls of three thousand in Mt. Sinai Cave.

unto Aaron, and said unto him: 'Up, make us gods which shall go before us, for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what has become of him.' Aaron said unto them. 'Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons and your daughters and bring them unto me.' The molten calf was made from this gold. Then the people said: 'These be the gods of Israel that brought us out of the land of Egypt.' Then it says the people rose up early in the morning, offered burnt



Entrance into the cave in the side of Mount Sinai.

offerings and brought peace offerings, and the people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play'." — Exodus 32: verses 1 to 6.

This verse is quoted in 1 Cor. 10: 7, concerning these same idolatrous people who were slain in the wilderness at Sinai, and whose skulls remain as a living witness to the terrible consequence of disobedience. Also as an impressive lesson of the weakness of the flesh life without the Holy Spirit from above. It says in the above text, that: "These things happened unto them for ensamples unto us, and they are written for our admonition." — Verse 11. This

one outstanding lesson, besides the others in the wilderness, gives us a frightening impressive lesson, as well as establishing the truth of the Bible in these days of unbelief.

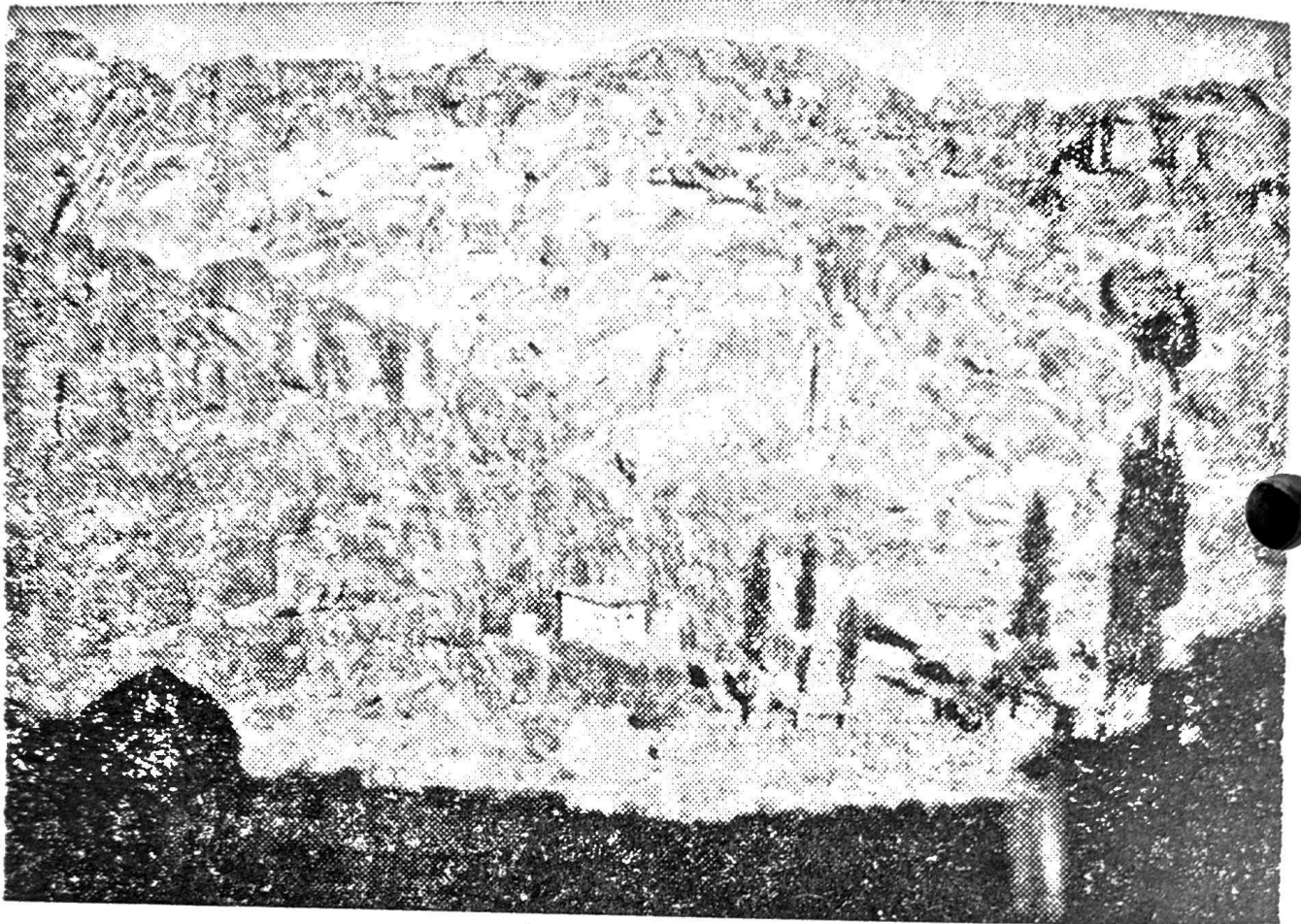
These Israelites who had witnessed such manifestations of the Creator's presence: the pursuing armies of Pharaoh drowned in the sea; the plagues in Egypt before their deliverance; the raining of the manna, and water furnished as Moses smote the rock, yet after all of these great miracles, and knowing well the commandments which their father Abraham had so faithfully kept (Genesis 26: 5), and which Moses also had taught them before they reached Sinai (Exodus 16: 25 to 28), yet during the short absence of their leader, they so quickly gave way to the flesh and sinned against the Creator.

Mount Sinai now speaks to the world again in these last days with a frightening lesson, of the danger in trusting the weakness of human flesh, without the Spirit to give us power and victory.

The contrast of Sinai is Pentecost, where, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit three thousand were saved, and baptized in one day. — Acts 2: 1 to 10, and verses 38 to 41.

While the voice of Sinai speaks in terrifying picture of the weakness of human flesh without the power of the Spirit, it emphasizes the glory of Pentecost in the saving of three thousand Israelites, when the Spirit is present.

"Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."



Top of Mount Sinai where the tables of stone were given to Moses and the commandments written, before the tables were broken and also where they were written the second time.
(Deut. 10: 1-4).

— Matt. 5:6. The Holy Spirit lacking at Sinai has been promised us without price from Calvary. The Heavenly Father is more willing to give this heavenly power to those who ask Him, than the earthly father is to give bread to his hungry child. — Luke 11: 11 to 13.

Are you hungering for righteousness, dear reader?

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