

Stiff-necked

The Golden Calf

Exo 32:1-14 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Exo 32:2 And 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."

Exo 32:3 So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

Exo 32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Exo 32:5 So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD."

Exo 32:6 Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

Exo 32:7 And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For **your** people whom **you** brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Exo 32:8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'

Exo 32:9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have **seen** (H7200 *raah* = *considered, discerned,*

perceived, regarded) this people, and indeed it is a **stiff-necked** people!

(H7186 - *qâsheh* = *churlish, cruel, grievous, hard-hearted, impudent, obstinate, sorrowful, stiff, stubborn*)

(H6203- *'ôreph* = *the nape or back of the neck*)

Exo 32:10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

Exo 32:11 Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

Exo 32:12 Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people.

Exo 32:13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'

Exo 32:14 So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.

We would never
worship a
golden calf,
would we?



~~Because the stiff-necked comment only occurred once, we can likely forget about it!~~

There are 14 times that scripture uses this term!

Exo_33:3 Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a **stiff-necked** people."

Exo_33:5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a **stiff-necked** people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.' "

Exo_34:9 Then he said, "If now I have found **grace** in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, **go among us**, even though we are a **stiff-necked** people; and **pardon** our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance."

Deu_9:6 Therefore understand that the LORD your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your **righteousness**, for you are a **stiff-necked** people.

Deu_9:13 "Furthermore the LORD spoke to me, saying, 'I have **seen** this people, and indeed they are a **stiff-necked** people. **Deu 9:27** Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the **stubbornness** of this people, or on their wickedness or their sin,

Deu_10:16 Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be **stiff-necked** no longer.

Deu 31:26-27 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you; for I know your **rebellion** and your **stiff neck**. If today, while I am yet alive with you, you have been **rebellious** against the LORD, then how much more after my death?

2Ch_30:8 Now do not be **stiff-necked**, as your fathers

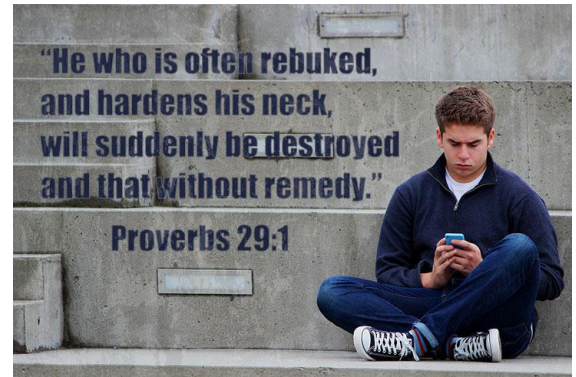
were, **but yield** yourselves to the LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and **serve** the LORD your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you.

2Ch 36:11-13 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear an oath by God; but he **stiffened his neck** and **hardened his heart** against turning to the LORD God of Israel.



Psa 75:4-7 "I said to the **boastful**, 'Do not deal boastfully,' And to the **wicked**, 'Do not lift up the horn. Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not speak with a **stiff neck**.'" For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.

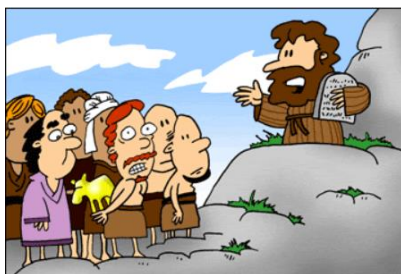
Pro 29:1 He who is often rebuked, and **hardens his neck**, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.



Jer 7:21-28 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat meat. For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, '**Obey My voice**, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them. Yet they did not **obey Me** or **incline** their ear, but **stiffened their neck**. They did **worse** than their fathers. "Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. "So you shall say to them, 'This is a nation that does **not obey** the voice of the LORD their God nor **receive correction**. **Truth has perished** and has been cut off from their mouth.

Act 7:51 "You **stiff-necked** and **uncircumcised in heart and ears!** You always **resist the Holy Spirit**; as your fathers did, so do you.

- Stiff-necked = **stubborn & unresponsive** (cf. Exo_33:3, Exo_33:5; Exo_34:9; Deu_9:6, Deu_9:13; Deu_10:16; Deu_31:27).



THEN HE SAID THAT WE SHOULDN'T MAKE GRAVEN IMAGES AND ... HEY AARON, WHAT ARE YOU HIDING THERE?

- A stiffnecked people = **obstinate & self-willed, resolute in their own ways, & will not be reclaimed, inflexible & not subjected** to the yoke of the divine law; a *metaphor* taken from such creatures as will not submit their necks or suffer the yoke or bridle to be put upon them, but draw back & slip away. A man that goes on his way upon a run, & will not turn his neck to him that calls him, so **disobedient & irreclaimable** were these people.

- A **stiff-necked people** (a people with a hard neck, that will not bend to the commandment of God; cf. Exo_33:3, Exo_33:5; Exo_34:9; Deu_9:6, etc.)

- (From the *Jerusalem Post*) God Himself gave us the label of a **stiff necked people**, in the 32nd chapter of Exodus. The meaning since then has involved **antagonism, stubbornness, argumentative**, and going into **minute detail** in order to **distinguish** our point of view from others.
- Stubborn = unreasonably or perversely **unyielding** : **mulish**. suggestive or typical of a strong stubborn nature, *a stubborn jaw...* performed or carried on in an unyielding, obstinate, or persistent manner, *stubborn effort...* **difficult** to handle, **manage**, or treat *a stubborn cold*.
- To be stiff-necked is to be **obstinate** and **difficult to lead**. The Bible often uses this figure of speech when describing the attitude of Israel toward God (e.g., Exodus 33:3; Deuteronomy 9:13; Nehemiah 9:16; Acts 7:51). The term was **originally used to describe an ox that refused to be directed** by the farmer's ox goad. When a farmer harnessed a team of oxen to a plow, he directed them by poking them lightly with a sharp spike on the heels or the neck to make them pick up speed or turn. **An ox that refused to be directed** in such a way by the farmer was **referred to as "stiff-necked."** A stiff-necked animal (or person) refuses to turn the head in order to take a different path. The Israelites were **familiar** with the term stiff-necked, so when the Lord used it to describe them, **they got the message**. Every farmer well understood the **frustration** of trying to plow a field or transport a cart when an ox was



being stiff-necked. **An ox that refused to be guided was useless for any real work.** A stiff-necked ox was a **disappointment** in that it was not performing the task it was designed to perform. When God's chosen people refused to love Him, honor Him, and obey Him, **they were not living the purpose for which God chose them** as His own (see Isaiah 41:8–9; Jeremiah 7:23–24; Exodus 19:5–6). God made His will clear to the

Israelites, and their disobedience was rightly referred to as being **stiff-necked and hard-hearted**. As Israel rebelled against God, they ignored the "goads" that God used to try to redirect them.

Jdg 3:31 After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed 600 men of the Philistines with an **ox goad**; and he also delivered Israel.





- Nice to have a checklist before Passover!
- Sorry ... no single comprehensive list ... but here are a few smaller lists

"Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortioners, will inherit the Kingdom of God. (1Cor.6.9-10)

Ten Commandments

#1 You shall have no other gods before Me

#2 You shall make no idols

OMG You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain

#4 Keep the Sabbath day holy

#5 Honor your father and your mother

#6 You shall not murder

#7 You shall not commit adultery

#8 You shall not steal

#9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

#10 You shall not covet

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NOW THE WORKS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT:
sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies,
AND THINGS LIKE THESE.

I WARN YOU, AS I WARNED YOU BEFORE, THAT THOSE WHO DO SUCH THINGS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

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Mark 7:21-23
And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. **21** For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, **22** coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. **23** All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

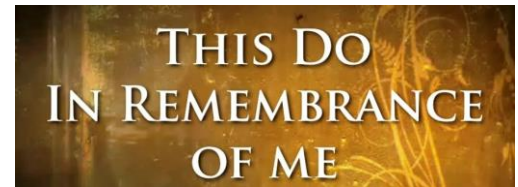
Proverbs 6:16-19

- 16** There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:
- 17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18** a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,
- 19** a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

WE WERE FOOLISH
Disobedient Deceived,
Slaves of Pleasure
SPENDING OUR LIFE IN
Malice Envy Hate
Titus 3:3
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The Leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

- **Mat 16:5-7** Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and **beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." ...
Mat 16:12 Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the **leaven of bread**, but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- **1Cor 5:6-8** Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us **keep the feast**, not with **old leaven**, nor with the **leaven of malice and wickedness**, but with the **unleavened bread of sincerity and truth**.
- Exo_12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be **cut off from Israel**.
- 1Co 11:27-29 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **But let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.



Friday March 26 ... Lord's Supper Service
Saturday March 27 ... Night to be Much Observed
Sunday March 28 – Saturday April 3 ... 7 days of Unleavened Bread

- 1Jn 1:9 **If we confess** our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

To the Church in Ephesus

- Rev 2:4-5 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.



The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Exodus 7:4-5
"Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

