

CBC's Church-Wide Scripture Memory Challenge

PASSAGE #4— Exodus 34:5-7a, especially Verse 6

Sunday, April 6, 2025 through Sunday, May 4, 2025

⁵The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶**The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,** ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."

(Exodus 34:5-7a, English Standard Version)

Written by: Moses

Date: 1440 B.C. to 1400 B.C.

Context: The word "exodus" means departure. The miraculous departure of the Israelites from Egypt marked the end of a period of oppression for Abraham's descendants and the start of the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would live in the Promised Land of Canaan and become a great nation. In Exodus 32, Moses was on top of Mount Sinai meeting with God when the Israelites grew impatient waiting for him to return. They had Aaron make them an idol out of gold in the form of a calf, which they worshiped. When Moses came down from the mountain and saw the people's idolatry, he was angry and broke the stone tablets upon which the LORD had written the Ten Commandments. God then commanded Moses to make new stone tablets and return to the top of Mount Sinai where He would once again give the law, thus demonstrating His grace, love and faithfulness to forgive sinners. Nevertheless, the Israelites faced consequences for their sin; including, wandering in the desert for forty years and this generation of Israelites not entering the Promised Land.