

~TEN WORDS (1070)

[Hebrew, *'ase'reth had-deva-rim'*]

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• This translation of the Hebrew expression, *'ase'reth had-deva-rim'*, found only in the Pentateuch, designates the ten basic laws of the Law covenant, commonly called the Ten Commandments.

- And he continued there with Yehowah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Words**. (Exodus 34:28)
- And he proceeded to state to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the **Ten Words**, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone. (Deuteronomy 4:13)
- Then he wrote upon the tablets the same writing as the first, the **Ten Words**, which Yehowah had spoken to you in the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the congregation, after which Yehowah gave them to me. (Deuteronomy 10:4)
- This special code of Laws is also spoken of as the **Words**.
- These **Words** Yehowah spoke to all your congregation in the mountain out of the middle of the fire, the cloud and the thick gloom, with a loud voice, and he added nothing, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone and gave me them. (Deuteronomy 5:22)
- And as the **words** of the covenant.
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- The Greek Septuagint,

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- Reads *de'ka*, **ten** and *lo'gous*, **words**, from which combination the word, **Decalogue** is derived.

· Source Of Tablets

- The **Ten Words** were first orally given at Mount Sinai by the angel of Yehowah.
- And God proceeded to speak all these words, saying; (**Exodus 20:1**)
- Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone **written** on by God's finger. (**Exodus 31:18**)
- These **Words** Yehowah spoke to all your congregation in the mountain out of the middle of the fire, the cloud and the thick gloom, with a loud voice, and he added nothing, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone and gave me them. (**Deuteronomy 5:22**)
- Then Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone **written** upon with God's finger, and upon them were all the **words** that Yehowah had spoken with you in the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the congregation. (**Deuteronomy 9:10**)
- This is he that came to be among the congregation in the wilderness with the angel that spoke to him on Mount Sinai and with our forefathers, and he received living sacred pronouncements to give you. (**Acts of Apostles 7:38**)
- You who received the Law as transmitted by angels but have not kept it. (**Acts of Apostles 7:53**)

- **Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. (Galatians 3:19)**
- **For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (Hebrews 2:2)**
- **Moses then ascended the mountain to receive the **Ten Words** in written form on two stone tablets, along with other commandments and instructions.**
- **During his extended 40-day stay, the people grew restless and made a molten calf to worship. Descending the mountain, Moses saw this spectacle of idolatry and threw down the tablets that were the workmanship of God, the very tablets upon which the **Ten Words** had been written, and shattered them.**
- **Yehowah now said to Moses; Come up to me in the mountain and stay there, as I want to give you the stone tablets and the Law and the commandment that I must write in order to teach them. (Exodus 24:12)**
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- **Even in Horeb you provoked Yehowah to anger so that Yehowah got incensed at you to the point of annihilating you. (Deuteronomy 9:8)**
- **When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that Yehowah had concluded with you, and I kept dwelling in the mountain forty days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water. (Deuteronomy 9:9)**
- **Then Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone written upon with God's finger, and upon them were all the words that Yehowah had spoken with you in the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the congregation. (Deuteronomy 9:10)**
- **And it came about that at the end of the forty days and forty**

nights Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. ([Deuteronomy 9:11](#))

- And Yehowah proceeded to say to me; Get up, go down quickly from here, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have acted ruinously. They have turned aside quickly from the way about which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molten image. ([Deuteronomy 9:12](#))
- And Yehowah went on to say this to me; I have seen this people, and, look! It is a stiff-necked people. ([Deuteronomy 9:13](#))
- Let me alone that I may annihilate them and wipe out their name from under the heavens, and let me make you a nation mightier and more populous than they are. ([Deuteronomy 9:14](#))
- After that I turned and went down from the mountain, while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in both my hands. ([Deuteronomy 9:15](#))
- Then I looked, and there you had sinned against Yehowah your God! you had made yourselves a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way about which Yehowah had commanded you. ([Deuteronomy 9:16](#))
- At that I took hold of the two tablets and flung them down from both my hands and shattered them before your eyes. ([Deuteronomy 9:17](#))
- But if it is by means of God's finger I expel the demons, the kingdom of God has really overtaken you. ([Luke 11:20](#))

•• Yehowah Later Told Moses

- Carve out for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I must write upon the tablets the **words** that appeared on the first tablets, which you shattered.
- Then Yehowah said to Moses; **Carve out for yourself two tablets of stone** like the first ones, and I must write upon the tablets the **words** that appeared on the first tablets, which you shattered. ([Exodus 34:1](#))
- And get ready for the morning, as you must go up in the morning

- into Mount Sinai and station yourself by me there on the top of the mountain. (**Exodus 34:2**)
- **But nobody may go up with you and, too, let nobody else be seen in all the mountain. What is more, no flock or herd should be pasturing in front of that mountain. (**Exodus 34:3**)**
 - **Accordingly Moses carved out two tablets of stone like the first ones and got up early in the morning and went on up into Mount Sinai, just as Yehowah had commanded him, and he was taking the two tablets of stone in his hand. (**Exodus 34:4**)**
 - **And so after another 40 days spent in the mountain, a duplicate copy of the **Ten Words** was obtained. These were kept by Moses in an ark of acacia wood.**
 - **At that particular time Yehowah said to me, Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and come up to me into the mountain, and you must make an ark of wood for yourself. (**Deuteronomy 10:1**)**
 - **And I shall write upon the tablets the words that appeared on the first tablets, which you shattered, and you must place them in the ark. (**Deuteronomy 10:2**)**
 - **So I made an ark of acacia wood and carved two tablets of stone like the first ones and went up into the mountain, and the two tablets were in my hand. (**Deuteronomy 10:3**)**
 - **Then he wrote upon the tablets the same writing as the first, the **Ten Words**, which Yehowah had spoken to you in the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the congregation, after which Yehowah gave them to me. (**Deuteronomy 10:4**)**
 - **Then I turned and went down from the mountain and placed the tablets in the ark that I had made, that they might continue there, just as Yehowah had commanded me. (**Deuteronomy 10:5**)**
 - **The two tablets were called, the tablets of the covenant.**
 - **When I went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant that Yehowah had concluded with you, and I kept dwelling in the mountain forty days and forty nights, I neither ate bread nor drank water. (**Deuteronomy 9:9**)**

- **And it came about that at the end of the forty days and forty nights Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant. (Deuteronomy 9:11)**
- **After that I turned and went down from the mountain, while the mountain was burning with fire, and the two tablets of the covenant were in both my hands. (Deuteronomy 9:15)**
- **Evidently this is why the gold-overlaid ark later made by Bezalel, in which the tablets were eventually kept, was called the ark of the covenant.**
- **Then Joshua said to the priests; Take up the ark of the covenant and pass before the people. So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people. (Joshua 3:6)**
- **Look! The ark of the covenant of the Lord of the whole earth is passing before you into the Jordan. (Joshua 3:11)**
- **And all Israel and their older men and the officers and their judges were standing on this side and on that side of the Ark in front of the priests, the Levites, carrying the ark of the covenant of Yehowah, the alien resident as well as the native, one half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and the other half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of Yehowah had commanded, to bless the people of Israel first of all. (Joshua 8:33)**
- **After that the sons of Israel inquired of Yehowah, as it was there that the ark of the covenant of the true God was in those days. (Judges 20:27)**
- **This had a golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid all around with gold, in which were the golden jar having the manna and the rod of Aaron that budded and the tablets of the covenant. (Hebrews 9:4)**
- **This legislation of the **Ten Words** was also called, **the testimony**.**
- **And you must place in **the Ark the testimony** that I shall give you. (Exodus 25:16)**
- **And you must place the cover above upon the Ark, and in the Ark**

- you will place the **testimony** that I shall give you. (**Exodus 25:21**)
- After that he took the **Testimony** and put it into the Ark and placed the poles on the Ark and put the cover above upon the Ark. (**Exodus 40:20**)
 - And the **tablets of the Testimony**.
 - Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the **Testimony**, tablets of stone **written** on by God's finger. (**Exodus 31:18**)
 - Now it came about when Moses came down from Mount Sinai that the two tablets of the **Testimony** were in the hand of Moses when he came down from the mountain, and Moses did not know that the skin of his face emitted rays because of his having spoken with him. (**Exodus 34:29**)
 - Hence the expressions, **the ark of the testimony**.
 - And I will present myself to you there and speak with you from above the cover, from between the two cherubs that are upon the ark of the testimony, even all that I shall command you for the sons of Israel. (**Exodus 25:22**)
 - And Aaron and his sons must come in when the camp is departing, and they must take down the screening curtain and must cover the ark of the **testimony** with it. (**Numbers 4:5**)
 - And also, **the tabernacle of the Testimony**, that is, the **tent** where the Ark was housed.
 - The following are the things inventoried of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the **Testimony**, which was inventoried at the command of Moses, as the service of the Levites under the guidance of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. (**Exodus 38:21**)
 - Concerning the first set of tablets, it is stated that they not only were made by Yehowah but were also written on by God's finger, evidently denoting God's spirit.
 - Now as soon as he had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai he proceeded to give Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone **written** on by God's finger. (**Exodus 31:18**)

- And he proceeded to state to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the **Ten Words**, after which he wrote them upon two tablets of stone. (**Deuteronomy 4:13**)
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- Then Yehowah gave me the two tablets of stone written upon with God's finger, and upon them were all the **words** that Yehowah had spoken with you in the mountain out of the middle of the fire in the day of the congregation. (**Deuteronomy 9:10**)
- Likewise, the second set of tablets, although carved out by Moses, were written upon by Yehowah. When, at,
- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; Write down for yourself these words, because it is in accordance with these words that I do conclude a covenant with you and Israel. (**Exodus 34:27**)
- Moses was told; Write down for yourself these **words**, reference was not to the **Ten Words** themselves, but, rather, as on a previous occasion.
- Then Moses came and related to the people all the words of Yehowah and all the judicial decisions, and all the people answered with one voice and said; All the **words** that Yehowah has spoken we are willing to do. (**Exodus 24:3**)
- Accordingly Moses wrote down all the words of Yehowah. Then he got up early in the morning and built at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars corresponding with the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Exodus 24:4**)
- He was to write down some of the other details pertaining to the covenant regulations. Hence, the pronoun **he** in;
- And he continued there with Yehowah forty days and forty nights. He ate no bread and he drank no water. And he proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Words**. (**Exodus 34:28**)

- Refers to Yehowah when it says; And he Yehowah, not Moses proceeded to write upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Words**.

- Then Yehowah said to Moses; Carve out for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I must write upon the tablets the words that appeared on the first tablets, which you shattered. (**Exodus 34:1**)

- Shows this to be so. Later, when recalling these events, Moses confirms that it was Yehowah who duplicated the tablets.

- At that particular time Yehowah said to me; Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first ones, and come up to me into the mountain, and you must make an ark of wood for yourself. (**Deuteronomy 10:1**)

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·· Contents Of The Commandments

- By way of an introduction to these **Ten Words** is the forthright statement in the first person; I am Yehowah your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves.

- I am Yehowah your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (**Exodus 20:2**)

- This not only states who is speaking to whom but shows why the Decalogue was especially given to the Jews at that time. It was not given to Abraham.

- **Yehowah our God concluded a covenant with us in Horeb. (Deuteronomy 5:2)**
- **It was not with our forefathers that Yehowah concluded this covenant, but with us, all those of us alive here today. (Deuteronomy 5:3)**
- **The **first** commandment; You must not have any other gods against my face, put Yehowah first.**
- **You must not have any other gods against my face. (Exodus 20:3)**
- **It involved his lofty office and unique position as God Almighty, the Most High, the Supreme Sovereign. This commandment indicated that the Israelites were not to have any other gods as rivals to Yehowah.**
- **The **second** commandment was a natural follow-up of the first in that it forbade idolatry in any shape or form as an open affront to Yehowah's glory and Personage.**
- **You must not make a carved image or a form like anything in the heavens, on the earth, or in the waters under the earth, nor are you to bow down to or serve them.**
- **This prohibition is underscored with the declaration; Because I Yehowah your God is a God exacting exclusive devotion.**
- **You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (Exodus 20:4)**
- **You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Exodus 20:5)**
- **But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Exodus 20:6)**

- The **third** commandment, in its proper and logical sequence, declared; You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a worthless way.
- You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way. (**Exodus 20:7**)
- This harmonizes with the prominence attached to Yehowah's name throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, 6,973 times in **NW**,

See Also Yehowah (Importance of the Name).

- Within just these few verses of the **Ten Words**
- I am Yehowah your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (**Exodus 20:2**)
- You must not have any other gods against my face. (**Exodus 20:3**)
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- You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way. (**Exodus 20:7**)
- Remembering the Sabbath day to hold it sacred. (**Exodus 20:8**)
- You are to render service and you must do all your work six days. (**Exodus 20:9**)

- **But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates. (Exodus 20:10)**
- **For in six days Yehowah made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and he proceeded to rest on the seventh day. That is why Yehowah blessed the Sabbath day and proceeded to make it sacred. (Exodus 20:11)**
- **Honor your father and your mother in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12)**
- **You must not murder. (Exodus 20:13)**
- **You must not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14)**
- **You must not steal. (Exodus 20:15)**
- **You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman. (Exodus 20:16)**
- **You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Exodus 20:17)**
- **The name occurs eight times. The phrase **not take up** has the thought of **not pronounce** or **not lift up or carry**. To do this to God's name in **a worthless way** would be to lift up that name to a falsehood, or **in vain**.**
- **The Israelites who were privileged to bear Yehowah's name as his witnesses and who became apostate were in effect taking up and carrying about Yehowah's name in a worthless way.**
- **you are my witnesses, is the utterance of Yehowah, even my servant whom I have chosen, in order, that you may know and have faith in me, and that you may understand that I am the same One. Before me there was no God formed, and after me there continued to be none. (Isaiah 43:10)**

- So they came in to the nations where they came in, and people proceeded to profane my holy name in saying with reference to them, These are the people of Yehowah, and from his land they have gone out. (**Ezekiel 36:20**)
- And I shall have compassion on my holy name, which the house of Israel have profaned among the nations where they have come in. (**Ezekiel 36:21**)
- The **fourth** commandment stated; Remembering the Sabbath day to hold it sacred, you are to render service and you must do all your work six days.
- But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates.
- Remembering the Sabbath day to hold it sacred. (**Exodus 20:8**)
- You are to render service and you must do all your work six days. (**Exodus 20:9**)
- But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter, your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your alien resident who is inside your gates. (**Exodus 20:10**)
- By their holding this day as holy to Yehowah, all, even the slaves and the domestic animals, would have the benefit of refreshing rest. The Sabbath day also provided opportunity to concentrate on spiritual matters without distraction.
- The **fifth** commandment: Honor your father and your mother, may be viewed as linking together the first four, which define man's duties toward God, and the remaining commandments, which set forth man's obligations toward fellow creatures.
- For since parents serve as God's representatives, by keeping the fifth command one is honoring and obeying both the Creator and those creatures upon whom God has conferred authority.

- This command was the only one of the **ten** with a promise attached, in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you.

- Honor your father and your mother, just as Yehowah your God has commanded you, in order, that your days may prove long and it may go well with you on the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (**Deuteronomy 5:16**)

- Honor your father and your mother in order, that your days may prove long upon the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (**Exodus 20:12**)

- Honor your father and your mother, which is the first command with a promise. (**Ephesians 6:2**)

- That it may go well with you and you may endure a long time on the earth. (**Ephesians 6:3**)

- The next commandments in the code were stated very tersely: the **sixth**; You must not murder, the **seventh**, You must not commit adultery, the **eighth**, You must not steal.

- You must not murder. (**Exodus 20:13**)

- You must not commit adultery. (**Exodus 20:14**)

- You must not steal. (**Exodus 20:15**)

- This is the way these laws are listed in the **Masoretic** text from laws dealing with crimes causing the greatest harm to ones neighbor to the one causing the least, in that order.

- In some Greek manuscripts [**Codex Alexandrinus, Codex Ambrosianus**] the order is murder, theft, adultery, [**Philo The Decalogue, XII, 51**] has adultery, murder, theft, the **Codex Vaticanus**, adultery, theft, murder. Going next from deeds to words, the **ninth** says; You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman.

- You must not testify falsely as a witness against your fellowman. (**Exodus 20:16**)

- The **tenth** commandment,

- **You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Exodus 20:17)**
- **Was unique in that it forbade covetousness, that is, wrong desire for the property and possessions, including the wife, belonging to a fellowman.**
- **No human lawmakers originated such a Law, for, indeed, there would be no way humanly possible of enforcing it. Yehowah, on the other hand, by this tenth commandment made each one directly accountable to Him as the one who sees and knows all the secret thoughts of a persons heart.**
- **You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Exodus 20:17)**
- **Every way of a man is upright in his own eyes, but Yehowah is making an estimate of hearts. (Proverbs 21:2)**
- **I, Yehowah, am searching the heart, examining the kidneys, even to give to each one according to his ways, according to the fruitage of his dealings. (Jeremiah 17:10)**
- **Other Listings of These Laws. The above division of the Ten Words as found at.**
- **I am Yehowah your God, who have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (Exodus 20:2)**
- **You must not have any other gods against my face. (Exodus 20:3)**
- **You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (Exodus 20:4)**
- **You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons,**

- upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. ([Exodus 20:5](#))
- **But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. ([Exodus 20:6](#))**
 - **You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave the one unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way. ([Exodus 20:7](#))**
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- **Is a natural one. It is the same as given by Josephus, Jewish historian of the **First Century C.E.** [**Jewish Antiquities, III, 91,92, v, 5**], and by the Jewish philosopher **Philo**, also of the **First Century C.E.**, in **The Decalogue [XII, 51]**. Others, however, including Augustine, combined the two laws against foreign gods and images.**
- **You must not have any other gods against my face. (**Exodus 20:3**)**
- **You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Exodus 20:4**)**
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- **But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (**Exodus 20:6**)**
- **You must never have any other gods against my face. (**Deuteronomy 5:7**)**
- **You must not make for yourself a carved image, any form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Deuteronomy 5:8**)**
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- **But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (**Deuteronomy 5:10**)**
- **Into one commandment, and then, in order to recover a **tenth**, divided**

- **You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Exodus 20:17)**
- **Neither must you desire your fellowman's wife. Neither must you selfishly crave your fellowman's house, his field or his slave man or his slave girl, his bull or his ass or anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Deuteronomy 5:21)**
- **Into two commandments, thus making a ninth against coveting a man's wife, and a tenth against coveting his house, and so forth. Augustine sought to support his theoretical division on the later parallel listing of the Decalogue at.**
- **I am Yehowah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slaves. (Deuteronomy 5:6)**
- **You must never have any other gods against my face. (Deuteronomy 5:7)**
- **You must not make for yourself a carved image, any form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (Deuteronomy 5:8)**
- **You must not bow down to them or be led to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons and upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (Deuteronomy 5:9)**
- **But exercising loving-kindness toward the thousandth generation in the case of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Deuteronomy 5:10)**
- **You must not take up the name of Yehowah your God in a worthless way, for Yehowah will not leave anyone unpunished who takes up his name in a worthless way. (Deuteronomy 5:11)**
- **Keeping the Sabbath day to hold it sacred, just as Yehowah your God commanded you. (Deuteronomy 5:12)**

- **You are to render service and you must do all your work six days. (Deuteronomy 5:13)**
- **But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yehowah your God. You must not do any work, you nor your son nor your daughter nor your slave man nor your slave girl nor your bull nor your ass nor any domestic animal of yours nor your alien resident who is inside your gates, in order, that your slave man and your slave girl may rest the same as you. (Deuteronomy 5:14)**
- **And you must remember that you became a slave in the land of Egypt and Yehowah your God proceeded to bring you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That is why Yehowah your God commanded you to carry on the Sabbath day. (Deuteronomy 5:15)**
- **Honor your father and your mother, just as Yehowah your God has commanded you, in order, that your days may prove long and it may go well with you on the ground that Yehowah your God is giving you. (Deuteronomy 5:16)**
- **You must not murder. (Deuteronomy 5:17)**
- **Neither must you commit adultery. (Deuteronomy 5:18)**
- **Neither must you steal. (Deuteronomy 5:19)**
- **Neither must you testify to a falsehood against your fellowman. (Deuteronomy 5:20)**
- **Neither must you desire your fellowman's wife. Neither must you selfishly crave your fellowman's house, his field or his slave man or his slave girl, his bull or his ass or anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Deuteronomy 5:21)**
- **Where two different Hebrew words in;**
- **Neither must you desire your fellowman's wife. Neither must you selfishly crave your fellowman's house, his field or his slave man or his slave girl, his bull or his ass or anything that belongs to your fellowman. (Deuteronomy 5:21)**

are found Neither must you **desire** form of Hebrew *cha-madh'*. Neither must you **selfishly crave** form of, Hebrew, *'a-wah'*, rather than on the earlier text in,

- You must not desire your fellowman's house. You must not desire your fellowman's wife, nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his ass nor anything that belongs to your fellowman. (**Exodus 20:17**)
- Where just the one verb **desire** occurs twice.
- There are other minor differences in the wording between the parallel enumerations of the **Ten Commandments** in Exodus and Deuteronomy, but these in no way affect the force or the meaning of the laws.
- Whereas, in the former listing, the **Ten Words** are stated in formal legislative style, its later repetition is more narrative in form, for on the latter occasion Moses was merely rehearsing God's commandment in the way of a reminder.
- The **Ten Words** also appear elsewhere in still other variations, for they were often quoted or cited along with other instructions by Bible writers of both the Hebrew and **Christian Greek Scriptures**.
- And you must keep the Sabbath, for it is something holy to you. A profaner of it will positively be put to death. In case there is anyone doing work on it, then that soul must be cut off from the midst of his people. (**Exodus 31:14**)
- For you must not prostrate yourself to another god, because Yehowah, whose name is Jealous, he is a jealous God. (**Exodus 34:14**)
- You must not make mol**ten** idol gods for yourself. (**Exodus 34:17**)
- Six days you are to labor, but on the seventh day you will keep Sabbath. In plowing time and in harvest you will keep Sabbath. (**Exodus 34:21**)
- You should fear each one his mother and his father, and my Sabbaths you should keep. I am Yehowah your God. (**Leviticus 19:3**)

- **You people must not steal, and you must not deceive, and you must not deal falsely anyone with his associate. (Leviticus 19:11)**
- **And you must not swear in my name to a lie, so that you do profane the name of your God. I am Yehowah. (Leviticus 19:12)**
- **And you must take good care of your souls, because you did not see any form on the day of Yehowah's speaking to you in Horeb out of the middle of the fire. (Deuteronomy 4:15)**
- **That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved image, the form of any symbol, the representation of male or female. (Deuteronomy 4:16)**
- **The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens. (Deuteronomy 4:17)**
- **The representation of anything moving on the ground, the representation of any fish that is in the waters under the earth. (Deuteronomy 4:18)**
- **And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow down to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. (Deuteronomy 4:19)**
- **You must not walk after other gods, any gods of the peoples who are all around you. (Deuteronomy 6:14)**
- **For Yehowah your God in your midst is a God exacting exclusive devotion, for fear the anger of Yehowah your God may blaze against you and he must annihilate you from off the surface of the ground. (Deuteronomy 6:15)**
- **you heard that it was said; You must not commit adultery. (Matthew 5:27)**
- **For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother, and, Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. (Matthew 15:4)**
- **You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery. Do not**

- murder. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. ([Luke 18:20](#))
- For the Law code, You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet, and whatever other commandment there is, is summed up in this word, namely; You must love your neighbor as yourself. ([Romans 13:9](#))
 - Honor your father and your mother, which is the first command with a promise. ([Ephesians 6:2](#))
 - That it may go well with you and you may endure a long time on the earth. ([Ephesians 6:3](#))
 - The **Ten Words** were God-given, hence comprise a perfect Law code. When a man versed in the Law asked Jesus Christ, Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law, Jesus quoted a command that, in effect, epitomized the first four, or possibly five, of the **Ten Commandments**, saying,
 - You must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.
 - The rest of the Decalogue, Jesus then summed up in the few words of another command; You must love your neighbor as yourself.
 - And one of them, versed in the Law, asked, testing him. ([Matthew 22:35](#))
 - Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? ([Matthew 22:36](#))
 - He said to him; You must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind. ([Matthew 22:37](#))
 - This is the greatest and first commandment. ([Matthew 22:38](#))
 - The second, like it, is this, You must love your neighbor as yourself. ([Matthew 22:39](#))
 - On these two commandments the whole Law hangs, and the Prophets. ([Matthew 22:40](#))

- And you must love Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force. (**Deuteronomy 6:5**)
- You must not take vengeance nor have a grudge against the sons of your people, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:18**)

·· **Christians Not Under Decalogue**

- **Jesus was born under the Law, and he kept it perfectly, finally giving up his life as a ransom for mankind.**
- **But when the full limit of the time arrived, God sent forth his Son, who came to be out of a woman and who came to be under Law. (**Galatians 4:4**)**
- **And he is a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins, yet not for ours only but also for the whole world's. (**1 John 2:2**)**
- **Furthermore, by his death on the torture stake, he freed those under the Law, including the basic **Ten Words** or Commandments, by becoming a curse instead of them. His death provided for the blotting out of the handwritten document, it being nailed to the torture stake.**
- **Christ by purchase released us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse instead of us, because it is written: Accursed is every man hanged upon a stake. (**Galatians 3:13**)**
- **Furthermore, though you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcised state of your flesh, God made you alive together with him. He kindly forgave us all our trespasses (**Colossians 2:13**)**
- **And blotted out the handwritten document against us, which consisted of decrees and which was in opposition to us, and He has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the torture stake. (**Colossians 2:14**)**
- **Nevertheless, a study of the Law with its **Ten Words** is essential for Christians, for it reveals God's viewpoint of matters, and it had a shadow of the good things to come, of the reality that belongs to the Christ.**
- **For since the Law has a shadow of the good things to come, but**

- not the very substance of the things, men can never with the same sacrifices from year to year which they offer continually make those who approach perfect. (**Hebrews 10:1**)
- For those things are a shadow of the things to come, but the reality belongs to the Christ. (**Colossians 2:17**)
 - Go on carrying the burdens of one another, and thus fulfill the Law of the Christ. (**Galatians 6:2**)
 - **Christians are not without Law toward God but under Law toward Christ.**
 - To those without Law I became as without law, although I am not without Law toward God but under Law toward Christ, that I might gain those without law. (**1 Corinthians 9:21**)
 - **But they are not condemned as sinners by that law, for the undeserved kindness of God through Christ provides forgiveness for their errors due to fleshly weakness.**
 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (**Romans 3:23**)
 - **And it is as a free gift that they are being declared righteous by his undeserved kindness through the release by the ransom paid by Christ Jesus. (**Romans 3:24**)**