

# The Decalogue

## TEN COMMANDMENTS



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## The First **THEOCRACY**

- No Separation of *Church and State*
- *Civil and Religious* Laws are together
- The Royal Edit – “Finger of God” Ex 31:18.



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- The Law = **613 total**:
  - 243 *Thou Shalts* and 370 *Thou Shalt nots*.
  - First 10 are **Foundational!**
  - Symbolized the whole law and the covenant Ex 34:28 “Words of the covenant.”



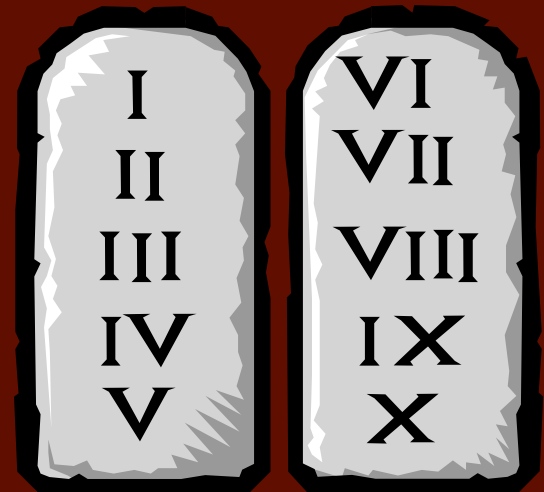


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## Why two tablets?

- Is this concept right?
- One copy on two tablets?
- Two separate copies?





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## Wrote on Both Sides . .

“Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets which were written on both sides; they were written on one side and the other. The tablets were God's work . . . .” (EX 32:15-16).



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## Why does that matter?

- In a covenant agreement ...
  - Both parties had a copy!
- Where did God keep His copy?

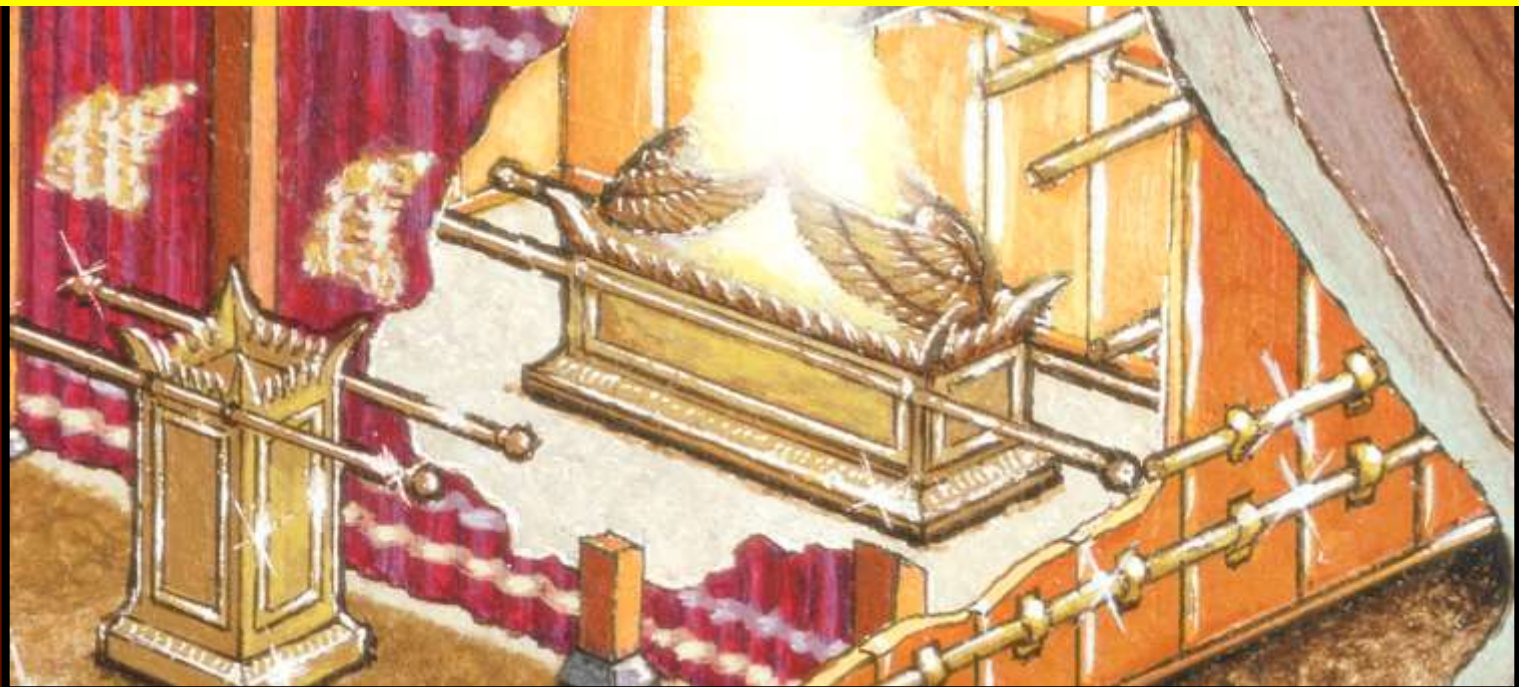




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Ten Commandments. Golden Pot of Manna.  
Aaron's rod/budded.



# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

## RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (1-4)

1. ONE God
2. God is SPIRIT
3. God is HOLY
4. God of DELIVERANCE





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## RELATIONSHIP WITH FELLOWHUMAN (5-10)

5. HONOR FATHER AND MOTHER.

6. RESPECT LIFE.

7. RESPECT MARR. VOWS.

8. RESPECT PROPERTY.

9. RESPECT TRUTH.

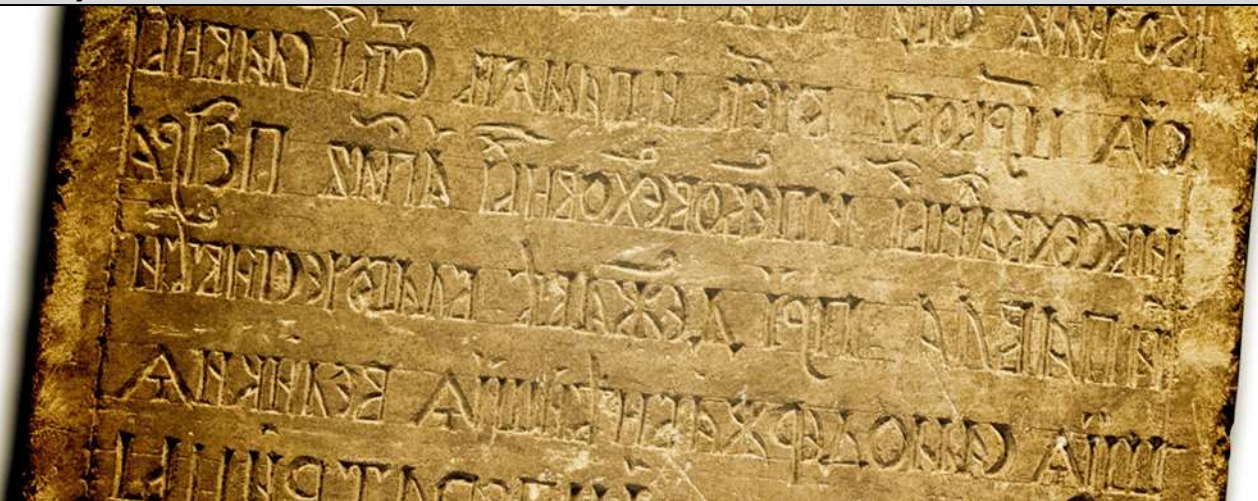
10. GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS.



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# WHY IS HONORING PARENTS SO FOUNDATIONAL?

- If not, what about teachers, policemen, elders, marriage vows?
- If children are not taught to respect us (whom they *can* see), how do we expect them to respect God (whom they *cannot* see?)







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## A Law of Death!

- #1 No other gods ---Death (Deut 13:6-11)
- #2 No idols ----- Death (Deut 13:12-17)
- #3 Name kept Holy- Death (Lev 24:1-16)
- #4 Keep Sabbath ---Death (Num 15:32-36)
  - Acts 13:27 “Read every sabbath.”
  - Acts 20:7 “Upon the first day of the week.”



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**#5 Honor Parents – Death (Ex 21:15).**

**#6 Not Kill! ----- Death (Ex 21:15).**

**#7 Not adultery --- Death (Lev 20:10).**

**#8 Not Steal --if widow/orphan – Death (22:2)**



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### #9 Not Bear False Witness--Death (19:16-21)

- Lev 5:1 'If a person sins because he does not speak up when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible (bear their iniquity).





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## Law of Death

#10 Not **Covet** --- Could be first step –**Death!**

- **Achan** – took of the “devoted thing”
- **King Ahab** – Had Naboth killed / vineyard
- Violation of #10 is a violation of #1!
- Paul: Col 3:5-7 “Put to death.. covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.” NKJV



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## Are we under the 10 Comm?

- Given to Israelites –not “us.”
- Jesus nailed the law to the cross
  - Col 2: 14 “Christ **blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us**, which is contrary to us, he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”
  - Jn 1:17 “The law...Moses..grace & truth JC.”
  - **LAW IS NOT OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTIFICATION.**



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## Still very Relevant and Important

- All but one repeated in NT – Sabbath.
- Still Foundational moral code basis for a successful orderly society!
- Jesus did not destroy but fulfill Mt 5:17!





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## Heb 12:18-21

“For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a **blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind**, 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 21 And **so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, " I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."**



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## Heb 12:22-24

**“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.”**



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## God gave Commands not Suggestions

- Rev 20:12 “The dead, small and great...were judged acc. to their works.”
- Is there a command of God that you have not followed yet?