

Deut 4 1-4 Remember – Cowboy Rides Away
Deut 6 5-11 Love – Shema Israel
Deut 12 12-26 Ten Commandments
CONNECTED to Whole Law

November 16, 2025

★ Deut 28 27-29 Covenant Blessings & Curses
Deut 30 30 Committed
Deut 33 31-34 God's Power

Deuteronomy 27:1
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Moses, 1513-15
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Let's LOOK More closely
at HOW we too often
Cherry Pick of **The Law**
Let's LOOK at what we
DO NOT Follow Today &
Do **Not WANT** to Follow Today



Tabernacle
in
Wilderness



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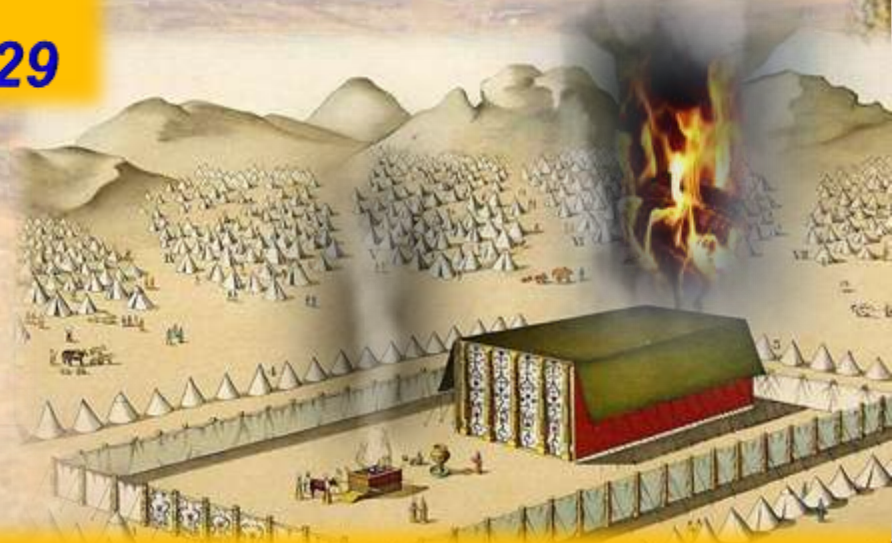
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Ten Commandments 3x in O.T., Ex 34:28, Deut 4:13, Deut 10:4

Law & Commandments 3x in O.T.

Torah & Mitswah – Exodus 24:12, 2 Kings 17:37, 2 Chron 14:4

Law, *Torah*, 45x ~ **Commands**, *Mitswah*, 181x

Book of the Covenant, 1x, Exodus 24:7

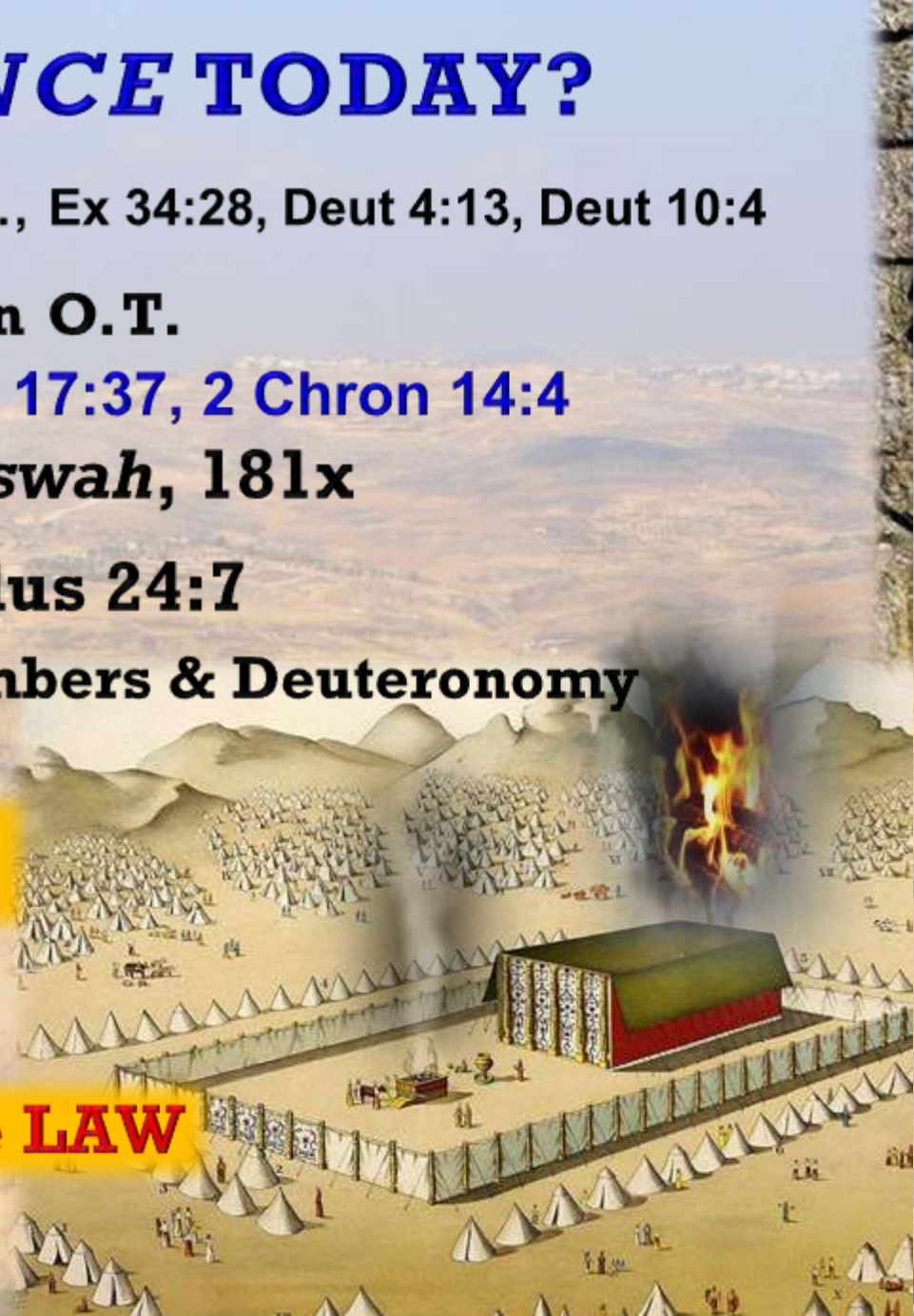
How many times in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy
have we heard *Obey*, *Heed*, *Follow*,

ALL the Commands & Laws

What is the *RELEVANCE* to TODAY?

If you cherry-pick the **TEN**, you have truly,
certainly **FAILED**—you Disobeyed **The LAW**

If NO relevance of ALL—why study?



What is the *RELEVANCE* TODAY?

In my book, *Would You Lie to Save a Life?*

www.PreciousHeart.net/love/

I give a method to find *subjective* relevance

It's not easy, and the New Testament Jesus who fulfilled the LAW, gave us a

New Covenant of Grace

Jesus did not destroy the LAW – yet relevance is transformed into

- ✓ **Love God with *ALL* Your Heart**
- ✓ **Love Others as Yourself**

My book goes into great detail on that

Subtitled: ***A Theology on the Ethics of Love***



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song by the Everly Brothers

All I Have to Do is DREAM

I suspect this is THE song too many sing
today in PRETENDING to follow the LAW

Dream, dream, dream, dream

Like those who WANT O.T. Justice – but

ONLY the portions **THEY** Choose

Totally forgetting Israel did not follow
most of the Law until **AFTER** Captivity

Most of the Church did not for 2,000 years

Except during Dark Ages of Protestant & Catholic
persecutions when they *CREATED* more **BRTUAL LAWS**



Exodus 19

First day of 3rd month since departing Egypt arrive a Mt Sinai
God to Moses to tell people to cleanse & not approach ...

Moses goes up Mountain, gets instructions, Moses down to tell Israel
19:18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke,
because the Lord descended on it in fire.

Exodus 20 - Ten Commandments spoken to ALL Israelites from Mt Sinai
20:18-26 – people afraid, ask ONLY Moses to speak
20:21 People remained at a distance while
Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Exodus 21-23 – Laws on servants, injuries, property, society, justice,
mercy, Sabbath, 3 festivals, how an angel will help,

Exodus 24 – God calls Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, 70 elders to they

24:7 Moses took the **Book of the Covenant** & read it to the people.

24:18 Moses, Aaron, Nadab, 70 saw God with azure floor, like blue sky
Moses UP the Mountain 40 days & nights to receive Stone Tablets

Exodus 25-33 – Instructions on tabernacle, rebellion, Moses breaks tablets

Exodus 34-40 – Moses & new set of tablets, tabernacle, Ark of Covenant



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Exodus 20-23 is the **Book of the Covenant**

Leviticus – Beginning of their 40-years in Wilderness

Numbers – Israelite's 40 years in the Wilderness

“Deutronomy” – means Second Law – i.e., reinforcing the

Book of the Covenant

“Covenant” as in Gen 9:12 **Sign of**, Ex 24:7 **Book of**,
Ex 24:8 **Blood of**, Ex 34:28 **Words of** ... is SAME WORD in

- ✓ Deut 5:3 **this COVENANT** ~ Deut 7:9 **keeps His COVENANT**
- ✓ Deut 7:12 **keep with you His Covenant** ~ Deut 29:1, 29:14 **this COVENANT**
- ✓ Deut 9:9, 9:11, 9:15 **tablets of His COVENANT** ~
- ✓ **Deut 29:21** Lord will single out ... for disaster, according to ALL the
curses of the COVENANT written in this Book of the Law
- ✓ Josh 3:6, 3:8, 3:11, 3:14, 4:9, 6:6 **Ark of the COVENANT**

Exact same word 47x in O.T. among root's 284x in 27 variations



Deuteronomy 12 opens with several powerful verses

12:1 These are the decrees & laws you must be careful to follow
in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors,
has given you to possess—as long as you live in the land.

We drove FAST through 12-26 ... then ...

Deuteronomy 26 CLOSED with several powerful verses

26:16 LORD your God commands you this day ... THESE
Decrees & LAWS carefully observe them with
all your heart and all your soul.

26:17 You declared this day that the LORD is your God ...
YOU WILL WALK IN OBEDIENCE ... KEEP His Commands....

We did NOT go to great lengths in rhetoric or reason

We just quoted about 75% of verses of chapters 12-26

From Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy, it is CLEAR

Ten Commandments are part of **“THE LAW”!**



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All I Have to Do is DREAM

There IS a reason Christ had to DIE
That is because ALL are Condemned
Yet those wanting O.T. Justice seem to
me to be like

When I want you in my arms
When I want you and all your CHARMS
Whenever I want you, all I have to do is
Dream, dream, dream, dream



Notice that the **Ten Commandments**

in Exodus 20 are given by GOD to **ALL**

- ✓ End of Ex. 19, God tells Moses to get Aaron bring him up on the mountain ...
- ✓ Then Ex 20 gives the **Ten Commandments**
- ✓ THEN, Israelites do NOT want to HEAR GOD

20:19 "Speak to us yourself and we will listen.
But do not have God speak to us or

we will die

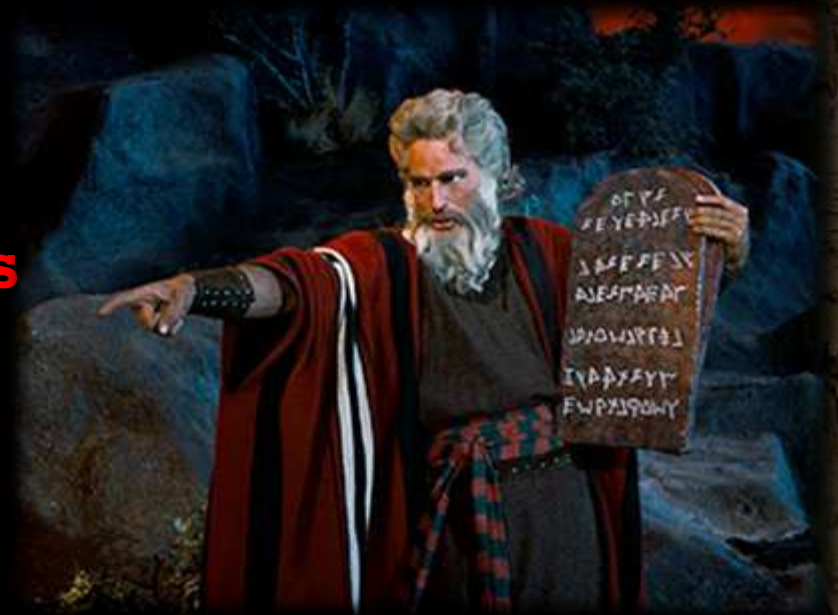
ALL Israel HEARD God give **Ten Commandments**

20:22 Then the Lord said to Moses,

"Tell the Israelites this:

'You have seen for yourselves that

I have spoken to you from HEAVEN



Exodus 20 that is ... or in other words

- ✓ **Ten Commandments** were given to **ALL** by God's voice from Mt Sinai or Mt. Musa
- ✓ Israelites did NOT like *hearing* God—**AFRAID**
- ✓ Moses approaches, God **CONTINUES** telling Moses the rest of the **Covenant**

✓ Exodus **20:1–17** **Ten Commandments**

✓ **AND** Exodus **20:22** thru end of **23:19** **IS** the **COVENANT LAW**

Ex **20:22–23:19** *minus 20:18-21* **IS** the

Exodus 24 God **CONFIRMS** **Covenant**

Deuteronomy **REPEATS** the **Covenant LAW**

with **ADDED Blessings & Curses**

**COVENANT
LAW**



What's *INSIDE* 2nd part of the Covenant Law: Ex 20:22 – 23:19?

20:22-26 No other Gods, Build Altar

21:1-11 Slave Laws

21:12-17 Murder Laws

21:18-32 Injuries to Body Laws

21:33 – 22:15 Property Damage Laws

22:16-31 Social Laws

23:1-9 Justice & Neighbor Laws

23:10-19 Sacred Season Laws

Exodus 23 closes with encouragement

23:20-33 *HOW God will Send Angel & Prosper Israel*



COVENANT LAW

Exodus & Deuteronomy Law & Commandments

written by God on Two Tablets

Law & Commandments = Torah & Mitsuah

Torah-LAW – 2x Exodus 24:12 & 2 Kings 17:37

217x root “*Torah*” uses, 34 variants, **45x** in one variant
as in “**Law**” on forehead & “book of **Law**”

ROOT “*Torah*” means “to throw, to direct”

Law & Commandments = Torah & Mitsuah – 3x

Ex 24:12, 2 Kings 17:37, 2 Chron 14:4

Mitsuah-Commandments seen in **181x** uses with 33 root variants

INCLUDING 2x in Deuteronomy 27:1 **Moses & elders of Israel**

COMMANDED the people:

“Keep all these **COMMANDS** that I give you today.”

other terms
like statutes,
instructions,
degrees

Word used 20x from ROOT “*Mitsuah*” appears **181x** in 33 variants

That is, “**Law**” & “**Commandments**” seen **400x** in O.T.



While I don't want to complicate ... yet
Up to this point at least, the **Two Tablets**
Could have **Ex 20–23 Ten Commandments**
AND rest of **Covenant Law**

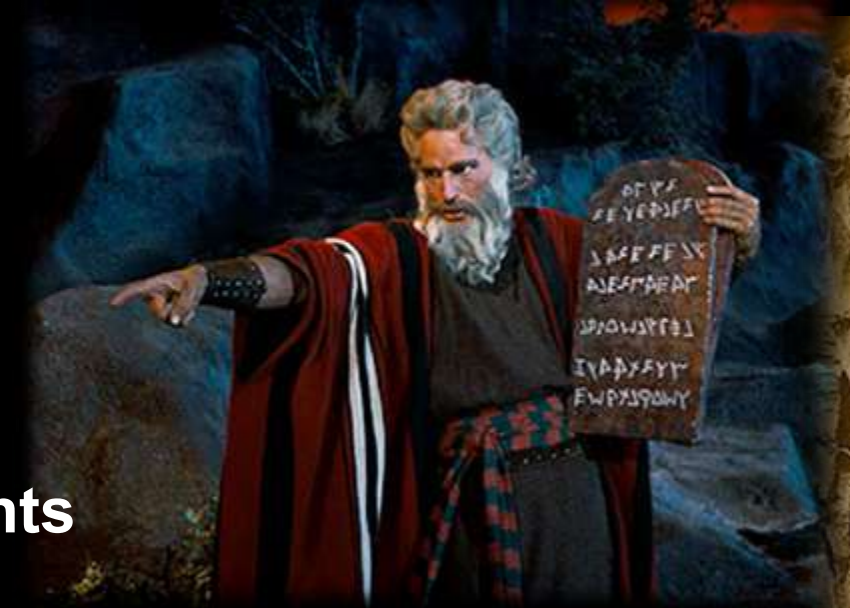
SAME in Deuteronomy 4 Moses reflects
back to when God gave Ten Commandments
Deut 5:2 “Lord made a COVENANT” and
restates Ten Commandments

God wrote ALL on **Two Tablets**

WORDS “**Ten Commandments**” = 3x, Ex 34:28, Deut 4:13, Deut 10:4

Ten listed Exodus 20:1-17~ Deuteronomy 5:6-21
at the **Beginning** & the **End** of 40 years of Wilderness

Ten Commandments in both places are a Preface to
the Whole **LAW** – **THE** Mosaic Covenant



TWO TABLETS

Ten Commandments?

- ✓ Which ever version ... never the FULL version
- ✓ I'm not fighting against classroom posting
- ✓ But there are concerns about STATE-orders
- ✓ Seems to me a GREATER concern is over motives:
like some kind of naïve belief or covert
deception that posting will "Make One Moral"
- ✓ Or is motive as simple as these TEN WE VALUE?
- ✓ Or perhaps, CHRISTIAN dominance by state ORDERS?
- ✓ Why not ORDER "Love God & Love Others"? – *ouch!*

Deuteronomy 5-7 is *blood kin* to 8-26 – so Shema/HEAR
NO ONE here has or WANTS to do 95% of the **LAW** in 8-26



Can't
ORDER
LOVE

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song by the Everly Brothers

All I Have to Do is DREAM

There ARE those who do believe

I suspect FALSELY believe

That they truly DO fulfill ALL THE LAW

When I feel blue in the night

And I need you to hold me tight

Whenever I want you,

all I have to do is

Dreeeeaaam



Ten Commandments?

Herein—TWO Thought Streams of Relevance Emerge

1. **Ten Cs** are Connected to WHOLE **LAW** – *inseparably*

2. Israelites Did NOT then, NOR DO WE TODAY
keep the WHOLE **LAW** – much is **ILLEGAL** Today

RELEVANCE – State Orders of the POSTING of Ten Cs ARE
in FACT a **State Endorsement of WHOLE O.T. Law**

- ✓ No One Today even WANTS to DO 90% of the WHOLE
- ✓ Some of “**The Law**” is considered **EVIL** Today
- ✓ “**The Law**” was Fulfilled in Christ – **FOREVER!**
- ✓ Height of “**The Law**” is summed in “**Love God, Love Others**”
- ✓ Israel in 1400 B.C. Did NOT Believe in Freedom of Religion
- ✓ New Testament Desires a Willing **HEART** over Compulsion



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Ten Commandments?



We went thru Exodus in 2024

www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Exodus-20-21.ppt

When you see the **Ten Commandments** posted, KNOW

- ✓ **Ten** are inextricably Gordian Knot CHAINED to ALL
- ✓ Not Judean-Christian, but the Israelite COVENT
- ✓ Knowing or not, ANY posting endorses WHOLE Covenant
To Ex 20-23 Book of Covenant, Ex 24-40 Tabernacle & Ark
of Covenant, AND Covenant Laws in Deut 8-26
- ✓ Brutal Deuteronomy 8-26 Covenant Laws are illegal today
- ✓ N.T. Christian is freed with the LAW summed by WHO?
Christ Himself, Love God, Love Others



Ten Commandments?



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When you see the **Ten Commandments** posted, KNOW
IF you believe the **Ten** are inextricably **CONNECTED**
then you are **ALSO SUPPORTING** – *part two*:

- ✓ DESTROY ALL False Altars – 12:2 ~ KILL ALL False Prophets – 13:1
- ✓ KILL Son, Daughter that ENTICES you to other gods – 13:6-9
- ✓ If a TOWN to other gods, KILL ALL & livestock, BURN town – 13:12-18
- ✓ If man or woman worships other gods, STONE to DEATH – 17:2-5
- ✓ SEX w captive women OKEY, if allowed to mourn a month – 19:10-14
- ✓ Son rebels against parents, men of town STONE to DEATH – 21:18-21



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- ✓ NO PROOF of virginity, put woman to **DEATH** – 21:13-21
- ✓ Man sleep another man's wife, **BOTH KILLED** – 22:22
- ✓ Man sleeps with pledged virgin, **BOTH KILLED** – 22:23
- ✓ Man **rapes** in country, **KILL** only the **MAN** – 22:25
- ✓ Man **rapes** in city, man pays father **50 shekels** – 22:28
- ✓ Two men are fighting & wife grabs privates of one – 25:11-12

CUT OFF HER HAND! Show No Mercy!

Listen, if I'm being beat down & my wife does that –

I'll buy her a
Charm Bracelet

*if she did
NOT SCREAM!*



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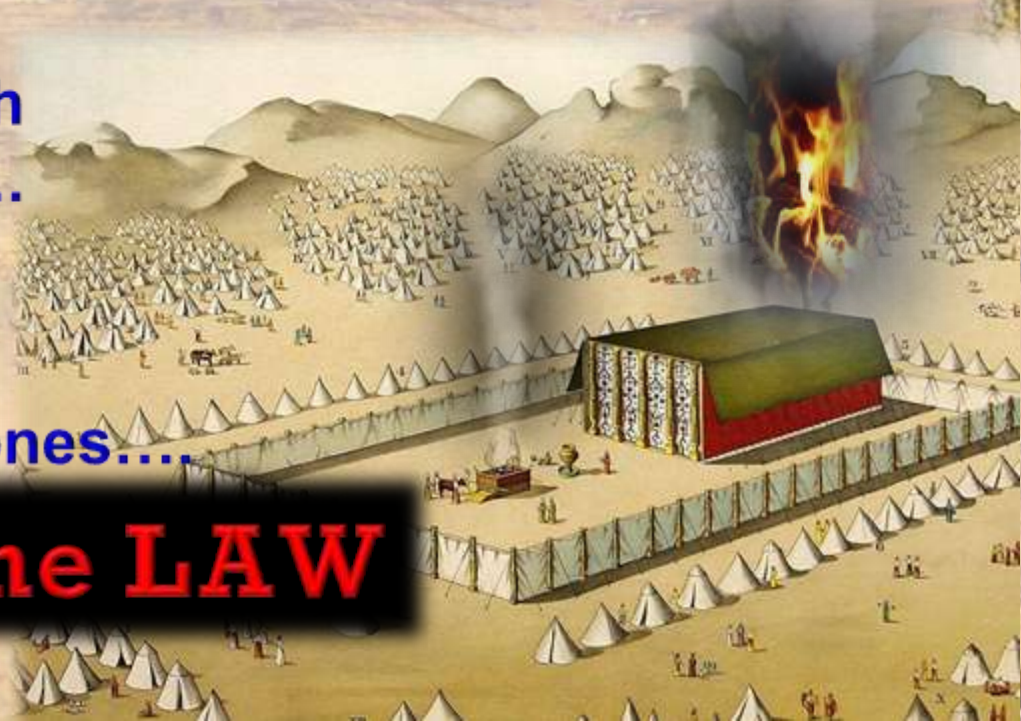
**“Keep ALL these commands
that I give you today.”**



Deuteronomy 27:2-7

- 2 When you have crossed the Jordan ... set up some large stones and COAT THEM WITH PLASTER.
- 3 Write on them ALL the words of this LAW....
- 4 And when you have crossed the Jordan, set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I command you today...
- 5 Build there an altar to the Lord your God....
Do not use any iron tool on them.
- 6 Build the altar of the Lord your God with fieldstones & offer burnt offerings....
- 7 Sacrifice fellowship offerings....
- 8 You shall WRITE VERY CLEARLY
ALL the words of this LAW on these stones....

FIRST True Posting of the LAW



Deuteronomy 27:9-26

Curses of the Covenant BEGIN –

see 29:21 curses of COVENANT of the Book of the LAW

9 Then Moses & the Levitical priests said to all Israel,

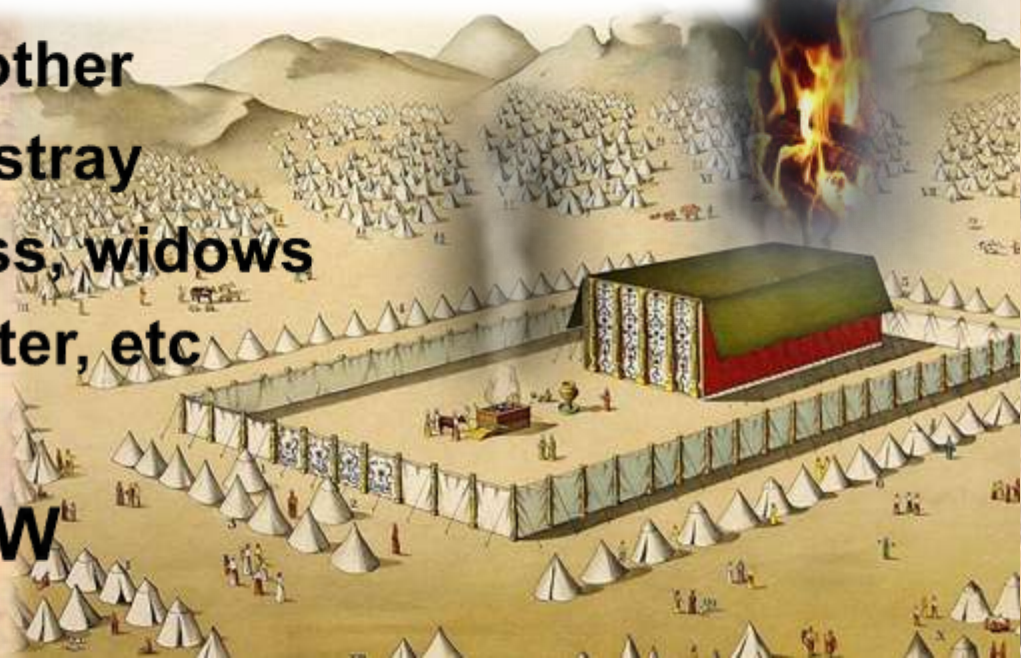
“Be silent, Israel, and listen!

You have now become the people of the Lord your God.

10 Obey the Lord your God & follow his commands....

12-14 When they cross, Levites say: **CURSED IS ANYONE**

- Makes an idol ~ Dishonors father or mother
- Moves boundary stone ~ Leads blind astray
- Withholds justice to foreigner, fatherless, widows
- Sex with father's wife, w animals, w sister, etc
- Kills neighbor
- Who does NOT UPHOLD THIS LAW



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All I Have to Do is DREAM

Truly, certainly, many are innocent

Many simply believe posting the

Ten Commandments are POSTING Values

Believe the Bible? = **Ten** part of **THE Covenant**

Today, many POST in a trance thinking as

simply as the **Ten** will MAKE one **MORAL**



They believe they DO fulfill ALL THE LAW

I can make you mine,

taste your lips of wine

Anytime, night or day

Only trouble is, gee whiz

I'm dreamin' my life away



Deuteronomy 28:1-14 – Blessing of COVENANT

1 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, Lord your God will set you high above all nations on earth.

- Be blessed in the city & in the country
- Fruit of womb, crops, livestock, lambs ... barns
- Bread ~ Enemies defeated – Blessed when you come in & go out
- Will establish ... IF you keep his commands
- Withholds justice to foreigner, fatherless, widows
- 28:12 Lord will open the heavens,
the storehouse of His bounty

Blessings in ALL parts of their lives

Yet MORE Curses too



Deuteronomy 28:14-63

14 However, if you do NOT obey the Lord your God and do NOT carefully follow ALL His COMMANDS....

14-63 When cross, Levites say: **CURSED IS ANYONE**

- ALL the above blessings will turn into CURSES
- Confusion ... Ruin ... Diseases ... Heat ... Draught ...
- Enemies will make you RUN ~ Madness & Blindness
- Newlywed Wives Taken & Raped
- 28:56 Most gentle woman ... in dire need...
intends to eat her children secretly
because of her suffering
- 28:53-68 Psychological HELL
- 28:68 Send you back to Egypt



Deuteronomy 29:1-29

1 These are the terms of the **COVENANT** the Lord **COMMANDED** Moses to make with the Israelites in Moab, in addition to the covenant he had made at Horeb.

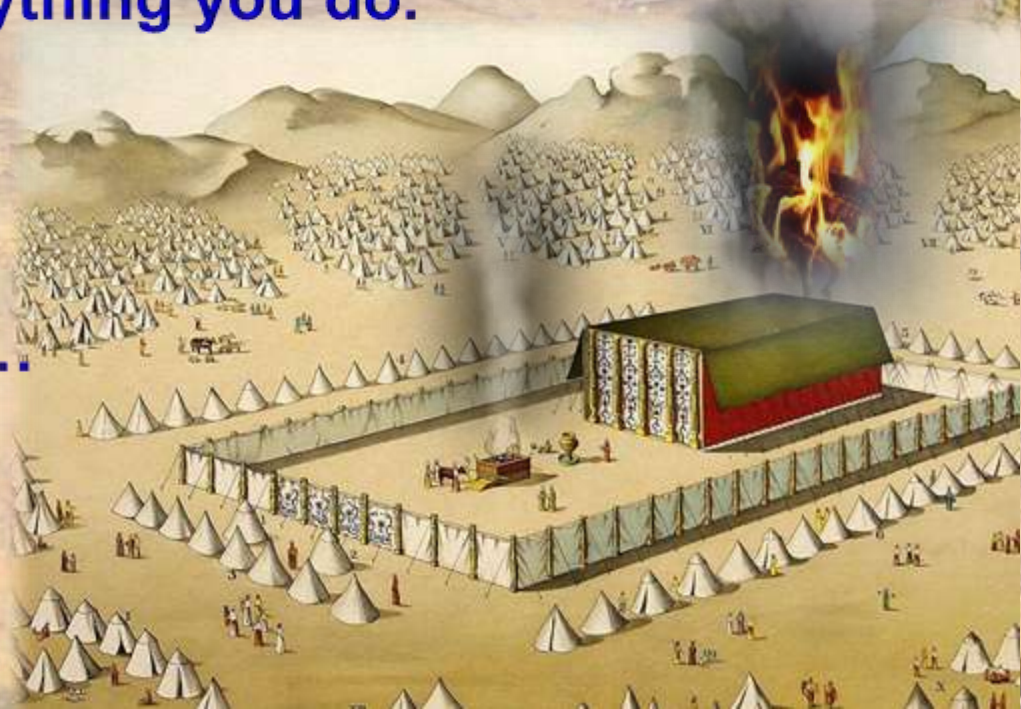
Understand **NOW** that Ten Commandments **TIED** to whole **COVENANT**

29:2-8 Moses *A G A I N* reminds of the flight from Egypt & miracles

29:9 Carefully follow the terms of this **COVENANT**, so that you may prosper in everything you do.

29:10 All of you are standing today in the presence of the Lord your God

29:12 You are standing here in order to enter into a **COVENANT** with the Lord ... a **COVENANT** the Lord is making with you this day & sealing with an oath



Deuteronomy 29:14-63 – do NOT degrade the **Ten Commandments**
ARE YOU TIRED YET? Do you GET IT?

Ten Commandments *Begin* the Whole **COVENANT**

29:16-28 – Moses MUST be wiped out, worn down, Dog TIRED
for he REHASHED *AGAIN* “in other words” Blessings & Curses

Then Moses finally closes Deutronomy 29 with an odd *TREASURE*

29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God,
but the things revealed belong to us
and to our children *forever*,

that we may follow

ALL the words of *this* **LAW**

How can we find *relevance* here?

How *IF* we have **NO DESIRE** to
FOLLOW the Whole **LAW**?

