

October 8
Exodus 20

Commanded



Moses

1. No other Gods
2. No Graven Image
3. Not Lord's Name in Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath
5. Honor Father & Mother
6. Not Murder
7. Not Adultery
8. Not Steal
9. Not False Witness
10. Not Covet



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Moses, 1513-15, by Michelangelo
Church of San Pietro in Vincoli, Rome

Exodus

1.	Sept	3	Reluctance	3-4	Moses at Burning Bush
2.	Sept	10	Confrontation	7	Moses before Pharaoh
3.	Sept	17	Liberation	12	Passover – “When I see ... blood ”
4.	Sept	24	Victory	14	Moses—Parting of Red Sea
5.	Oct	1	Sufficient	16	Moses—Manna from Heaven
6.	Oct	8	Commanded	20	Moses—Ten Commandments
7.	Oct	15	Equipped	25-31	Moses—Building the Tabernacle
8.	Oct	22	Rebellion	32	Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
9.	Oct	29	His Presence	39-40	Glory of Lord Filled Tabernacle

Leviticus

10.	Nov	5	Set Before	1-3	Burnt, Grain, Fellowship Offerings
11.	Nov	12	Set Apart	9-10	Lord’s Fire Consumes Offerings
12.	Nov	19	Set Free	16 & 29	Annual Day of Atonement
13.	Nov	26	Set Futures	26	<i>If You Follow My Statutes</i>

Theme

God gives a clear standard for holy living.

Exodus 20 The Ten Commandments

verse	1-2	God of the Ten Commandments –	God Calls
	3-11	Relating to God –	1, 2, 3, 4
	13-19	Relating to Society –	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Giving of the Covenant

Law – 101 – *more to come*

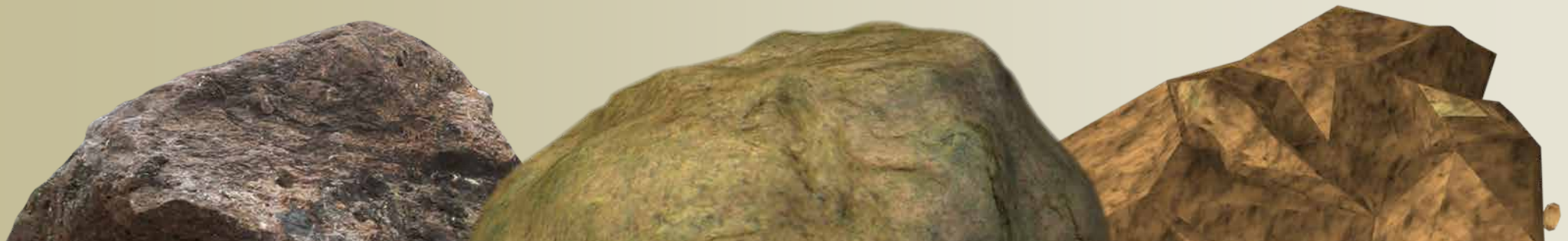


Key Verse – **Large** – Exodus 20:1-3

¹ God spoke all these words:

**² “I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of Egypt....**

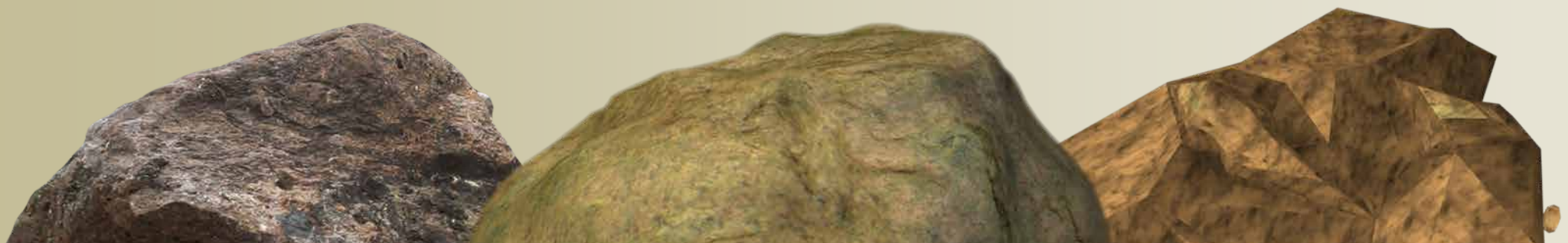
**³ “You shall have no
other gods before me.”**



Key Verse – **Essence** – Exodus 20:3

First Command

**You shall have NO
other gods before me**

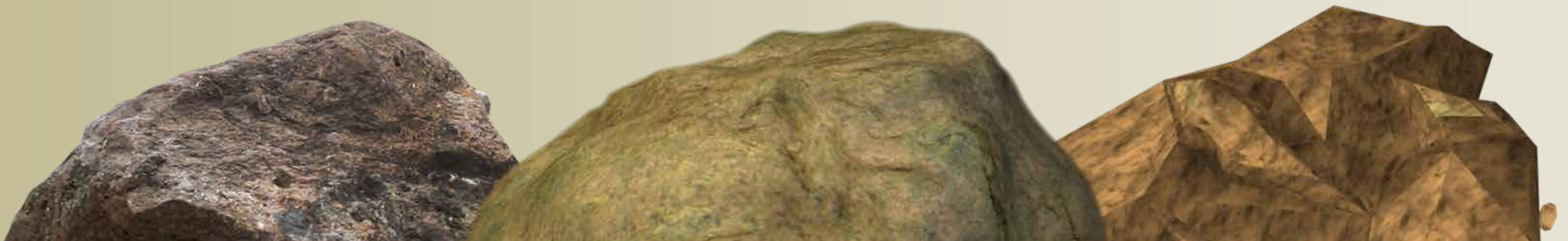


Alternate Title

God's Words Shake Mt. Sinai

God spoke ... Nature Groans on Mt. Sinai

Israel Stood at a Distance ... *Afraid*

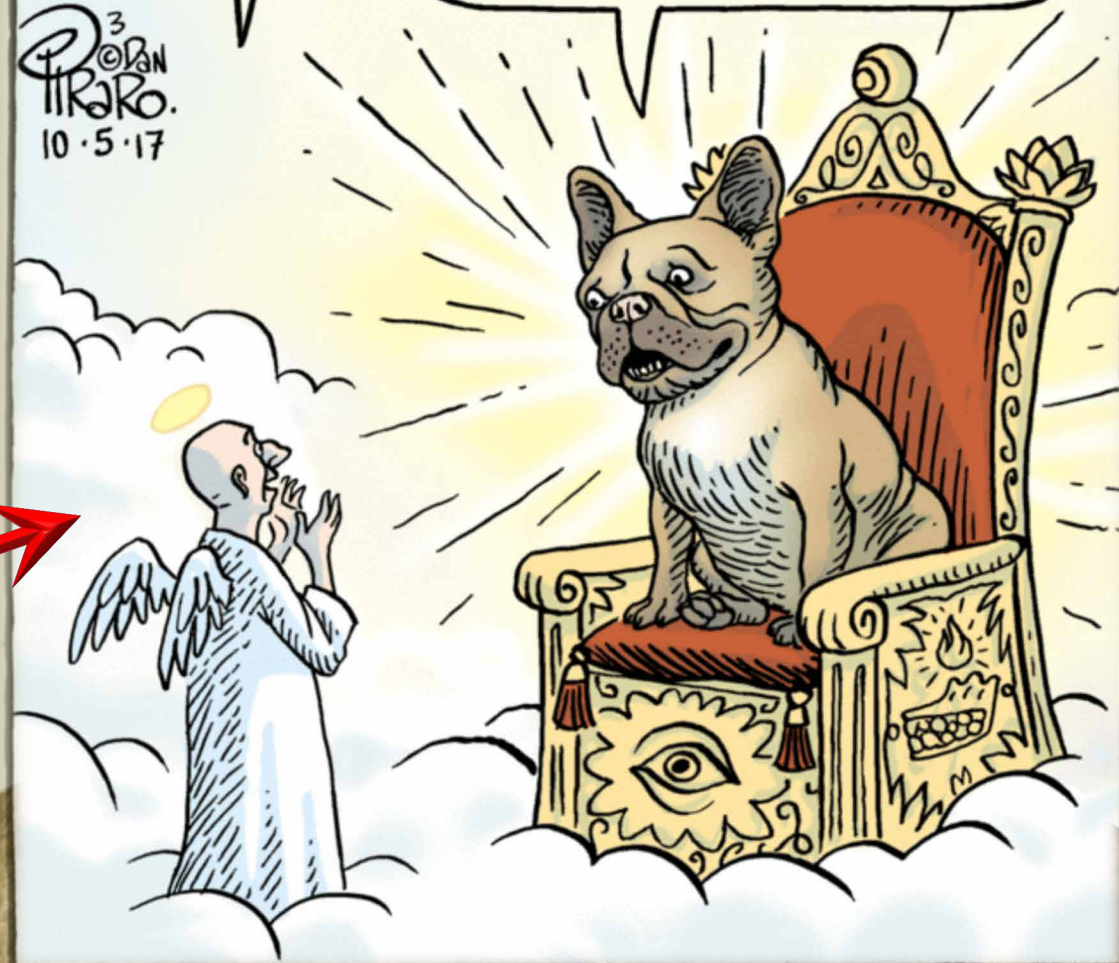




You
mean...

Yes. Your entire
species is dyslexic.

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P. O. B. N.
BIZARRO.
10.5.17



There are a lot of
views on God's throne

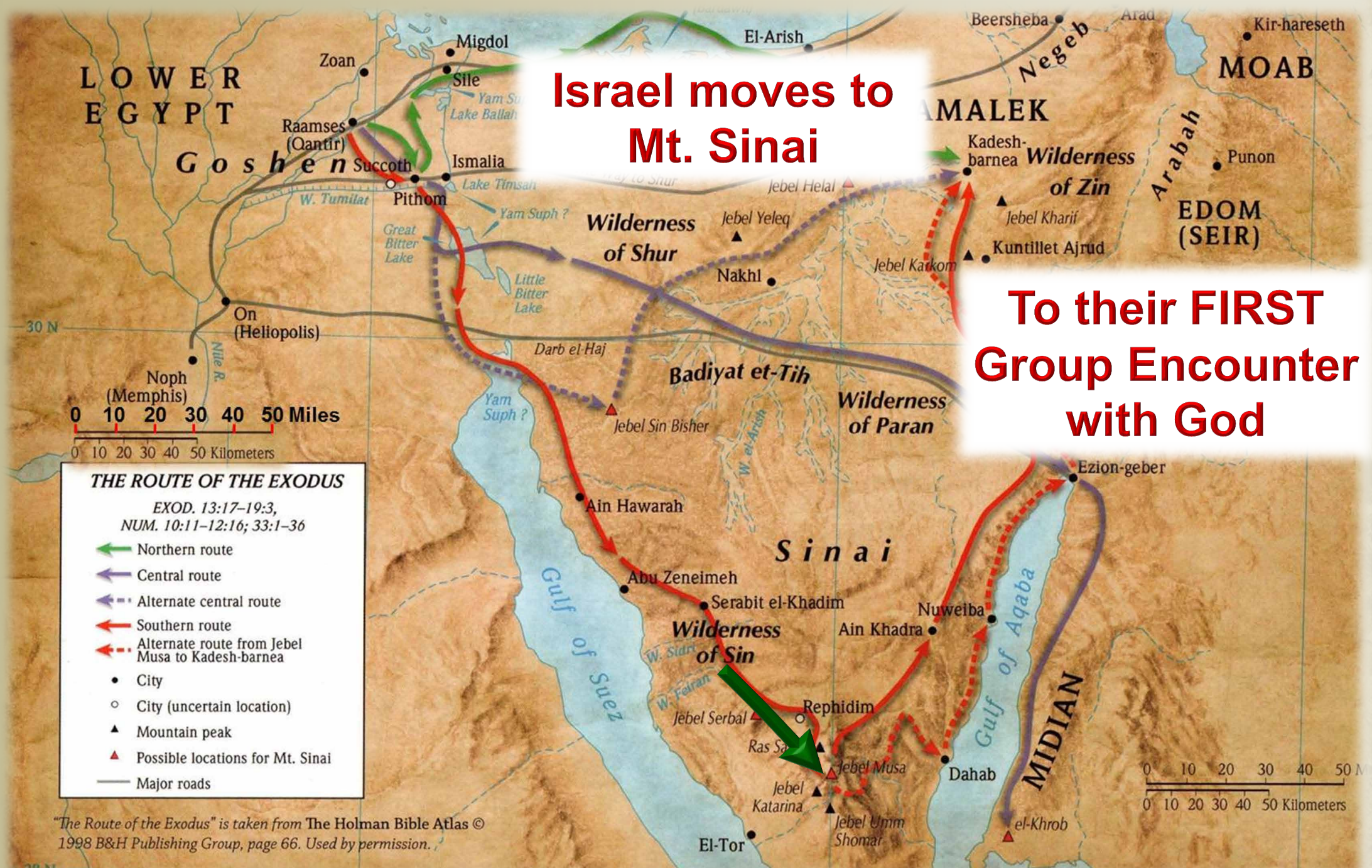
Some are quite bizarre

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Bizarro.com

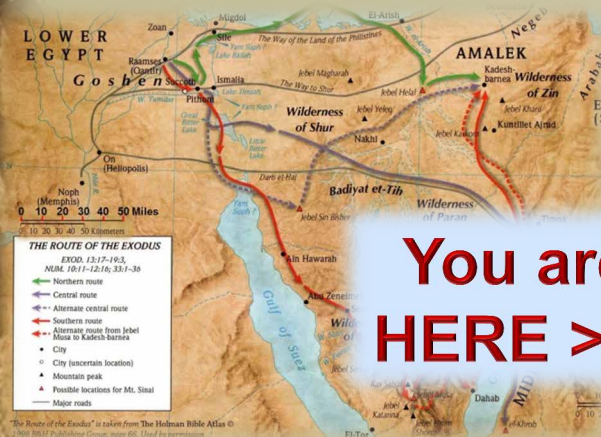
A fellow arrives in Heaven
and is *surprised*

Israel moves to Mt. Sinai

To their **FIRST**
Group Encounter
with God



Exodus and MOSES



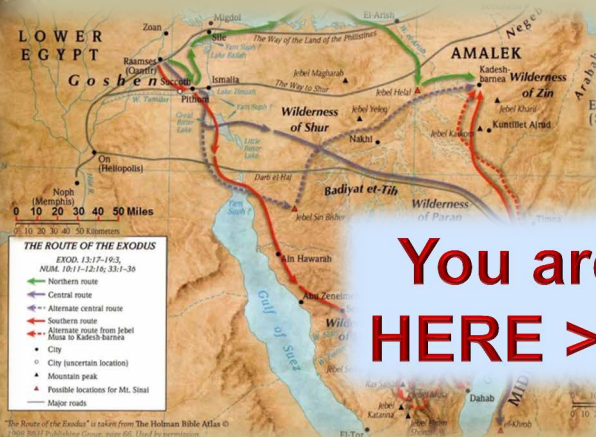
You are
HERE > >

we have come far ... fast

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| I. Preparation for Deliverance | 1 to 4 |
| II. Moses Confronts Pharaoh | 5 to 12 |
| III. Freedom Gained | 13 to 15 |
| IV. Into the Wilderness to Sinai | 15 to 18 |
| V. At the Foot of Mount Sinai | 19 to 24 |
| Chapter 20 – Ten Commandments | |
| VI. Building the Tabernacle | 25 to 40 |



Exodus and MOSES



**You are
HERE > >**

After consulting with Jethro

18:1-26

V. At the Foot of Mount Sinai

19 to 34

A. Journey from Rephidim to Sinai

19:1-2

B. Law Is Given, rather “*Instituted*”

19:3-25

1. Kingdom Covenant Ratified

19:1-8

2. Appearance of God on Mt. Sinai

19:9-25

C. Giving of the Ten Commandments

20:1-26

D. Giving of Judgments & Feasts

21:1-23:33

E. Agreement of Israel to God’s Words

24:1-18

1. Sprinkling Blood on Altar & People

24:3-8

2. Moses on Sinai for 40 Days & Nights

24:9-18

VI. Building the Tabernacle

25 to 40



Exodus and MOSES

Do NOT let slip the critical juncture

The NEW Life Begun ... New Era

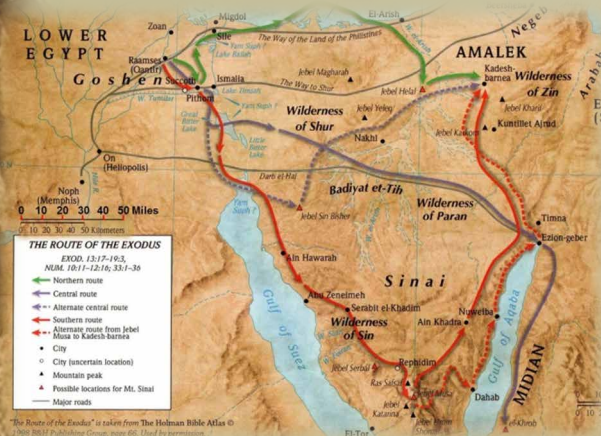
Not the FIRST Law ... just **FIRST** of Israel

Babylonian **Code of Hammurabi**

Circa 1754 B.C. ... *that is*

300 years before Thutmose
the early date of Exodus ... or

500 years before Raamses!
if the later date of Exodus



Stele of Hammurabi
Law Code

Exodus and MOSES

Do NOT let slip the critical juncture

For Israel ... their New Life has begun

What began with Adam ... then Noah ...

Then Abraham ...

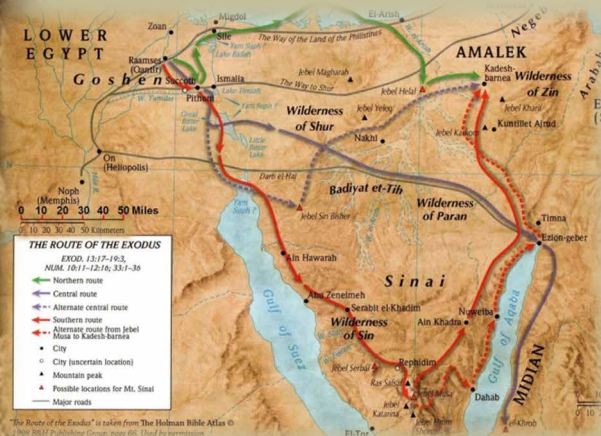
Now at Mt. Sinai ... they move

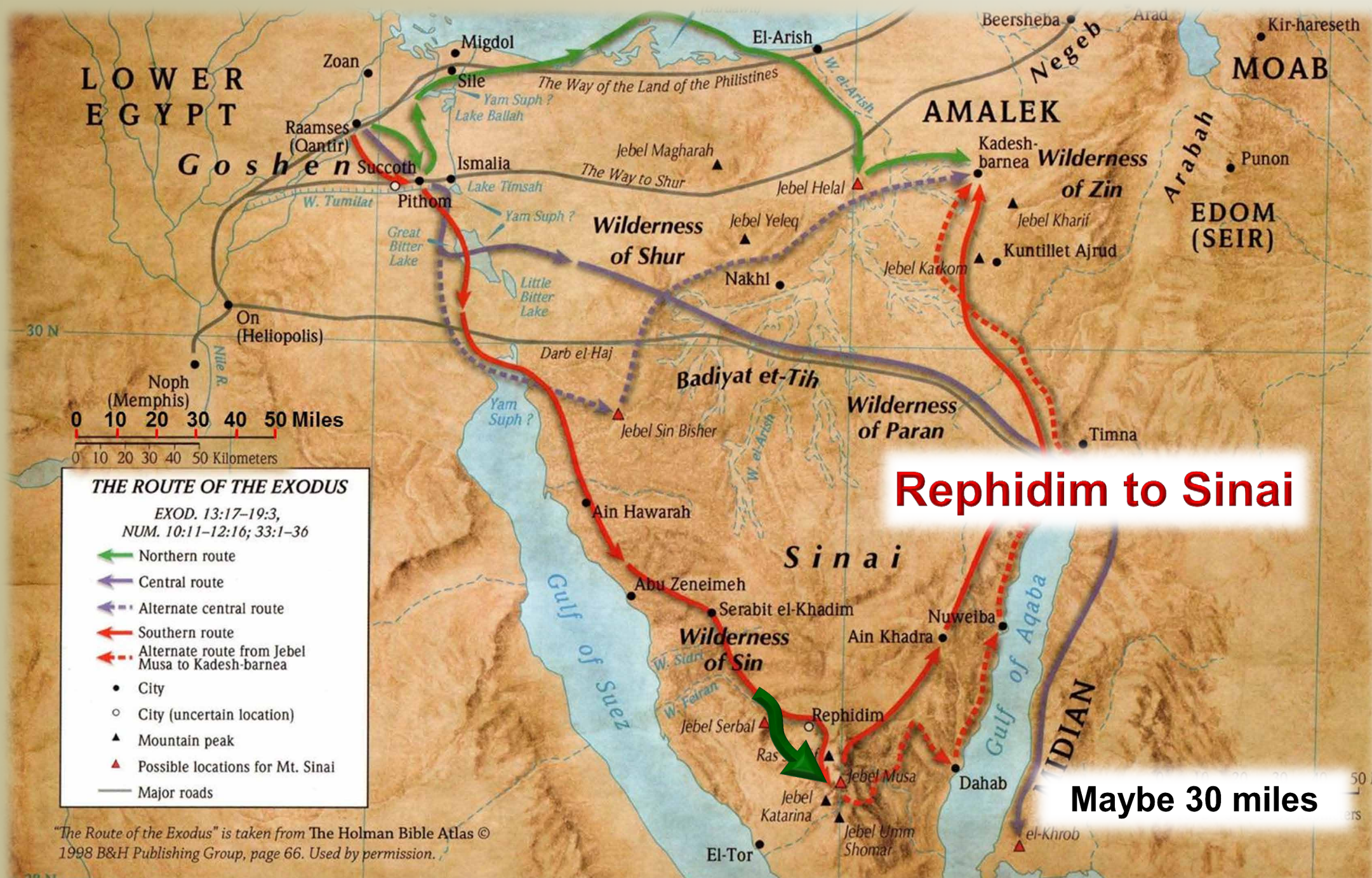
UNDER the Law of God

A written Law Code is given

From God to Israel

No Turning Back—EVER





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Several versions of the Ten Commandments

Cajuns have a
good rendering

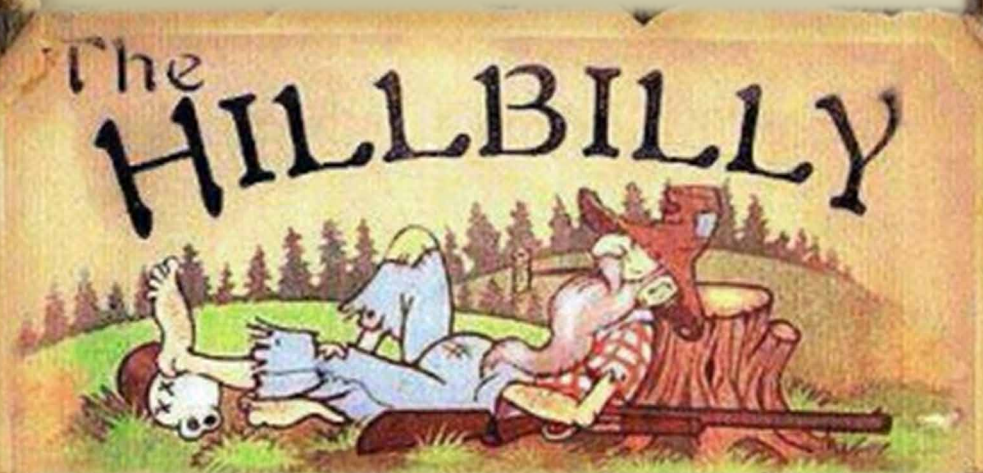
Cajun Ten Commandments

1. Jus' be one God...and das' all.
2. Don't pray to nuttin' or nobody... jus' God.
3. Don't be cussin' at nobody,
specially the Good Lord.
4. When it be Sunday...
pass yo'self by God's House.
5. Listen to yo'mama an' you daddy.
6. Don't be killin' no people...
duck an' fish,das' okay.
7. God done give you a wife, sleep wit' jus' her.
8. Don't take nuttin' from nobody else.
9. Always told da whole troot.
10. Don't go wantin' somebody's stuff.



.Hut

Several versions
of the
Ten Commandments



10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Ain't but One God.
2. Honor yer Ma and Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'
4. Git yer hide ta Sunday meetin'.
5. Ain't notin' come before the Lord.
6. No foolin' with another fellers gal.
7. No killin', sept fer critters.
8. Quit yer foul mouthin.
9. No swipin' yer kin folks stuff.
10. Don't be hankerin' fer it niether.

Exodus 19 ... they leave Rephidim ... arrive at Desert of Sinai

God calls Moses to mountain ...

³ Moses went up to God ... LORD said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob ...

⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵⁻⁶ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession ... holy nation.”

Israel says, “*YEAH!*”

Moses takes message back to God

God tells Moses to consecrate people ... get ready ...

God will appear in dense CLOUD ... and *ALL will hear God speak*

WARNING ... WARNING ... WARNING

LOCKDOWN THE MOUNTAIN!



Anyone who DOES come, stone or shoot with arrow

Wash clothes ... abstain from sex ...

morning of the Third Day ...

**¹⁶ thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain,
and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.**

Moses leads people to mountain of Sinai:

¹⁸ Mount Sinai ... covered with smoke ... LORD descended in fire.

Smoke billowed as smoke from a furnace ...

Whole mountain trembled violently ...

WARNING ... WARNING ... WARNING

Moses is told to WARN the people again

Then ... we have Chapter 20

God speaking from the Mount Sinai to ALL of Israel

ALL hear God give His covenant ... Ten Commandments

Let's look at Israel's camp a little closer



Keil & Delitzsch noted:
an army of 100,000 men,
arranged three abreast is

27 miles long

Let's do some math:

$27 \text{ miles} \times 5,230 \text{ ft} = 141,210 \text{ feet}$

$100,000 / 3 = 33,333 \text{ soldiers long}$

$141,210 / 33,333 = 4.2 \text{ feet each}$

4.2 feet front-back each soldier

For 30 abreast =

100,000 men are

2.7 Miles long



To get a perspective ...

Here is Tyler County

About 26 miles wide

About 36 miles high

Tyler County is pretty large

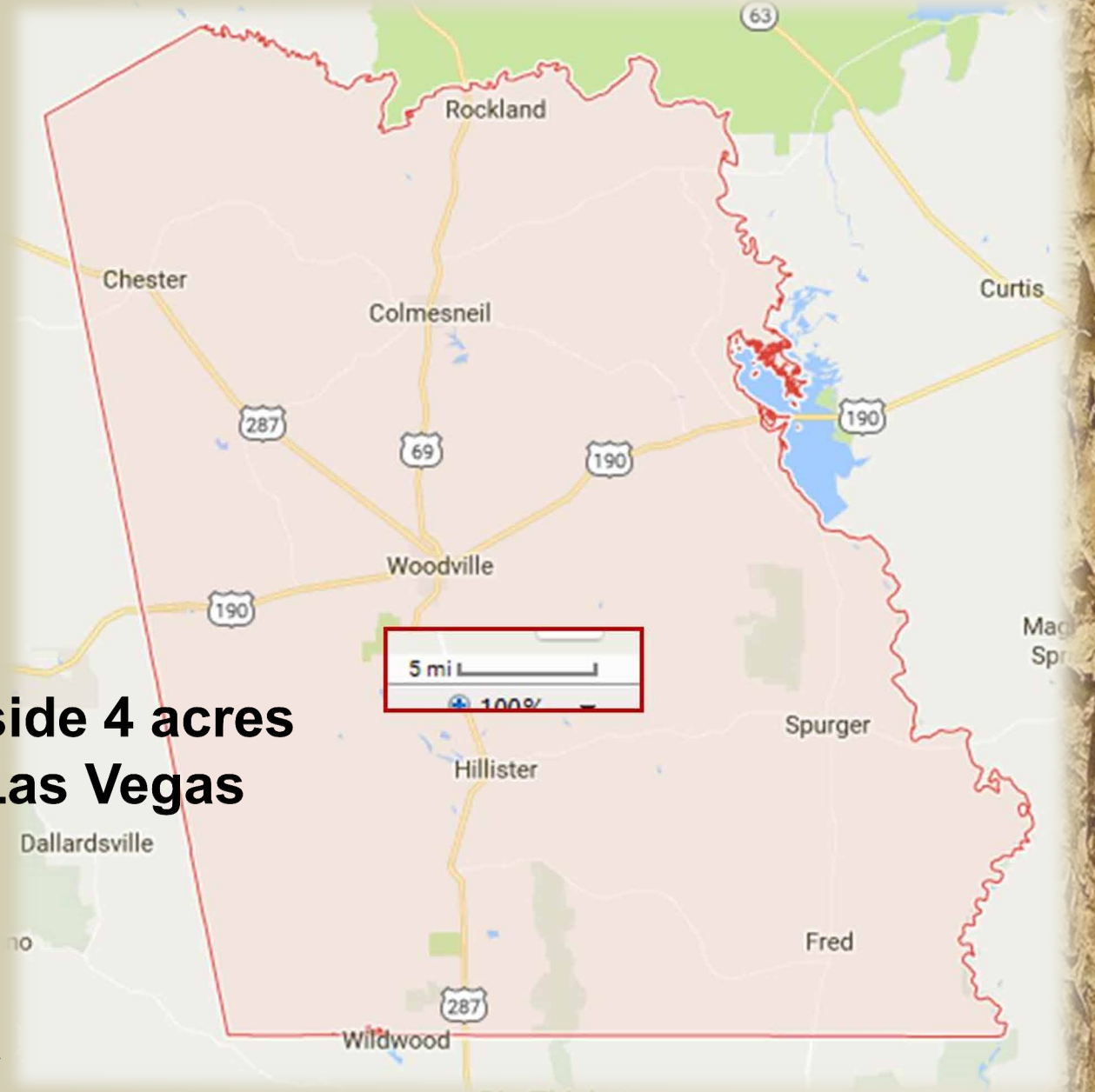
Has area of 936 sq miles

Population of about **22,000**

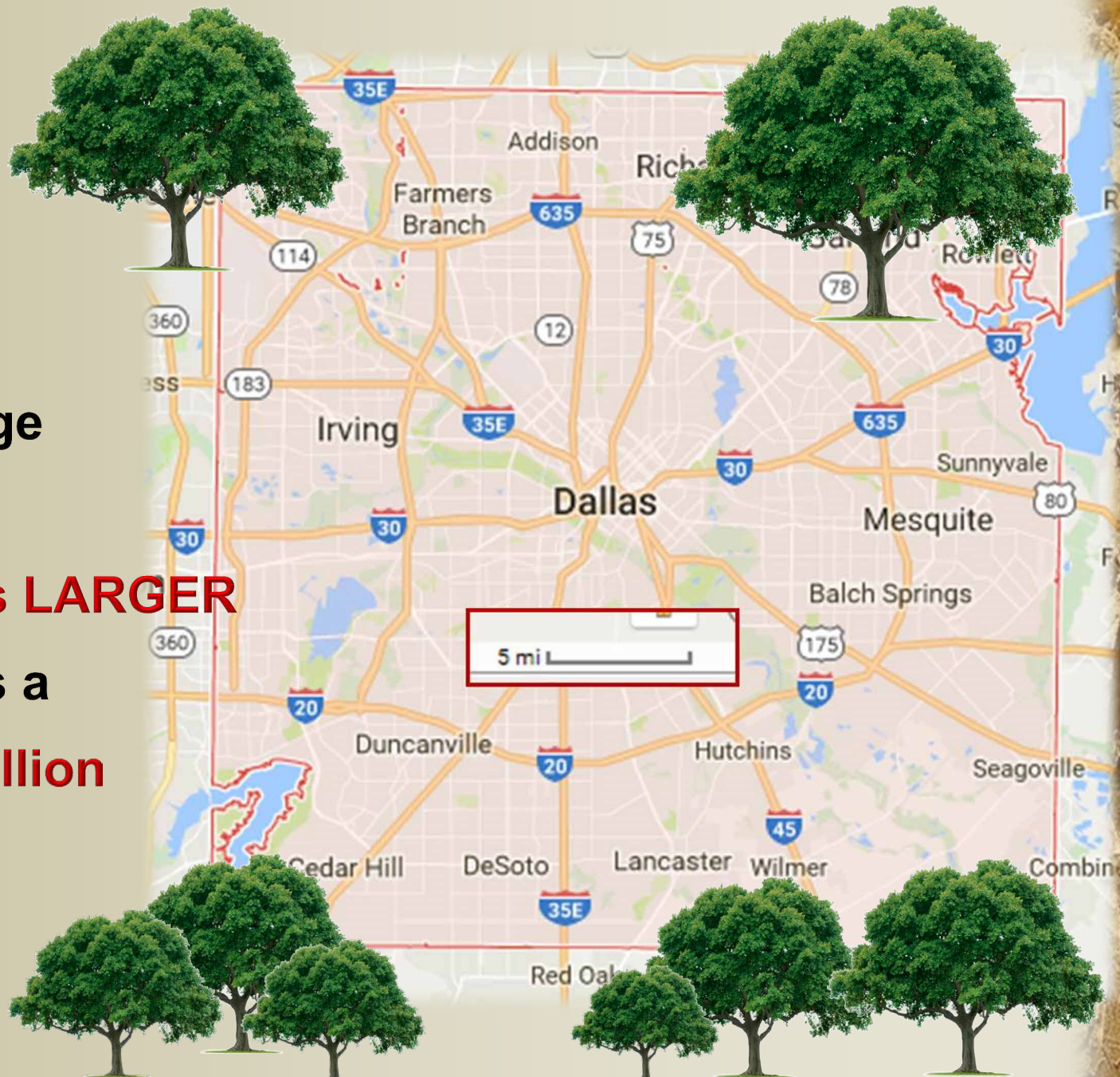
OH—22,000 standing can fit inside 4 acres
as they did at the concert in Las Vegas

I believe I was told there are
about 900+ miles of roads

Let's look at a more dense area



To get a perspective ...
Here is Dallas County
About 30 miles wide
About 30 miles high
Dallas County is pretty large
Has area of 909 sq miles
Tyler County is **27 sq miles LARGER**
Dallas County, though, has a
Population is about **2.5 Million**
That is a LOT of people
And far **FEWER trees**



Let's do some Math

2,000,000 Hebrews - if each had 14 sq feet

Family of 4 = 56 sq ft

That totals to **28,000,000 sq feet**

43,560 sq ft = **1 acre**

28,000,000 sq ft = **643 acres**

28,000,000 sq ft = **1 sq miles**

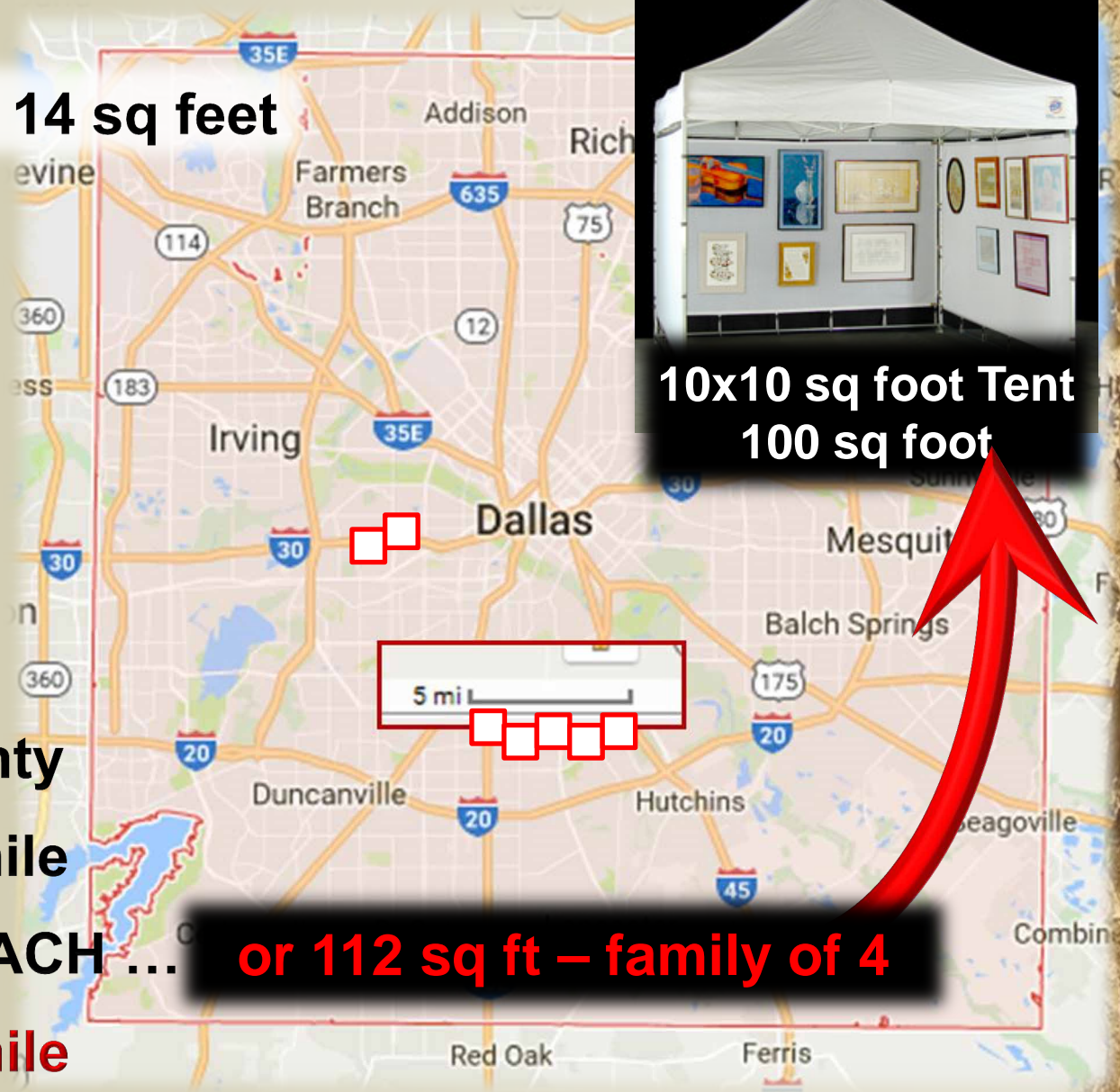
Here are 5 sq miles

2.5m live *NICELY* in Dallas County

Yet, 2m COULD fit inside 1 sq mile

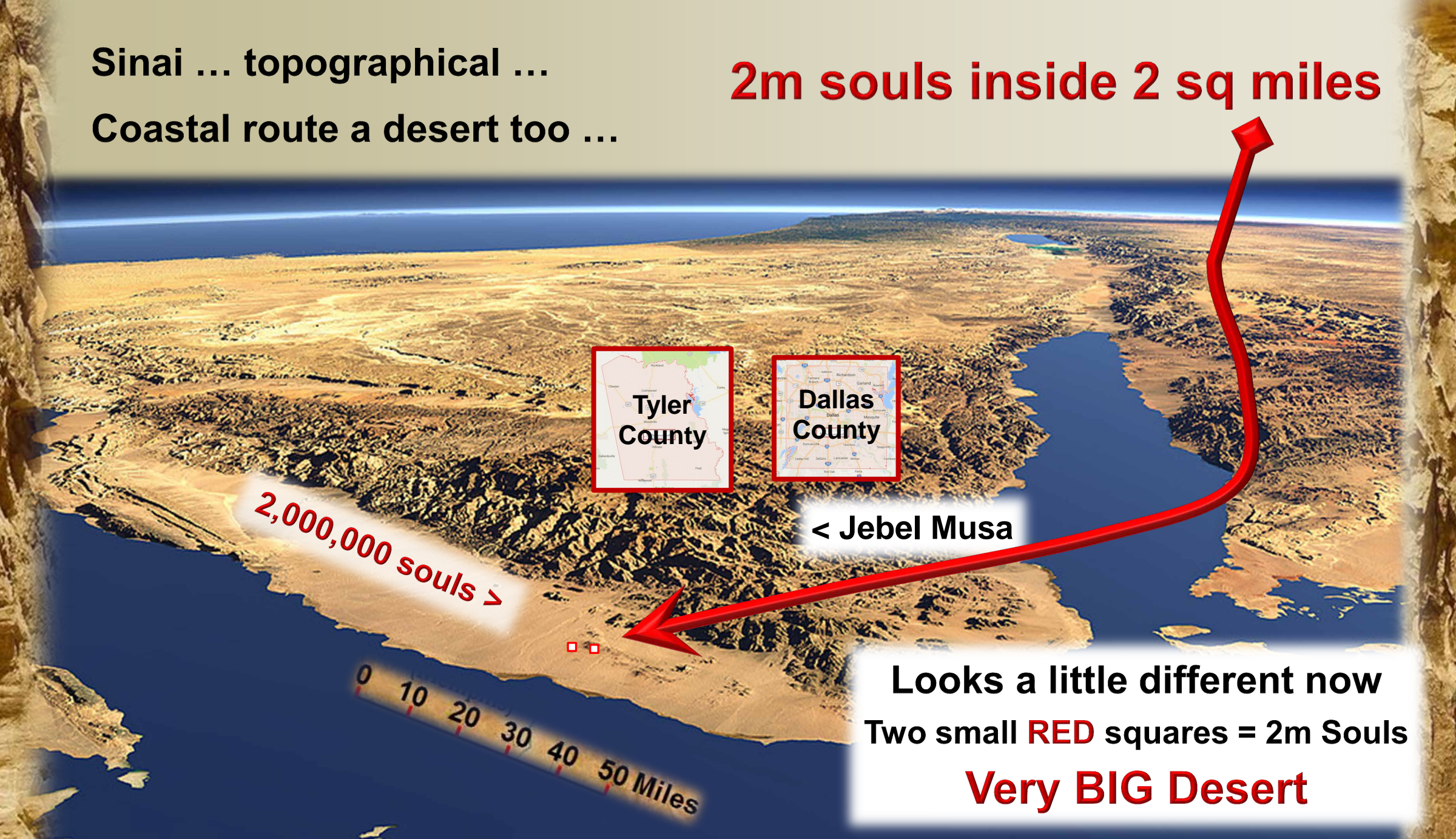
If we DOUBLE that to 28 sq ft EACH ...

2m could TRAVEL inside 2 sq mile



Sinai ... topographical ...
Coastal route a desert too ...

2m souls inside 2 sq miles



2,000,000 souls >

< Jebel Musa

Looks a little different now
Two small RED squares = 2m Souls
Very BIG Desert

0 10 20 30 40 50 Miles

From Elim to the
Wilderness of Sin
To Rephidim
Now to **Mt. Sinai**
To **Jebel Musa**
To **Mt. of Moses**
Wearisome
Hot ... Dry ...
Thirsty ...
Journey ...



Exodus 20:1-2 God of the Ten Commandments

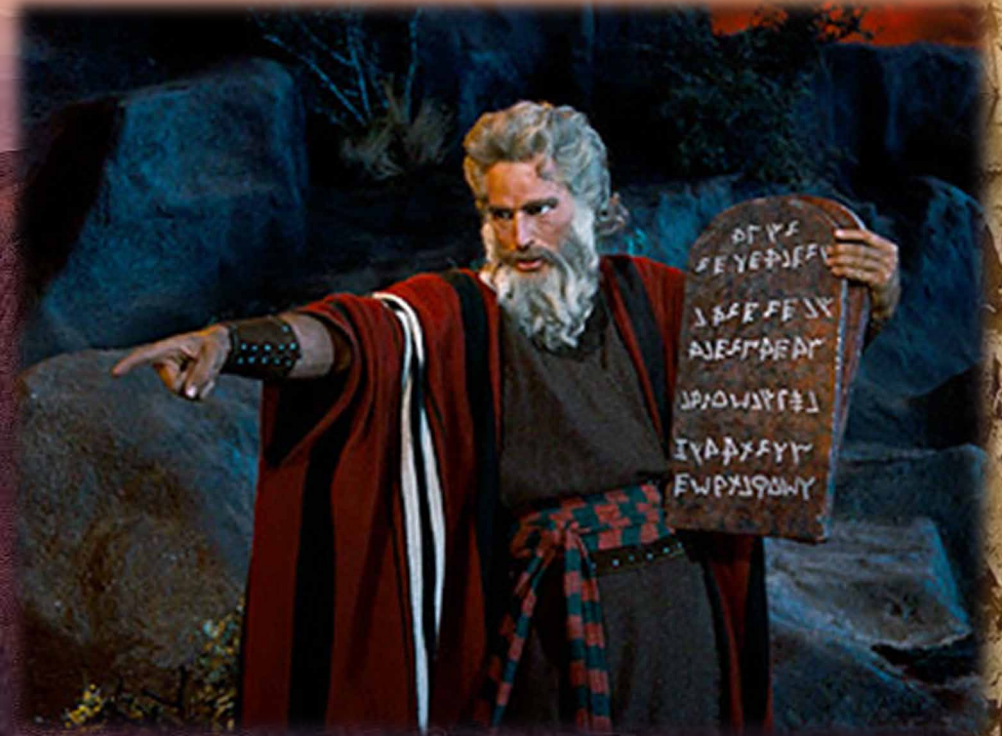
¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.”

Over 100x verse 2 is repeated ...

How can one forget?

God's makes sure they DON'T forget



3 “You shall have NO OTHER gods before me.”

Ten Commandments

Begin with a simple prohibition

In the negative, as some things are more powerful ONLY in the negative

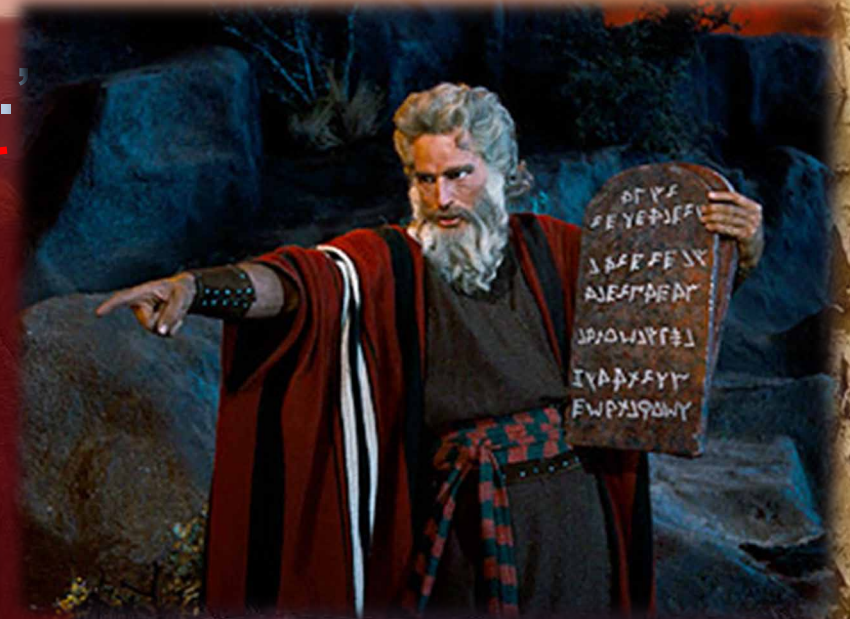
Seems “Love God” ... is not as clear as

“Have No Other”

Why do we need the NEGATIVE?

Not easy to answer that ... except that

We seem to have a rebellious nature



Ten Commandments & Jesus' Teachings

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. No other Gods | Matt. 4:10, Get behind me Satan, worship Lord only; 6:33, Seek 1st Kingdom of God |
| 2. No Graven Image | Matt. 6:24, no one can serve two masters |
| 3. Not Lord's Name in Vain | Matt. 5:33-37, not swear falsely; 6:9, hallowed be thy name; 23:16-22, oaths etc. |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath | Matt. 12:1-13, cleanse temple; Mark 2:23-27, healed & taught on Sabbath |
| 5. Honor Father & Mother | Mark 7:9-13, honor father & mother |
| 6. Not Murder | Matt. 5:21-24, "fool" danger of hell, be reconciled |
| 7. Not Adultery | Matt. 5:27-30, "look" with lust = adultery |
| 8. Not Steal | Matt. 5:40, turn the other cheek |
| 9. Not False Witness | Matt. 5:37, let "yes" be "YES!" |
| 10. Not Covet | Luke 12:15-34, guard against greed |

Various Divisions of Ten Commandments

- LXX - Septuagint**, c. 200 B.C. Greek Old Testament
- P - Philo**, 20 BC–AD 50, LXX, killing & adultery reversed
- S - Samaritan Pentateuch** w extra Mt Gerizim 10th
- T - Jewish Talmud** makes "prologue" 1st & combines w prohibition on worshiping deities
- A - Augustine** AD 354–430, Talmud, omits prologue & follows order of Deut. 5:21 rather Exodus 20:17
- C - Catechism of Catholicism**, largely Augustine
- L - Lutherans follow Augustine**, omits images, uses order of Exodus 20:17 for 9th & 10th
- R - Reformed Christians** follow John Calvin, which follows LXX, in Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*

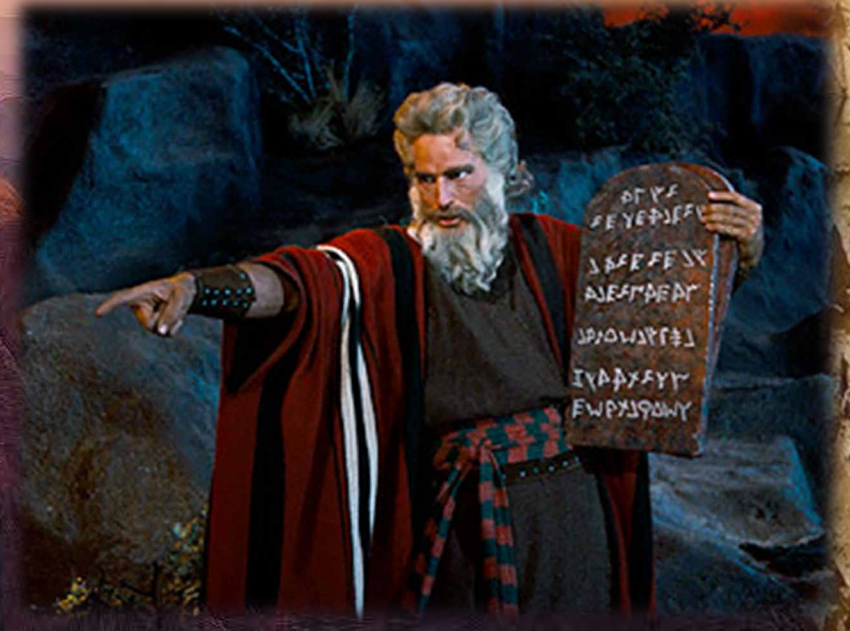


LXX	P	S	T	A	C	L	R	Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-17	Deut. 5:4-21
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	I am the Lord thy God	2	6
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	No other gods before me	3	7
2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	Not make unto thee any graven image	4–6	8–10
3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain	7	11
4	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy	8–11	12–15
5	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	Honour thy father and thy mother	12	16
6	7	5	6	5	5	5	6	Thou shalt not kill	13	17
7	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	Thou shalt not commit adultery	14	18
8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	Thou shalt not steal	15	19
9	9	8	9	8	8	8	9	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor	16	20
10	10	9	10	10	10	9	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's HOUSE	17a	21b
10	10	9	10	9	9	10	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's WIFE	17b	21a
10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's servants, animals, or anything else	17c	21c
—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	Ye shall erect these stones which I command thee upon Mount Gerizim	17d	21d

Most follow order of the
LXX, Septuagint, Greek O.T.
Notice DIFFERENCE between
Exodus 20 and Deut. 5

Ten Commandments - our Standard Version

1. No other Gods
2. No Graven Image
3. Not Lord's Name in Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath
5. Honor Father & Mother
6. Not Murder
7. Not Adultery
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9. Not False Witness
10. Not Covet



Exodus 20

#4 **based on
Creation**

#10 **House 1st**

Deut. 5

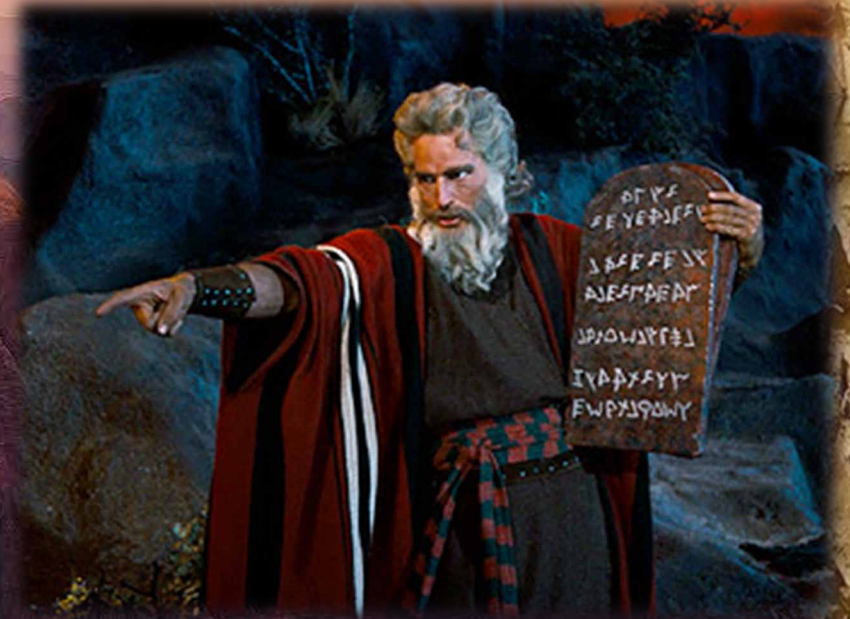
#4 **based on
Deliverance**

#10 **Wife 1st**

Yet, notice **differences** between Exodus & Deuteronomy

Exodus 20:3-11 Relating to God – 1, 2, 3, 4

- ³ “You shall have no other gods before me.
- ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
- ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and **fourth generation of those who hate me,**
- ⁶ but showing **love to a thousand generations** of those who love me and keep my commandments.



⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

^ ^ ^ The 3rd Commandment

Have you ever thought?

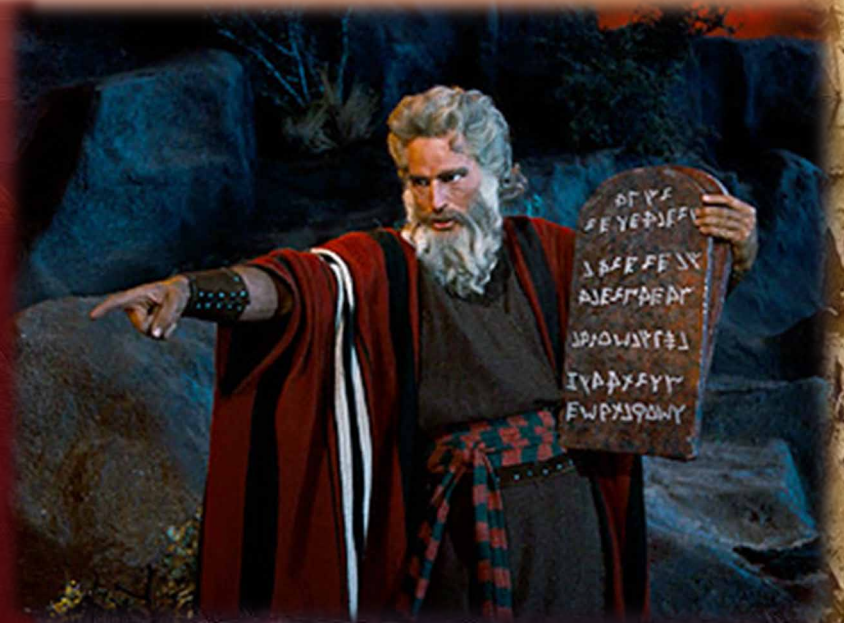
Have you ever wondered?

Why in heaven and on earth did
God make this Commandment?

Really? ... **Misuse God's Name**

Ü **BEFORE** Honor Parents?

Ü **BEFORE** Not Murdering?



3rd Command on NOT misusing God's name

Led Jews to NOT pronounce **YHWH**

For us, means at least to NOT ... ???

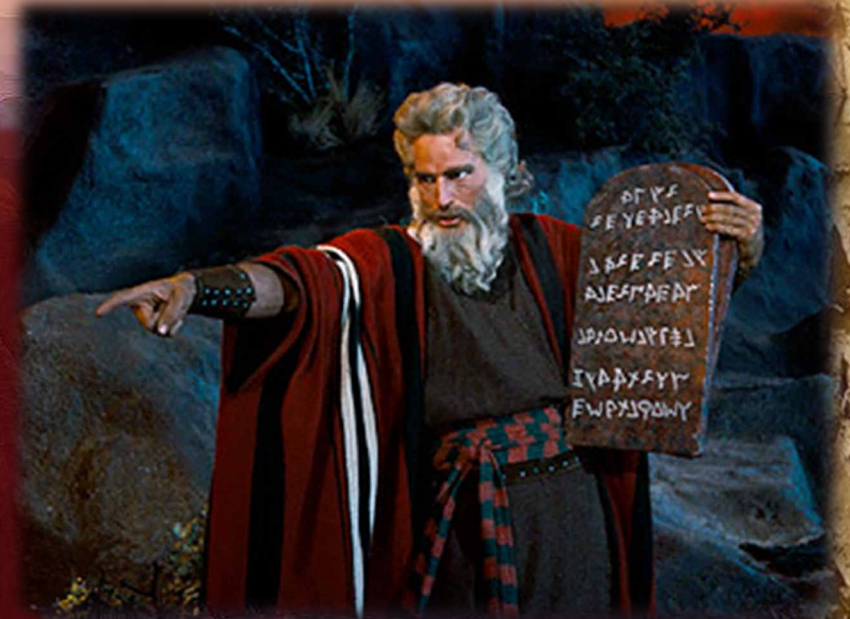
Not use God's name *uselessly ... vainly*

Do not use "God" as God of the Bible to

- Ü "God Damn" this or that *insincerely*

- Ü Use *OMG ... insincerely*

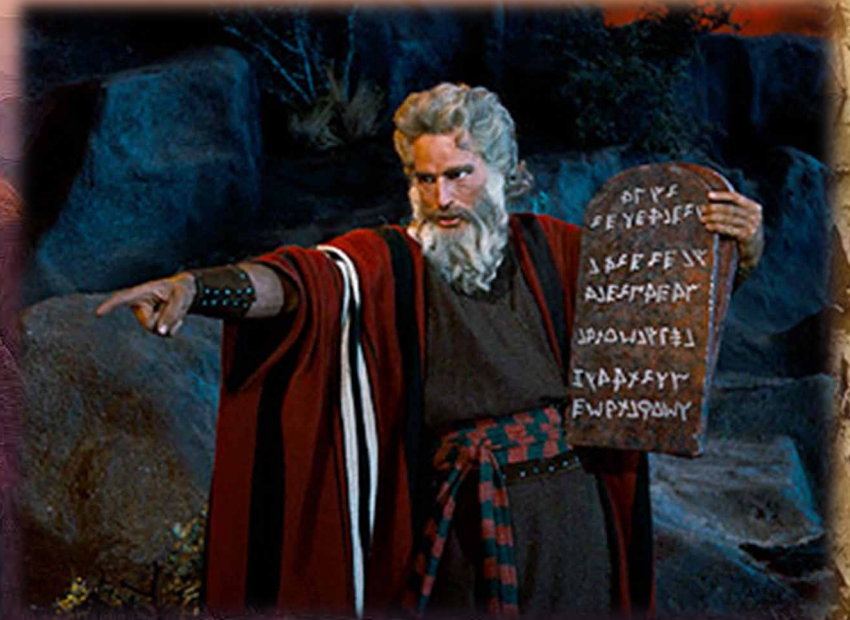
- Ü "Jesus" in useless fashions



⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall **not do any work**, neither **you**, nor your **son** or daughter, nor your **male** or **female servant**, nor your **animals**, nor any **foreigner** residing in your towns.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the **heavens and the earth**, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

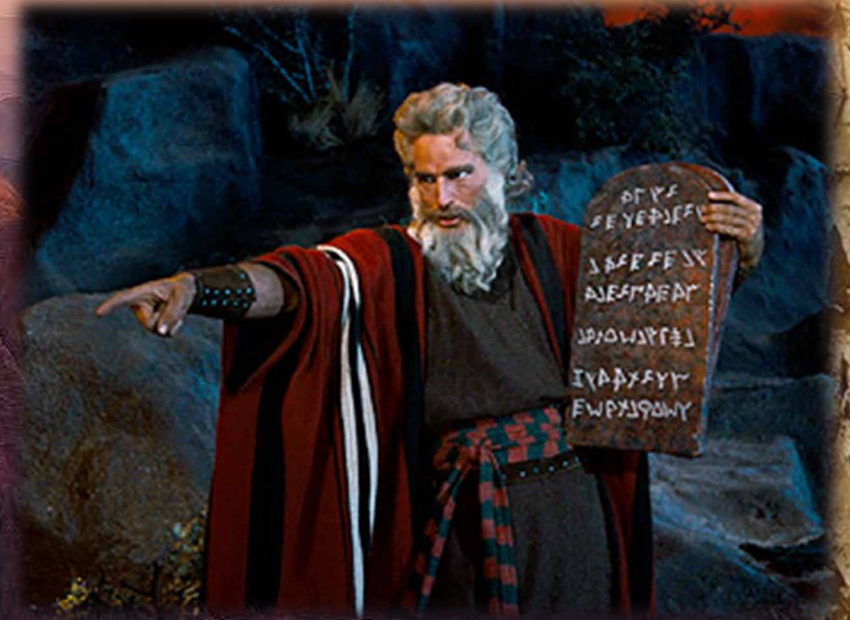


¹² “Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land
the LORD your God is giving you.

Like the 3rd – how do you “honor” them?
Or, dare I ask, how DID you “honor” them?
Still ... how does this COMMAND
stack up to “Have no other gods”?
How does “honor parents” stack to ...

Ü Do Not Murder

Ü Do Not Steal



Exodus 20:13-19 Relating to Society – 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

13 “You shall not murder.

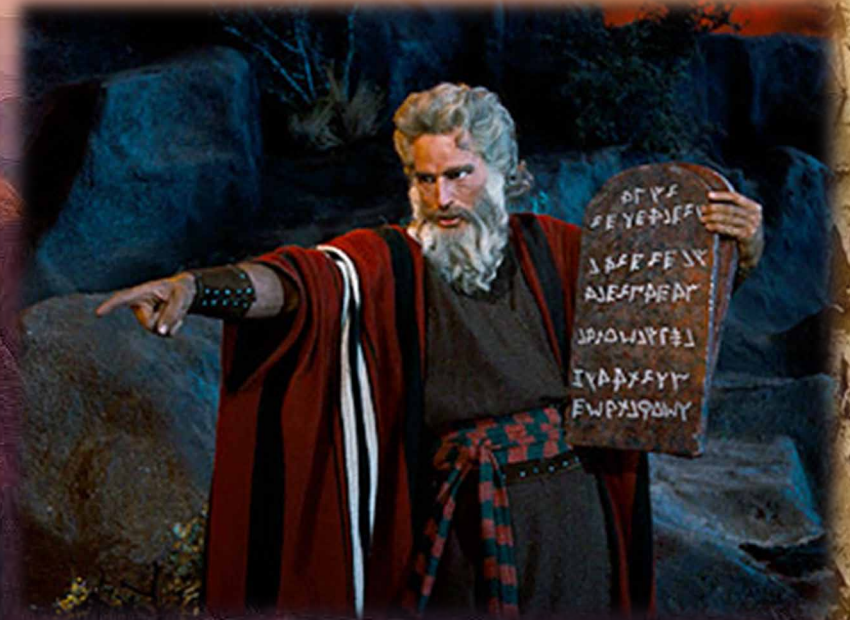
14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false
testimony against your neighbor.

17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s
house. You shall not covet your
neighbor’s **wife**, or his **male** or **female**
servant, his **ox** or **donkey**, or **anything**
that belongs to your neighbor.”

Now then ... you have them ...



Then see how Israel responds ...

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder
and lightning and heard the trumpet
and saw the mountain in smoke,
they trembled with fear.

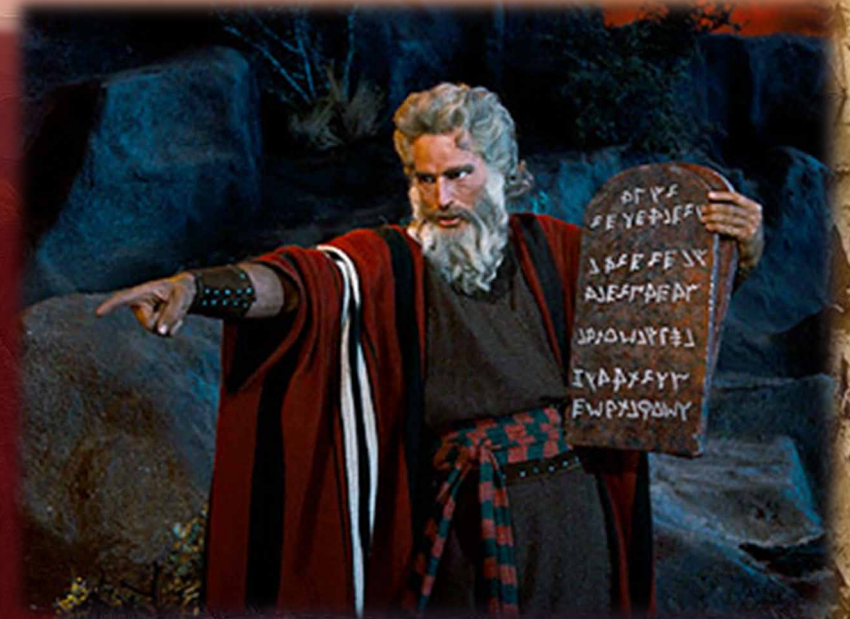
They stayed at a distance.

¹⁹ and said to Moses,

"Speak to us yourself and we will listen.

But do not have God speak to us or

we will die."



Now then ... **TEN** Commandments?

Everyone sees **TEN** ... are **TEN** sections

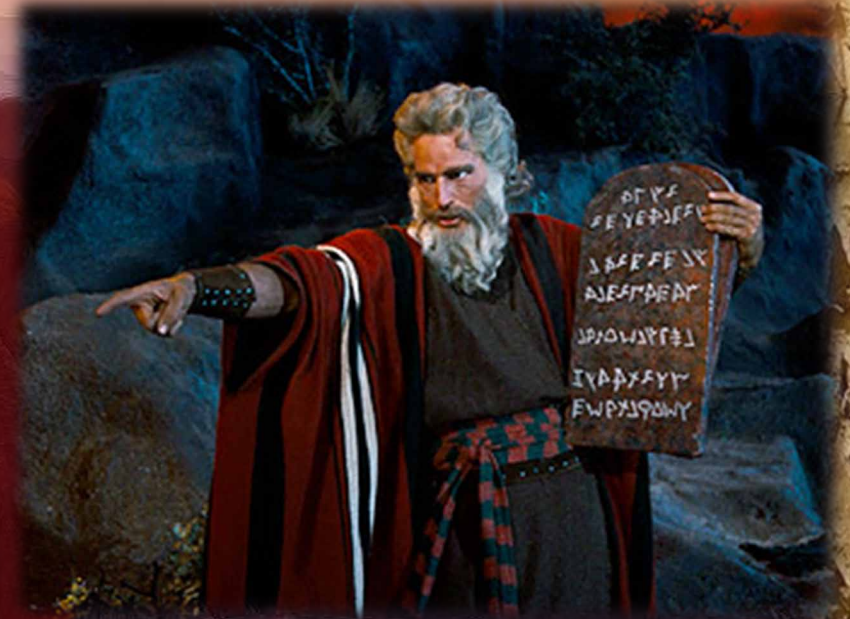
Our penchant for “order” says **TEN**

TEN are okay ... helps our poor brain

But I ask you ... plead with you ...

BEG of you to see the Covenant from

Israel's View



Exodus 20:13-19 Relating to Society – 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Israel ... **STAYED** at a distance

Israel ... begged Moses to speak

Israel ... feared for their lives from **WORDS**

Israel ... **AFTER** a few months on the
their journey from Egypt

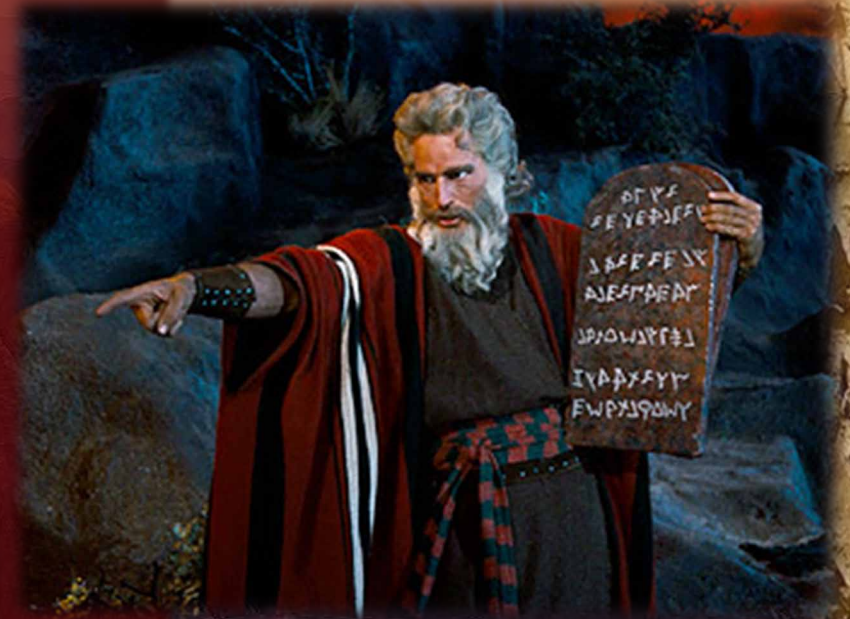
Israel ... **AFTER** a series of **MIRACLES**

Israel ... to this point ... though grumbling

Israel ... to this time had not **themselves**

Heard YHWH Speak

and they were NOT counting!



Greatest Command

Shema Israel = “Hear, Oh Israel”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ... namely, 6:4

**"Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God,
the LORD is one"**

**⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength.**

That is all ... then

**⁶ These commandments that I give
you today are to be on your hearts.**

Rest of “Shema Israel” = write on FOREHEAD



*Shema Yisrael at the
Knesset Menorah in Jerusalem*

Greatest Command

The best is in Matthew 22:36-40

Pharisees set a trap, get their best lawyer

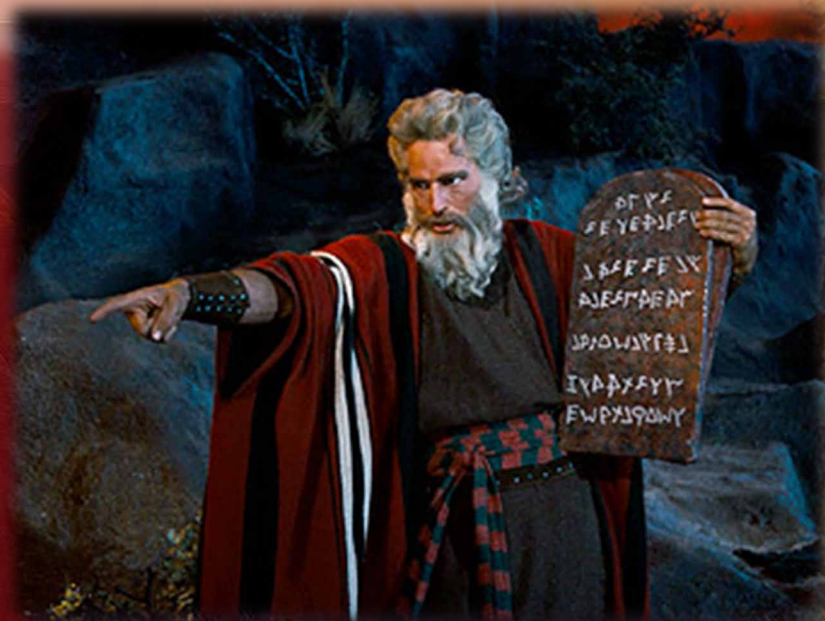
³⁶ “Which is the greatest commandment?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it:
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



Greatest Command

Luke 10:25-28 ... set up a parable

²⁵ An expert in the law asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

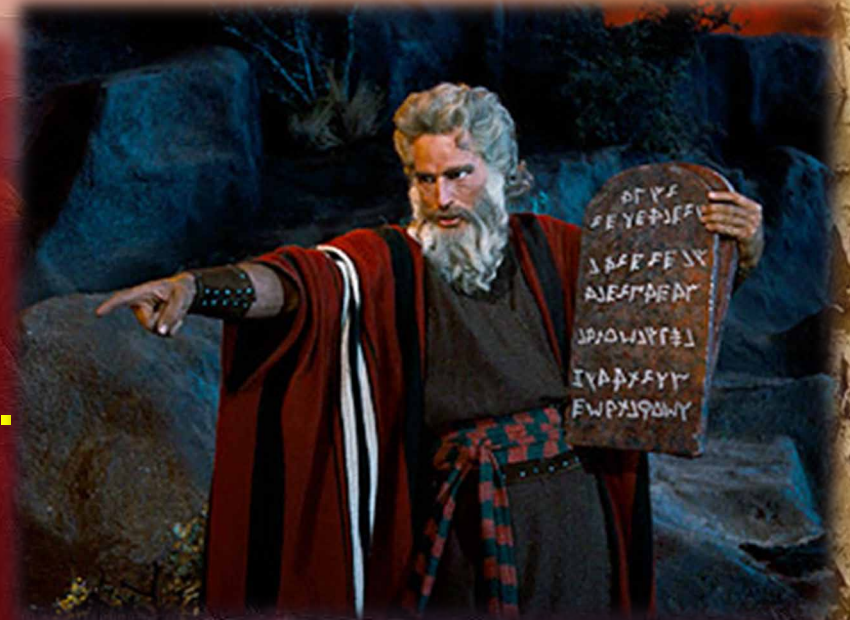
²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” Jesus replied.

²⁷ He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart’ etc., and ‘neighbor.’ ”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ Wanting to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus told Parable of the Good Samaritan



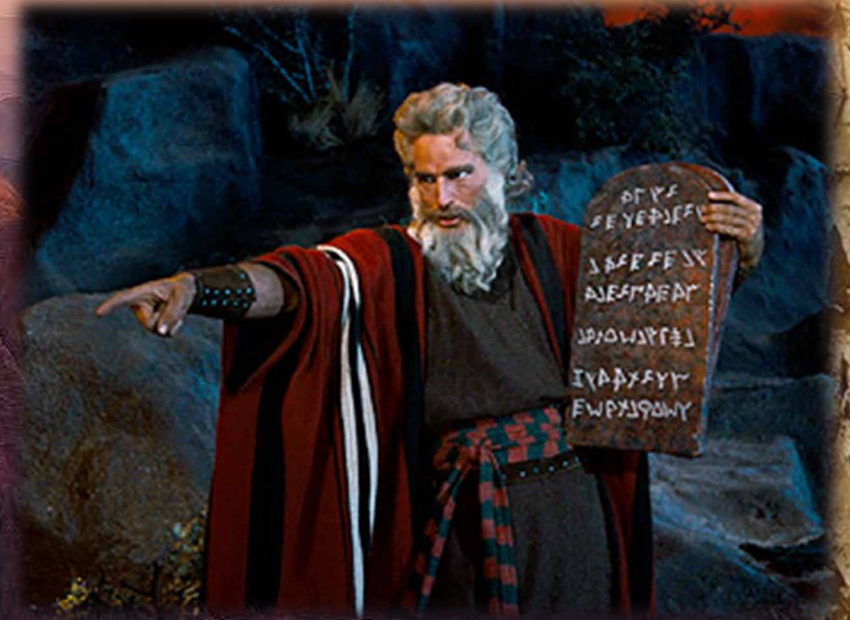
Greatest Command

Jesus didn't count either
To Jesus ... if you got
these two *right*

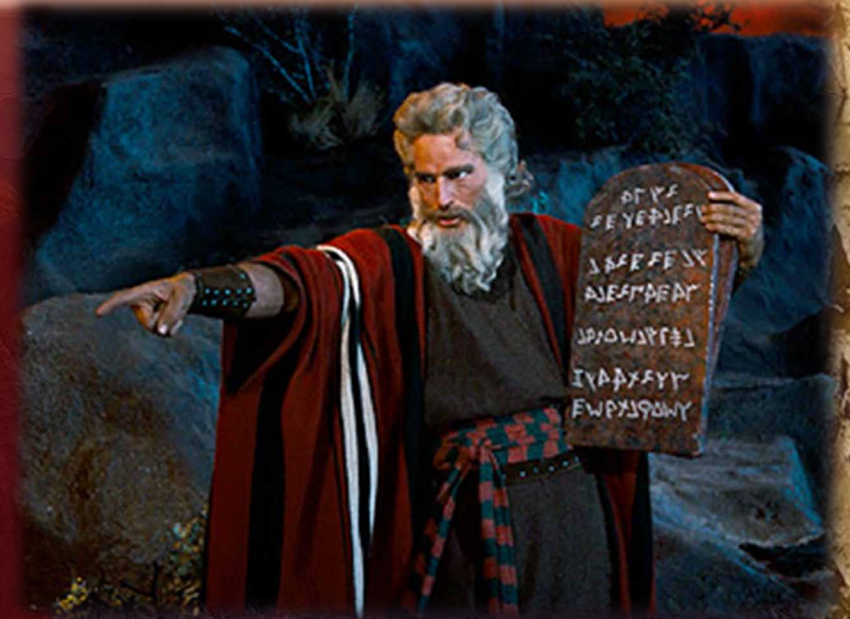
Love God & Others

You got the whole Law

RIGHT



Israel ... **STAYED** at a distance
Israel ... Found MOSES nicer ... **kinder**
Israel ... **Turned** from YHWH ... afraid
Israel ... **HEARD** God Almighty SPEAK
Israel ... Heard “**Alpha & Omega**”
Israel ... Heard God the **CREATOR**
Israel ... Heard God who is **LIGHT**
Israel ... Heard Him who was “In the
Beginning was the WORD”



Israel ... **KNEW** this was God Almighty

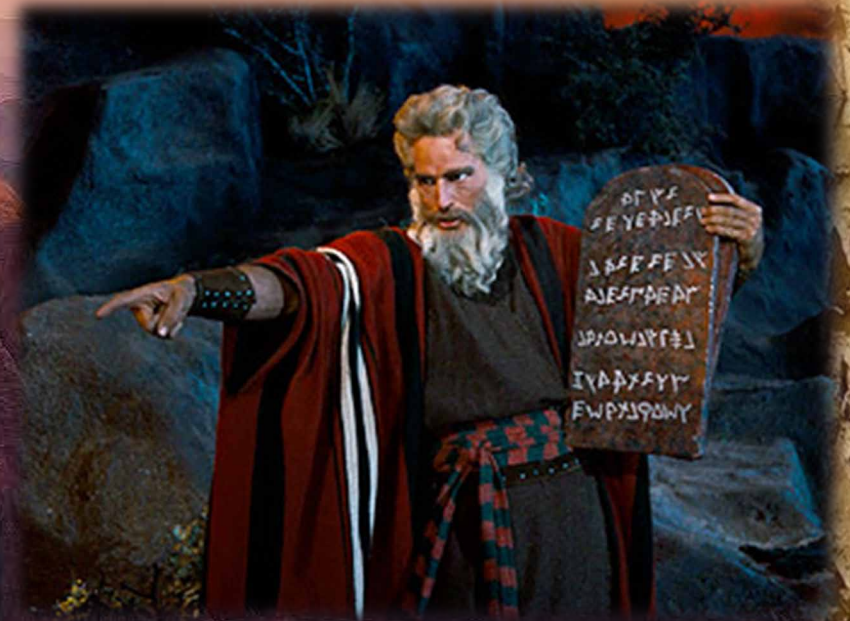
Israel ... **FELT** this God's power

Israel ... **SENSED** in the well of their souls

Israel ... **EXPERIENCED** God as though

God's Next Words

Might *Kill* Them



To Israel ... Not Ten Commandments

To Israel ... **ONE** Powerful Message

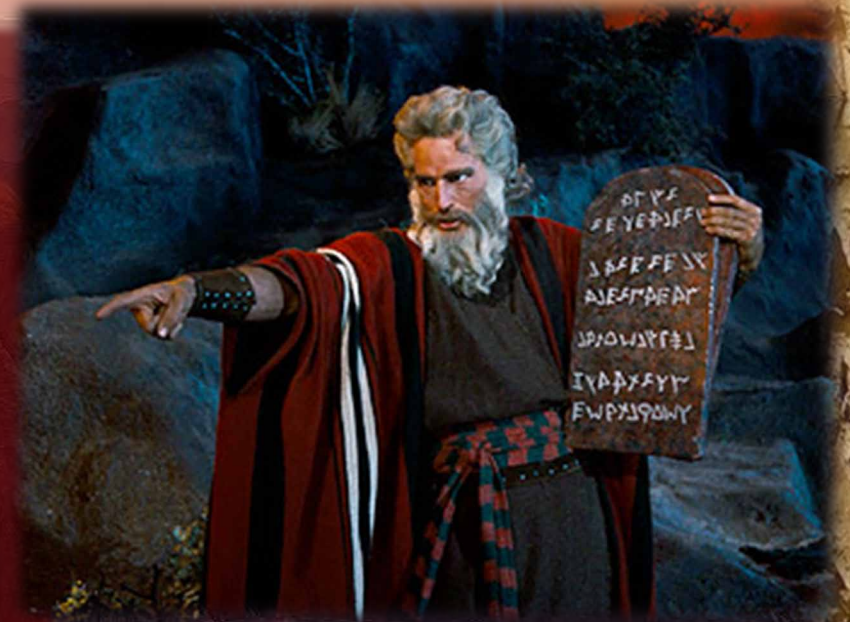
To Israel ... **GREATEST** Sermon of ALL

To Israel ... **WORDS** stabbed their souls

To Israel ... **WORDS** pierced their hearts

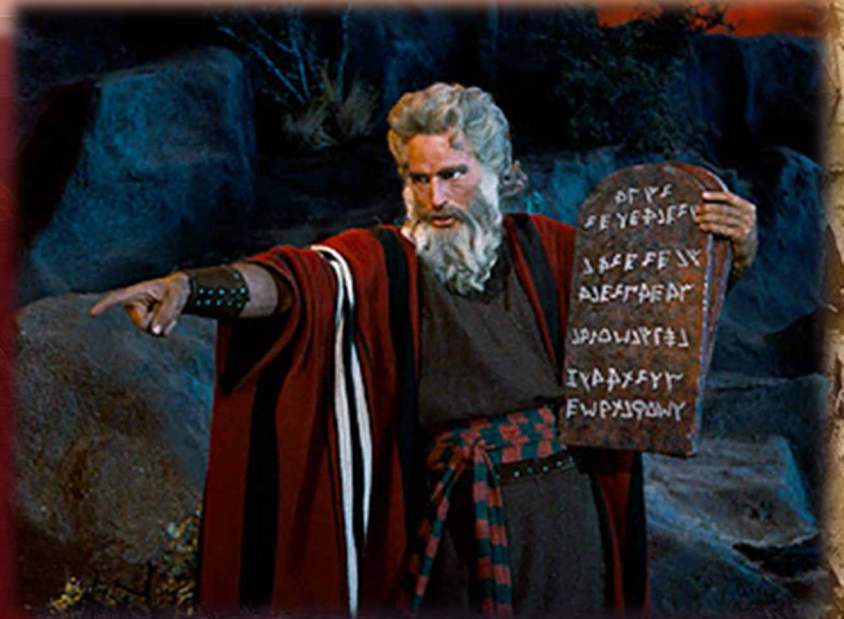
To Israel ... **WORDS** became ...

Living and Active
Sharper than ANY
Two-edged Sword



To Israel ... **The TEN** were a Great Preface
To Israel ... **The TEN** were a Sublime Invite
To Israel ... **The TEN** from God's voice
To Israel ... **The TEN** were Eternal Values
To Israel ... **The TEN** were the FIRST TIME
To Israel ... **the FIRST TIME** every soul and

**Every Knee Took a
Bow**



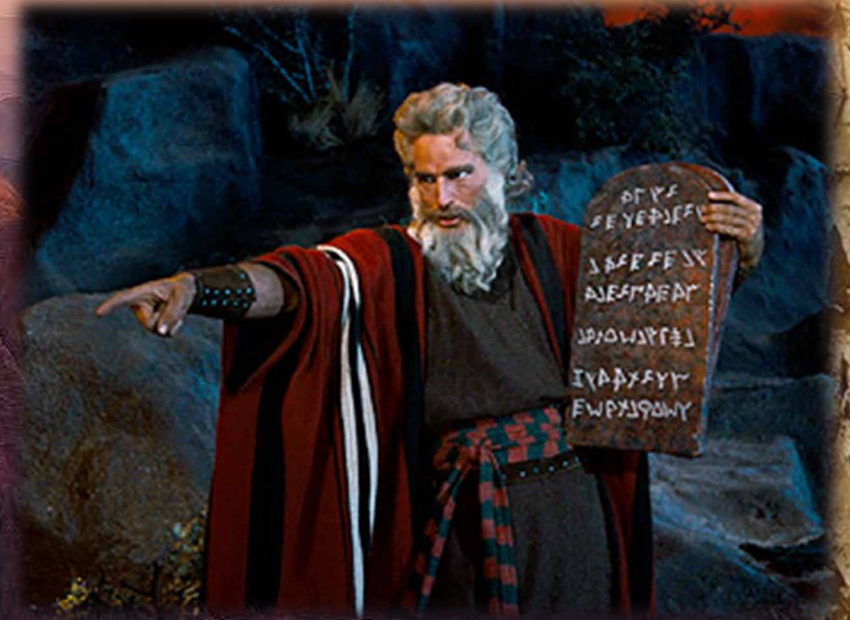
And the next time ...

That God comes DOWN in Glory

In a similar manner ...

VERY similar as that morning at

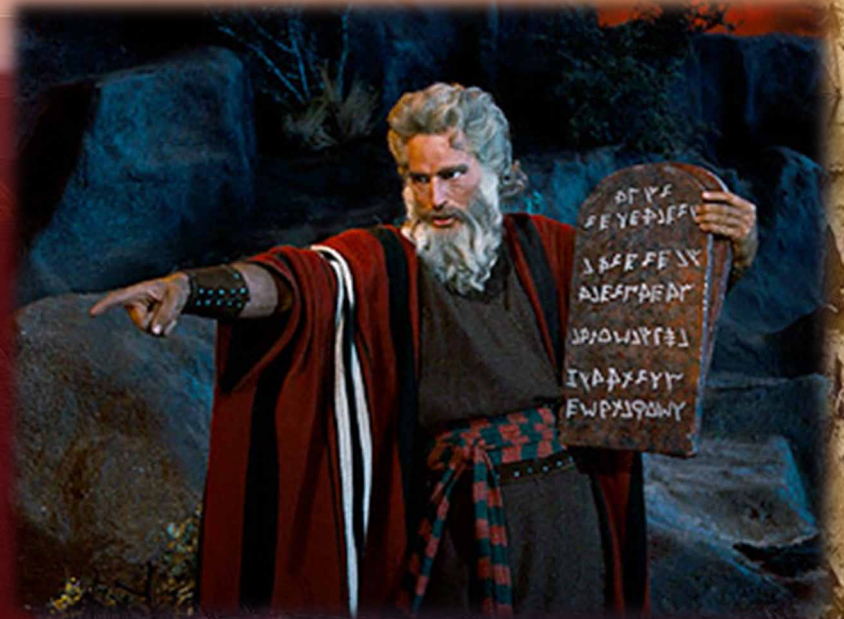
Mt. Sinai



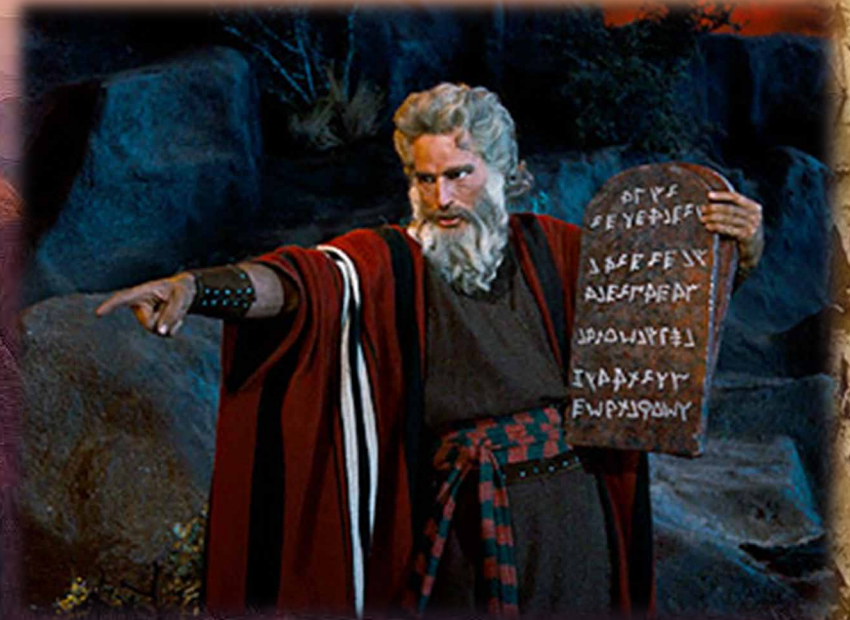
Next time ... God comes **DOWN** in Glory
In similarly consummate **AWESOMENESS**
In stupendously serious **FEARSOMENESS**
One day, yet unknown ... *yet like Sinai*
God will come down and with trembling

Every Knee Will

Bow



Israel ... **STAYED** at a distance
Israel ... **HEARD** God Almighty **SPEAK**
NOT ... that any Heart **STRUGGLED**
NOT ... that any Knee **STRUGGLED**
Israel ... **Saw** ... **Heard** ... **KNEW**
Clouds of their **HEARTS** parted
TRUTH ... like sea billows **ROLLED**
DOUBT ... like a scared demon fled
TRUTH ... like a two-edged sword
Cleaved Souls



God Spoke ...

TRUTH ... coherent ... clear ... stunning

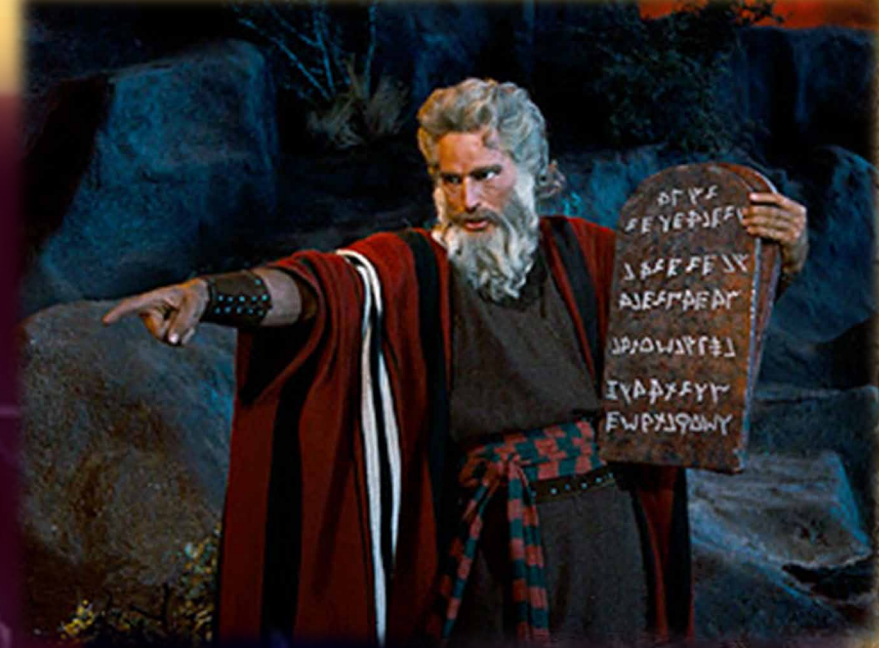
TRUTH ... blazed brighter than the sun

Revelation 1:8 shook Mt. Sinai

**“Alpha and the Omega,”
says the LORD God,**

**Who is, and Who was,
and Who is to come, the**

Almighty



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