

EXODUS

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The 10 ^acommandments

(Also in Deuteronomy 5:1-21)

¹ God said: ² 'I am the *Lord your God. I have ^bbrought you out of Egypt where you were ^cslaves.

³ You may not ^dworship other ^egods. I am the only God.

⁴⁻⁵ Do not make an ^fimage and ^gbow down before it and ^hserve it. Do not make an image that looks like something from ⁱheaven above, or like something on ^jearth or like something in the water under the earth. I am the *Lord your God, and you may serve only Me. I will ^kpunish the children if their father has ^lsinned. I will also punish his ^mgrandchildren

^a**commandments:** *laws in the Bible where God says what people must do.

^b**brought:** today I bring, yesterday I brought.

^c**slave:** someone who *belonged to another person and had to work for him.

[*drawing # 29]

^d**worship:** to *pray to an *idol or *false *god. [*drawing # 25]

^e**gods:** *idols that people made and *prayed to. [*drawing # 25]

^f**image:** a *statue or picture that looked like a person or something. [*drawing # 25]

^g**bow:** to bend down in front of someone *important. [*drawing # 17]

^h**serve:** to *pray to an *image or *idol.

ⁱ**heaven:** where the *throne of God is, where his *angels *worship Him.

^j**earth:** the world, the *land and sea. [*drawing # 172]

^k**punish:** to make someone *suffer because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [*drawing # 54]

^l**sinned:** when someone has done bad things *which God hates.

^m**grandchildren:** the children of your children.

and ⁿgreat_grandchildren if he hates Me and ^odisobeys Me. ⁶ But if anyone loves Me and listens to Me, I will be good to him and to his children for a long time, for 1 000 ^pgenerations.

⁷ You may not use the name of the *Lord your God in a wrong way, because God will ^qpunish anyone who uses his name for something that is not right.

⁸ You must remember that the ^rSabbath day is a ^sholy day. ⁹ You have 6 days to work and do everything you have to do. ¹⁰ But the 7th day is the ^tSabbath day of the *Lord your God. Then you may not work, not you or your *son or ^udaughter or your ^vservant or servant girl, or your animals or ^wstrangers who live ^xamong you. ¹¹ The *Lord worked for 6 days to make ^yheaven and ^zearth, the sea and everything in it, but on the 7th day He did not work. That is why the Lord has ^ablessed the

ⁿ**great_grandchildren:** the children of your *grandchildren.

^o**disobey:** not listening to someone, you don't do what he says.

^p**generation:** the people who are living now are this generation, their children are the next generation.

^q**punish:** to make someone *suffer because he has done wrong or to make him stop doing it. [*drawing # 54]

^r**Sabbath day:** the *holy, 7th day of the week, when the *Israelites had to *rest from their work.

^s**holy day:** a *special day that *belongs to God when people may not work.

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^u**daughter:** the girl child of a father and mother. [*drawing # 177]

^v**servant:** someone who works for another person. [*drawing # 29]

^w**stranger:** someone who was not a *Jew but stayed with the people of God.

^x**among:** *between others, with others. [*drawing # 138]

^y**heaven:** the *sky, sun, moon, stars and everything above us. [*drawing # 57]

^z**earth:** the world, the *land and sea. [*drawing # 172]

^a**bless:** when God made the 7th day *holy.

^bSabbath day and said it must be a ^choly day.

¹²You must ^drespect your ^eparents, and then you will live for many years in the ^fland that the *Lord your God gives you.

¹³You may not ^gmurder anyone.

¹⁴You may not ^hcommit_adultery.

¹⁵You may not steal.

¹⁶You may not tell ⁱlies about other people.

¹⁷You may not ^jdesire someone's house or want to have it for yourself. You may not desire someone's ^kwife, or his ^lservant or servant girl or his ^mox or his donkey, or anything that ⁿbelongs to someone ^oelse.'

^b**Sabbath day:** the *holy, 7th day of the week, when the *Israelites had to *rest from their work.

^c**holy day:** a *special day that *belongs to God when people may not work.

^d**respect:** to show someone that he is *important to you and you listen to him.

^e**parents:** your mother and father are your parents.

^f**land:** the *country of Canaan, later named *Israel. [*map # 2]

^g**murder:** to kill another person when there was no *war.

^h**commit_adultery:** when a married man or woman has sex with someone *else.

ⁱ**lies:** something that some people say, but it is not *true, it is *false.

^j**desire:** to want something very much.

^k**wife:** the woman who is married to a man, her *husband. [*drawing # 34]

^l**servant:** someone who works for another person. [*drawing # 29]

^m**ox:** a *bull that has been *emasculated and is used to work for people.

[*drawing # 79]

ⁿ**belong:** if you give me something, it is mine, it belongs to me. [*drawing # 41]

^o**else:** another person or other things.

The people become ^pafraid

(Also in Deuteronomy 5:23-33)

¹⁸ All the people heard the ^qthunder and the ^rram's-horn. They also *saw the ^slightning and the ^tmountain that was ^ucovered with smoke. When the people saw it, they ^vtrembled and they stayed far away from the mountain. ¹⁹ They said to Moses: 'You must talk to us, and we will listen to you, but if God speaks to us, we will die.'

²⁰ Moses said to the people: 'Do not be ^wafraid because God has come to ^xtest you. God wants you to ^yhonour Him and not to ^zsin.'

²¹ The people ^astood far away from the ^bmountain but Moses went near to the dark ^ccloud where God was.

^p**afraid:** to worry because you think something bad will happen.

^q**thunder:** the very *loud *sound when it rains and there is *lightning in the *sky.
[*drawing # 159]

^r**ram's-horn:** the *horn of a *ram *goat, they blew it like a *trumpet. [*drawing # 64]

^s**lightning:** the *bright light that shines in the *sky when it rains and *thunders.
[*drawing # 159]

^t**mountain:** where the *ground is not flat, it goes up high. [*drawing # 156]

^u**cover:** to put something over something *else so that you can not see what is *underneath. [*drawing # 35]

^v**tremble:** when your body *shakes when it is cold or you are *afraid.

^w**afraid:** to worry because you think something bad will happen.

^x**test:** to look at someone to see if he is good *enough or doing what is right.

^y**honour:** *respect and *worship.

^z**sin:** bad things that people do *which God hates.

^a**stood:** today I stand, yesterday I stood. [*drawing # 92]

^b**mountain:** where the *ground is not flat, it goes up high. [*drawing # 156]

^c**cloud:** the part in the *sky that brings water when it rains. [*drawing # 159]

^dLaws about ^ealtars

²² The *Lord told Moses to tell the *Israelites: ‘You have heard when I have talked to you from ^fheaven. ²³ Do not make ^gidols or ^hgods for yourselves from ⁱsilver or gold.

²⁴ You must make an ^jaltar for Me from ^kground and you must ^lsacrifice on it ^mburnt-offerings and ⁿmeal-offerings, your sheep and ^ogoats and ^pcattle. I will come to you and I will ^qbless you where I want you to ^rworship Me. ²⁵ If you make an ^saltar for Me from stones, do not use stones that you have cut, because if you cut the stones, then the altar

^d**laws:** the *rules that God gave to his people in the *Old Testament.

^e**altar:** a place where people *sacrificed *offerings to God. [*drawing # 1]

^f**heaven:** where the *throne of God is, where his *angels *worship Him.

^g**idols:** *false *gods that *gentiles made and *prayed to. [*drawing # 25]

^h**gods:** *idols that people made and *prayed to. [*drawing # 25]

ⁱ**silver:** shiny white *metal that they use as money or to make *jewellery.
[*drawing # 115]

^j**altar:** a place where people *sacrificed *offerings to God. [*drawing # 1]

^k**ground:** the sand outside where people walk or *plant flowers and trees.
[*drawing # 75]

^l**sacrifice:** to give an *offering to God to thank Him or to *pray to Him. [*drawing # 1]

^m**burnt-offering:** an *offering that people gave to God, the *priest burnt it on the *altar. [*drawing # 10]

ⁿ**meal-offering:** a *peace-offering to God, people who gave it *could eat some of the meat.

^o**goat:** an animal as big as a sheep. [*drawing # 137]

^p**cattle:** cows and *bulls. [*drawing # 139]

^q**bless:** when God helps people or things and does good things for them.

^r**worship:** to *pray to God, to *praise and *serve Him. [*drawing # 16]

^s**altar:** a place where people *sacrificed *offerings to God. [*drawing # 1]

will be ^timpure. ²⁶ You may not climb up to my ^ualtar on steps, because then people will be ^vable to look under your clothes.’

^t**impure:** not as God wants it, not good, clean or *holy, but full of *sin.

^u**altar:** a place where people *sacrificed *offerings to God. [*drawing # 1]

^v**able:** when you can do something.