

DEUTERONOMY 5 vs 1

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Understanding this chapter is key to anyone who claims allegiance to the Lord GOD who created all things. Having left Goshen after the first Passover and traveling day and night for 6 weeks through the southern wilderness route, being chased by Pharaoh and his armies till they came to the Red Sea crossing (on the Gulf of Aqaba – where 500 years later Solomon kept his naval ships based)

Mount Sinai in Midian, Arabia

Red Sea crossing to Mount Sinai in Arabia...

¹ And Moses called all **Israel**, and said to them,

Hear, O **Israel**, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears today, that you learn, and **keep** and **do** them / in Deuteronomy the word **keep** appears 58 times; the word **do** appears 42 times; not complicated: this was the first assignment given to Adam, it is also the last assignment Jesus gave to His disciples on the night He was betrayed; finally, it is what we learn the small but very obedient congregation at Philadelphia was faithfully doing -- **Revelation 3**.

² The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.

³ The LORD did **not** make this covenant with our forefathers, but with us, who are all of us here alive today.

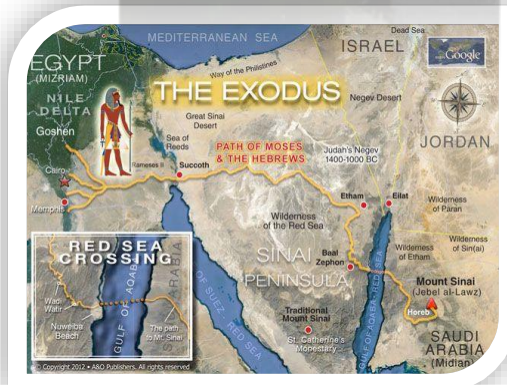
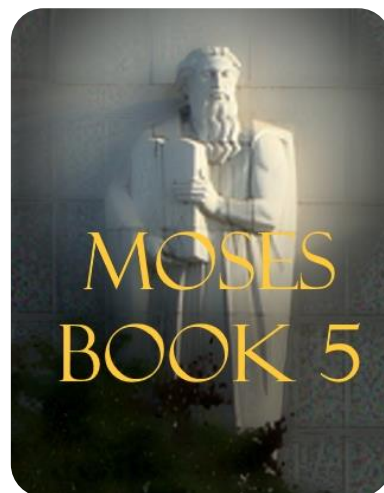
⁴ The LORD talked with you face to face at the mountain from out of the fire,

And Moses says,

⁵ (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the Lord: for you, by reason of the fire, were afraid, and did not go up the mountain;)

We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.

Commandments 1 - 4 relate to God:



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The LORD talked with you face to face... saying,

6 I am the LORD your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage / from slavery; remember the 10 commands begin by telling us He saved His people.

7 Do not have other gods before Me / with this commandment our Father God eliminated the idea that there are “church fathers” – a phrase invented by the roman church infecting all the communities they conquered, calling people fathers who are not, who do things to children no father real would ever do.

8 Do not make for yourself a graven image, or a likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth below, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:

9 do not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them / God says there is nothing in the heavens, and nothing on earth or beneath it worth bowing to and slavishly serving; that is good to know. Tragically the roman church eliminated this second commandment of God as they convinced their followers to worship some made up god, certainly this Father God who made this marvelous covenant with His people:

for I am the LORD your God, a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,

10 and showing mercies to the thousandth of those who love Me and keep My commandments / evidence of love for God is keeping what He said; which is what Jesus said the night He was betrayed.

11 Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain / do not speak His name lightly, glibly: **for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain** / and again, this portion of the blasphemy commandment was eliminated by the roman church, who claims they can forgive sin.

12 Keep the sabbath day, keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you / since the first day of creation; to honor and give respect due to the One who created us; but the roman church has eliminated this commandment from their catechism as they teach to celebrate the day of the Sun.

13 Six days labor, and do all your work:

14 but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD your God: / in Genesis 2 we read: on the seventh day He rested, using English and Hebrew we could say: on the **shabbat** He shabat. Regarding the sabbath, all the prophets had much to say. Ezekiel said, I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, which if a man does, he will live. I gave My sabbaths to be a **mark** between Me and them; that they know that I, the Lord sanctify them -- **Ezekiel 20:11-12**, Ezekiel tells us, **the sabbath is a mark of the people of God**. It is the roman government in 336AD at the Council of Laodicea... hardheads that the Lord said, makes Him want to puke; they changed the day from Friday evening when the sunset to the day commemorating the rising sun – Sun-day; and ever since the roman church which disregards the Word of God, proudly points out they changed the times and seasons; adding, and the Protestant church followed – though I'd say churchianity: those who have left out Christ and His Word followed them.

on it do **no** work, **not** you, **not** your son, **not** your daughter, **not** your male-servant, **not** your female-servant, **not** your ox, **not** your ass, **not** any of your cattle, **not** your stranger who is within your gates; that your male-servant and your female-servant may rest as well as you / and did you notice, it doesn't sound like anybody or anything was exempt from resting...

¹⁵ Remember you were a slave in the land of Egypt, **and the LORD your God brought you from there** with a mighty hand and outstretched arm: so the LORD your God commanded you to **keep** the sabbath day / many people in the 21st century want to know what is **the mark of the beast**. The biblical answer is simple, it is: **the beast's mark**. So, go and ask the beast what marks them. What it isn't is things like credit cards, tattoos, or digital chips inserted in the hand or forehead. Read their own documents which have been around... they proudly talk about their mark... they rarely keep it secret.

Ezekiel says: **The sabbath is the mark of the people of God** in 2 ways; on that day, we remember when the Creator Himself rested from all that He had created; we remember Him; and we remember the early people of God who were redeemed out of slavery in ancient Egypt to be a unique possession of the Lord GOD... able to take His good news and good Name to the ends of the earth.

Commandments 5-10 relate to our neighbor:

¹⁶ Honor your father **and** mother, as the LORD your God commanded you; that your days are long, and it is well with you, in the land the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁷ Do **not** murder.

¹⁸ Do **not** adulterate.

¹⁹ Do **not** steal.

²⁰ Do **not** falsely witness against your neighbor.

²¹ Do **not** covet your neighbor's wife;

Do **not** covet your neighbor's house, his field, his male-servant, his female-servant; his ox, his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

²² These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, cloud and thick darkness, with a great voice / they did not see Him, but they heard Him:

and He added no more / 10 words, 2 handfuls of things were enough; He said remember them as they approached Him; and as they worked alongside their neighbor; notice none of these things require walking on water; notice the word **perfectly** wasn't mentioned once.

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Our Father God in heaven is pretty smart and knows we are adopted children who need a little training along the way. I'm glad He gave only 10 things to recall and do; I'm very glad He didn't dump His vast knowledge on my peanut head to try and figure out myself.

He wrote them on two tablets of stone, and delivered them to me.

23 And it happened, when you heard the Voice out of the midst of the darkness,

(for the mountain did burn with fire) / all they needed was to hear His Voice; they didn't need to see anyone or anything more... certainly no need for someone 700 feet tall; this event was terrifying enough,

when you heard the Voice... you came near me, all the leaders and elders of your tribes;

24 And you said, Behold, the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, we heard His Voice from among the fire: we saw today God talked with man, and he lives.

This event surprised many who were poorly taught and had some faulty thinking. Responding to the Voice of God directly speaking to them; seeing His awesome, terrifying greatness that day **at Mount Sinai in Arabia;** we can imagine some let their emotions step into overdrive, as they talked to one another sharing notes, attempting to explain this mighty miracle of God; and evidence of their illogical thinking in these next verses.

25 Now why should we die? for this great fire can consume us / are they pooling their ignorance? They didn't die; yes, the fire could destroy them, but it didn't:

if we hear the Voice of the LORD our God any more, then we will die. / If they heard more from the Lord, they would die? lots of irrational gloom and doom; God speaks grace and peace; they didn't die.

26 For who is there of all flesh, who has heard the Voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? / well for starters, the hundreds of thousands; and maybe 1 or 2 million people there in the wilderness... all of them heard the Voice of God and still lived, right?

From Barnes Notes we read: these verses contain a fuller narrative of the events briefly described in Exodus 20:18-21. On the entreaties of the people, Moses became the mediator between God and them. God approved the request of the people, since it showed a feeling of their own unworthiness with God. The terrors of Sinai had done their work; they had awakened the awareness of sin.

Obviously, the leaders and seniors of the tribes were overwhelmed by this event and said to Moses...

27 Go near, and hear all the LORD our God will say: and you tell us all the LORD our God speaks to you; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and the LORD said to me I have heard the voice of the words of this people, who spoke to you: they have done well in all they have spoken / so Moses reveals a conversation with God the leaders did not hear.

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²⁹ O that they had such a heart and would fear Me, and **keep** all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever / God was pleased, they told Moses, they will **do** all the Lord tells him; we all fear; if we're going to fear someone, God says to His children, it is best to fear Him.

³⁰ Go say to them, return to your tents / God says, take a break.

³¹ But as for you, stand here by Me, I will tell you all the commandments, the statutes and the judgments, which you teach them, that they do them in the land I give them to possess.

³² So you will **keep** and **do** as the LORD your God has commanded you: you will **not** deviate to the right or to the left / do not improvise or turn the slightest.

³³ Walk in all the ways the LORD your God has commanded you that you live, and that it is well with you, and you prolong your days which you possess on the **earth** / as you advance little by little... and step by step, travel often through all the 10 words God gave us.

Jesus said, Do not think I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; but to fulfill it; until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. Whoever cancels one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven -- **Matthew 5:17**.

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