

The Importance of the “Decalogue”

TEN COMMANDMENTS



EXODUS 20:1-17





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Thesis:

1. The setting and important.
2. Why two copies?
3. How do they relate to God & man?
4. Why is it called the law of death?
5. Are we under the ten comm.?



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A Deep Dive into Comm. 1-4

How to Honor God (Part Two)

Nov 14th 10:30 a.m.



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A Deep Dive into Comm. 6-10

How to Treat our Fellowman (Part Three)

Nov 21st 10:30 a.m.



WHO CAN DWELL WITH GOD?

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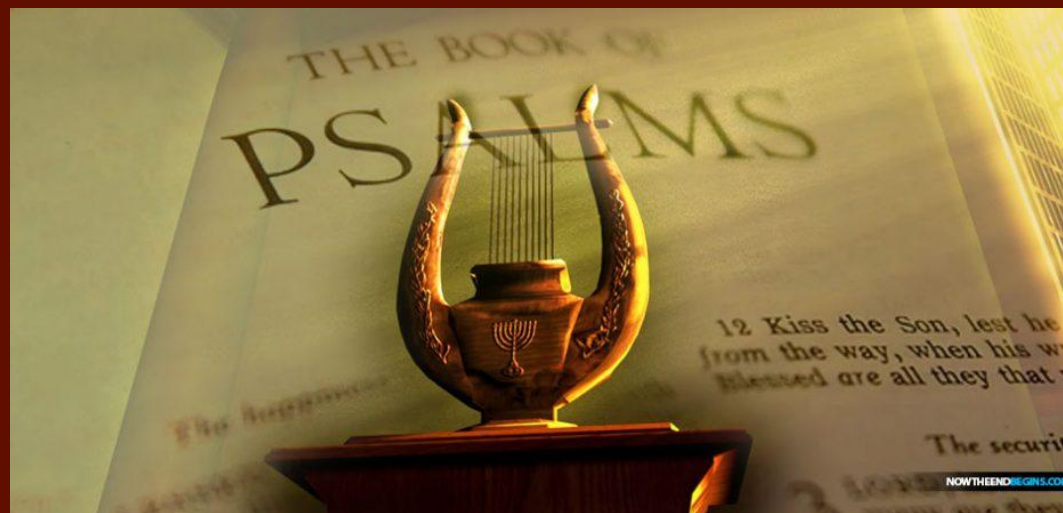


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The First **THEOCRACY**

- No Separation of *Church and State*
- *Civil and Religious* Laws are together





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The Royal Edit

Written with the **“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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Speak to the
children of Israel:

Tell them
to make

Tassels

on the corners
of their garments

THROUGHOUT

their generations,

& to
put a

BLUE thread

IN the tassels

of the *corners.*

And
you shall
have the *Tassel*,
that you may look upon it
& *remember*
all the commandments
of the LORD
and *do them.*

Number 15:38-39



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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 . .

Ex 32:15-16

“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?



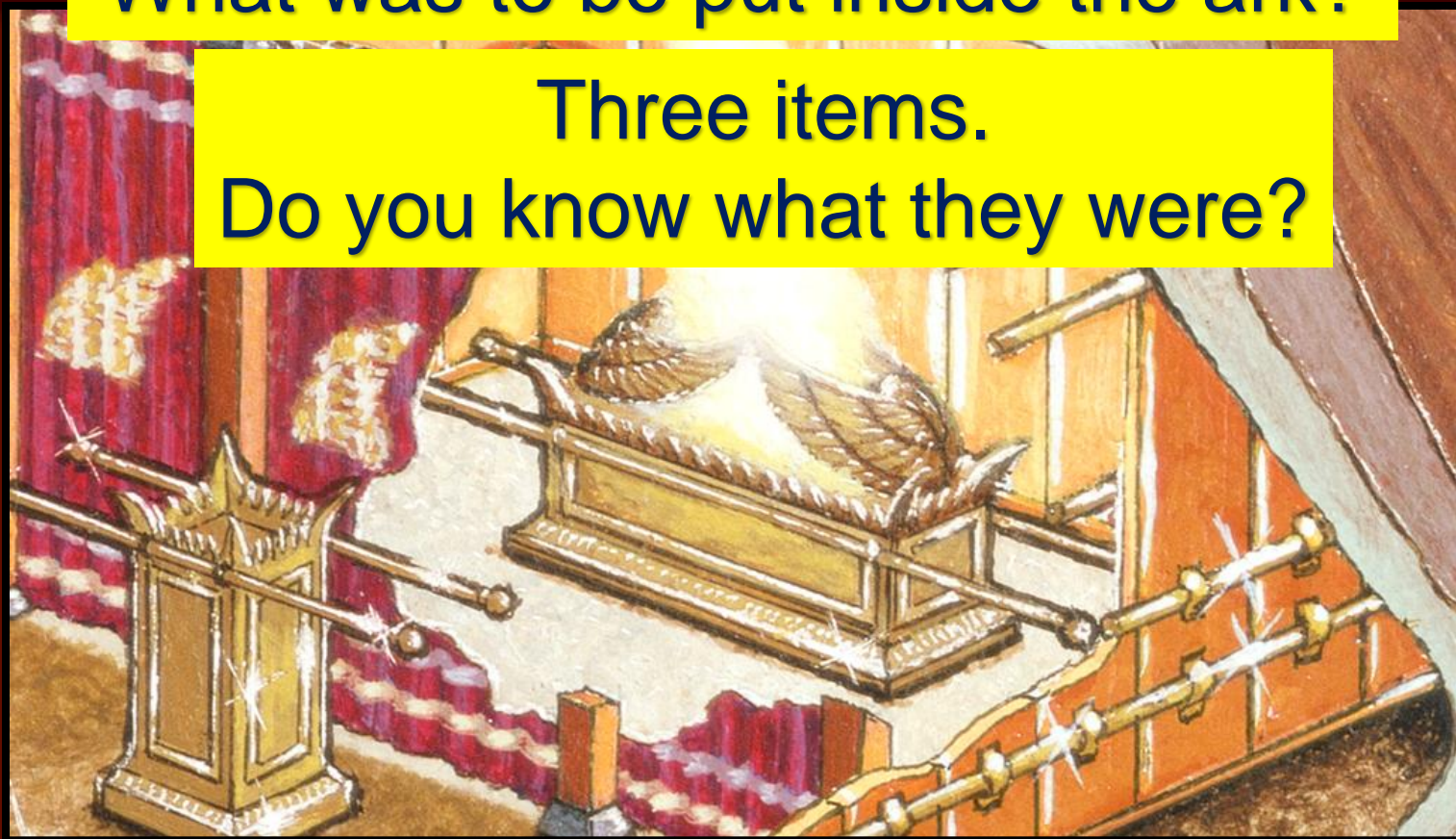
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What was to be put inside the ark?

Three items.

Do you know what they were?



The Ark of the Covenant

The contents of the Ark.



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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.

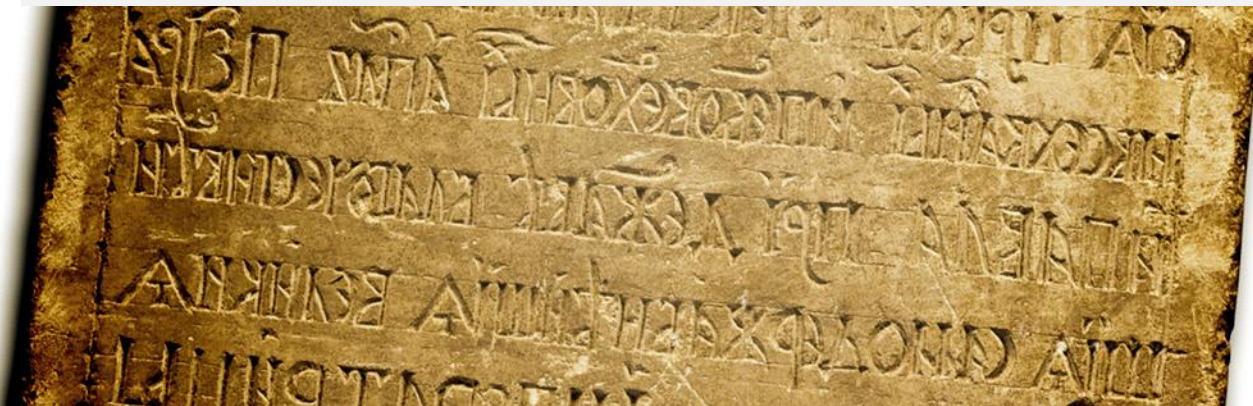
6. RESPECT LIFE.

7. RESPECT MARR. VOWS.

8. RESPECT PROPERTY.

9. RESPECT TRUTH.

10. GUARD YOUR THOUGHTS.





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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)



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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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Law of Death

#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. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.” NKJV



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Are we under the Ten 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 12:21

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 .. 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.”