

**TEN  
COMMANDMENTS  
Exodus 20:1-17**

## AT MOUNT SINAI

1. Three months after Israel was delivered out of slavery in Egypt (19:1)
2. Remain at Sinai for 11 months (Num 10:28)
3. Exodus 19 to Numbers 11 => 58 chapters

## MOSAIC COVENANT

“There is no way to describe adequately the canonical implications of Exodus 19–24. Everyone from Moses (Deut 5:6–21), to Jeremiah (Jer 7:1–15), to Jesus (Mt 5–7), to Peter (1 Pet 2:9), and every other biblical writer who has anything to say about covenant, morality and relationship to God reflects directly or indirectly on this passage.”

(Paul R . House, *Old Testament Theology* (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 1998) 117)

## The Decalogue & Deuteronomy

Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., *Toward Old Testament Ethics*

DECALOGUE	COMMANDMENT	DEUTERONOMY	DESCRIPTION
<b>5:6-10</b>	<b>I-II</b>	12:1—13:18	Worship
<b>5:11</b>	<b>III</b>	14:1-21	Name of God
<b>5:12-15</b>	<b>IV</b>	14:22—16:17	Sabbath
<b>5:16</b>	<b>V</b>	16:18—18:22	Authority
<b>5:17</b>	<b>VI</b>	19:1— 22:8	Homicide
<b>5:18</b>	<b>VII</b>	22:9—23:18	Adultery
<b>5:19</b>	<b>VIII</b>	23:19—24:7	Theft
<b>5:20</b>	<b>IX</b>	24:8— 25:4	False Charges
<b>5:21</b>	<b>X</b>	25:5-16	Coveting

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. GOD SPOKE TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL (Exod 20:1; Ps 147:19-20)
2. RIGHT VIEW OF GOD (Exod 20:1-7)
3. RIGHT VIEW OF MAN (Exod 20:12-17)
4. CALL TO LOVE GOD AND TO LOVE NEIGHBOR
5. THE HEART OF MOSAIC COVENANT
6. STANDARDS OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
7. TO BE OBEYED BY ISRAEL (DEUT 5:32-33)

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. THE ONLY ONE GOD (Exod 20:2-3)
2. THE ONLY TRUE GOD (Exod 20:4-5)
3. THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES (Exod 20:7)

## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. (Exod 20:8-11)

## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (Gen 2:1-3)

## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

1. Subject - God
2. Verbs
  - a. Completed
  - b. Rested
  - c. Blessed
  - d. Sanctified
3. Time – by Seventh Day/on Seventh Day

## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

1. God is the subject (Man does not appear in this text/ No mention of Adam)
  - In fact, for mankind this was their second day
2. Completed – Finished (past tense)
  - Act of creation is over
  - 6 days of creation – 24 hour / literal 6 days
  - Finished His handywork
    - Stop, come to an end, complete, accomplished
    - No work was done on the 7<sup>th</sup> day
    - **Nothing left to do**
    - The cessation of creative activity
  - Gen 8:22 – seed time and harvest, times and seasons will never cease
- Focal point of creation – the earth/land

## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

1. **God blessed** the sabbath day and made it holy
  - **Blessed** - expressed His divine favor
  - God blessed animal world
  - God blessed mankind
  - Literal 24 hour day, not unending period of time
    - Gen 3 God cursed the serpent and the ground 3:14, 17
2. **God Made it holy** – Elevated; removed from common use
  - **The first time in History**
  - Sanctified, exalted, unique day
  - Set aside
  - Cut off – from the rest 6 days
  - Nothing was sinful....

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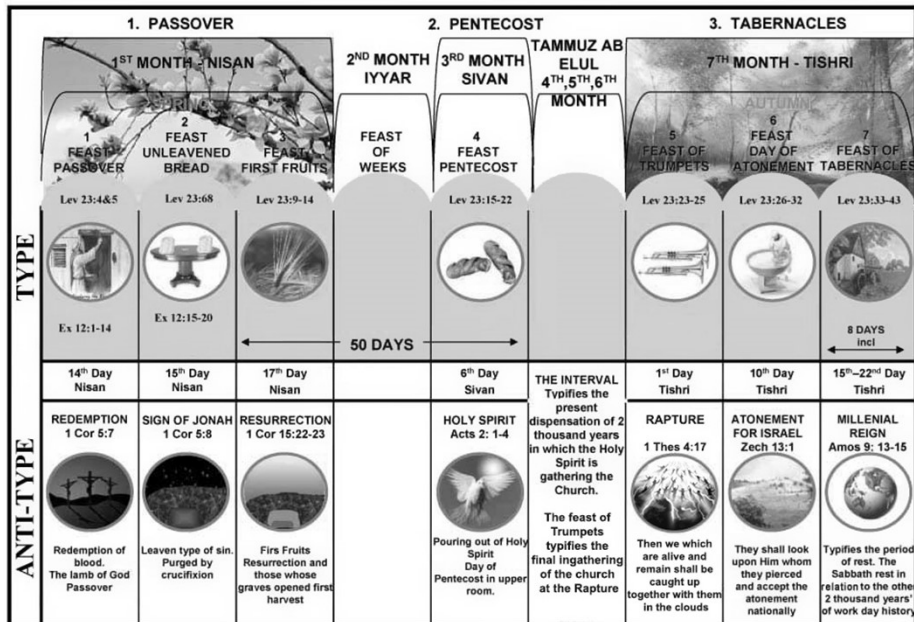
## THE ONLY ONE CREATOR

1. Command to Remember, not to copy
2. Role within the Covenant
3. The Dignity of Work
4. Paradise Lost
5. The LORD of Time

## KEY FACTS ABOUT SABBATH

1. Purpose of Sabbath – The SIGN of the Covenant (Exod 31:12-18)
2. Multiple Sabbaths – “My Sabbaths” Exod 31:12
  1. The Weekly Sabbath (Exod 20:8-11)
  2. The Feasts of Israel (Levit 23)
  3. Sabbath Year (Levit 25)
  4. The Year of Jubilee (Levit 25; 2 Chron 36:20-23)
3. Punishment for Breaking the Sabbath – Death (Exod 31:14, Num15:32)

### THE FEASTS OF THE LORD (The seven month cycles)



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## SIGNIFICANCE OF SABBATH

1. The only One Creator
2. God's dominion over Israel
  - a. In His sovereignty Yahweh establishes the nation, grants them their land, and claims their time.
3. God as the Redeemer
  - a. The sabbaths are also a means of reminding Israel of their deliverance from bondage. (Deut 5:12-15)
4. God is the God of Time and Space
  - a. Israel's liturgical calendar is Yahweh-oriented. He is the God of time as well as the God of space.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF SABBATH

1. God is the provider (Exod 16:23; Levit 26)
  - a. The sabbaths honor the Lord of time by teaching the Israelites to trust the Lord of all things for their provisions.
  - b. By trusting the Lord to provide for the seventh day, the seventh year, and the forty-ninth and fiftieth years, Israel gives tangible witness to His power and wisdom.
2. God who gives rest