

The Ten Commandments Before Sinai

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Many Christians today are saying that the Ten Commandments did not exist before the birth of Moses and are therefore not eternal. They assert that the commandments were only meant for the Jews and ended at Calvary. They further claim that the Sabbath commandment is not eternally binding and ceased 2,000 years ago. Does the Bible teach that the Ten Commandments were in existence before Moses? Were all people from Adam to Moses to be judged by the Decalogue?

THE PEOPLE DOUBTED MOSES

Exodus 16:20 "They harkened not unto Moses"

Exodus 17:3 "They murmured against Moses". MOSES TEACHING TEN COMMANDMENTS

BEFORE SINAI

Exodus 18:15-16 "The statutes of God, and His laws".

Exodus 18:19-20

GOD SPOKE TEN COMMANDMENTS TO CONFIRM WHAT MOSES HAD BEEN TEACHING

Exodus 19:9

Exodus 20:19 People convinced

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE KNOWN BEFORE SINAI -

Genesis 13:13 "Sinners before the Lord exceedingly". Therefore there was law.

1 John 3:4.

2 Peter 2:6-8 "Unlawful deeds" "Unlawful" means contrary to the law.

Therefore there was a law.

Genesis 13:10 Sodom was beautiful but bad. Like the devil.

Jude 1:7 "Filthy conversation".

1. Genesis References

The book of Genesis contains numerous references and allusions to the Ten Commandments. In Exodus 5:5

Moses told the children of Israel to rest. The word rest is the Hebrew word shabbath which according to Strong's Hebrew Dictionary means to keep the Sabbath. The fact that they were known before Sinai shows that the patriarchs knew and kept them.

1. Genesis 14:19, 20; 17:1, 9; 35:2-4
2. Genesis 31:19, 30-36; 35:2, 4
3. Jude 1:14, 15; 2 Peter 2:6-8
4. Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 5:5
5. Genesis 9:22; 22:7, 8
6. Genesis 27:42; 37:21; 4:8-12; 4:23, 24; 6:11; John 8:44
7. Genesis 16:4, 5; 19:32-38; 20:1-8; 26:10,11; 34:2-7; 39:9; 2:21-25; Jude 1:7
8. Genesis 21:25
9. Genesis 20:1-8 12:18, 19; 27:24; 34:13; 37:30-33; 3:4,5; 21:23; John 8:44
10. Genesis 30:1; John 8:44

2. The Fall of Lucifer and Adam

According to Ezekiel 28:15 Lucifer was perfect when God created him. The Bible defines sinless perfection as perfect conformity to the Ten Commandments (1 Kings 8:61, 1 Kings 11:4,5, Psalm 19:7, James 1:25). Lucifer choose to sin while in heaven (1 John 3:8-10, Isaiah 14:12-15) and rebel against the law of God's government. Sin itself is the breaking of the Ten Commandments (1 John 3:4). Baal worship was Satan's religion which typifies hatred and disobedience to the law of God while the Hebrew worship was the exact opposite. From his fall until his destruction in the lake of fire Lucifer never changes from being a liar and a deceiver (John 8:44, Rev 20:13). His religion has always attacked the law of God (Genesis 3:1-10, 2 Kings 17:16, Jeremiah 2:8, 7:9).

1. Isaiah 14:12-15 Psalm 106:37	Matthew 4:8-10 Judges 2:13	Leviticus 17:7 1 Kings 16:31	Deuteronomy 32:17 Jeremiah 7:9
2. Isaiah 14:12-15 Psalm 106:37	Leviticus 17:7 1 Kings 3:2	Deuteronomy 32:17 Jeremiah 7:9	2 Chronicles 11:15
3. Isaiah 14:12-15	John 10:33	Leviticus 17:7	Deuteronomy 32:17
4. Leviticus 17:7	Deuteronomy 32:17		
5. Isaiah 14:12-15			
6. Psalm 106:37 Revelation 2:10, 12:7-10	Jeremiah 7:9	John 8:44	John 13:2
7. Leviticus 17:7	Jeremiah 7:9		
8. Jeremiah 7:9	Luke 8:12	Revelation 12:7-10	
9. John 8:44	Revelation 12:7-10	Revelation 20:10	Jeremiah 7:9
10. John 8:44	Isaiah 14:12-15	John 13:2	

Were the Ten Commandments in heaven right from the beginning? The heavenly sanctuary contains the original Ark of The Covenant which house the Ten Commandments. This temple is God's throne (Psalm 11:4, Isaiah 6:1, Revelation 4:10,11) which has certainly existed since the days of Adam even from eternity (Psalm 45:6, 93:2).

<u>Text</u>	<u>Attribute</u>
Psalm 9:7	Throne of Judgment
Psalm 47:8, Proverbs 20:8	A Throne of Holiness
Psalm 89:14, Proverbs 20:28	A Throne of Justice, Judgment, Mercy and Truth
Psalm 97:2, Proverbs 16:12	A Throne of Righteousness, Judgment
Psalm 103:19,20	A Throne of His Commandments
Proverbs 29:14	A Throne of Faithfulness

These attributes of God's throne are also attributes of God's eternal holy law:

<u>Text</u>	<u>Attribute</u>
James 2:8-12	Judgment
Exodus 20:8, Romans 7:12	Holiness
Romans 7:12	Justice
Psalm 119:58	Mercy
Nehemiah 9:13	Truth
Psalm 119:172	Righteousness
Deuteronomy 10:1-5	Commandments
Psalms 119:86, Rom 3:31	Faithfulness

The New Testament books of Hebrews and Revelation picture Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary where the Ark of the Covenant

and the Ten Commandments are now present. Revelation 15:5 mentions the phrase 'tabernacle of the testimony' which according to the Old Testament was the place where the Decalogue was housed (Exodus 26:33,34; 30:6; Deuteronomy 10:1-5, 31:9) The word testimony used in verse 5 is referring to the eternal law of God (Exodus 25:16, 21, 22, 31:18, 32:15, 34:29, Psalm 19:7, Psalm 78:5, Psalm 81:3,4, Isaiah 8:16,20). The ark still contained the Testament Law when John was in vision in 96 AD. This phrase is found in the OT referring to the Tables of Law in the Mosaic sanctuary (Exodus 26:30-35; 27:21; 30:26,36; 31:7; 38:21; 39:35-3 ; 40:3-5,19-21; Leviticus 24:3).

In Hebrews 8:8-12 the apostle Paul states that God will write the law in our minds. Paul in the book of Romans uses the same language to describe the Decalogue as a guide for right thinking (Romans 7:23,25; 8:7). This text in Hebrews is borrowed from the book of Jeremiah (31:31-34) where the Old Testament prophet is clearly outlining obedience to the Decalogue. The phrase in Hebrews and Jeremiah is very similar to many others in the OT referring to having the Ten Commandments written in the mind (Deuteronomy 30:10; Joshua 22:5; 2 Kings 10:31, 23:25; 2 Chronicles 21:31; Ezra 7:10; Job 22:22; Psalm 37:31).

The book of Hebrews closely parallels that of Revelation in the layout and functioning of the heavenly sanctuary. Both base their ideas on those originally laid out in the OT books of Exodus and Leviticus. In Hebrews chapter 8 we are clearly told that Christ is the High Priest in the heavenly Temple and then in chapter 9 we are shown how the layout of the earthly temple is a guide to that of the one above.

<u>Hebrews</u>	<u>Feature</u>	<u>OT Equivalent</u>
8:5 7:15	The Heavenly pattern	Exodus 25:9,40
9:21, 12,13; 4:5	Lamp Stands	Exodus 25:37
9:2 6:9 8:3	Altar Table	Exodus 27:1-8
9:4 8:3-5	Golden Censor	Leviticus 10:1
9:4 11:19 15:5	Ten Commandments	Deuteronomy 10:1-8
Revelation 4:4,10	24 Elders	1 Chronicles 24:1-19
Revelation 4:6-10	4 Senior Elders	1 Chronicles 24:1

3. The Prophet Enoch

The prophet Enoch was a man who walked with God (Genesis 5:22-24) and was taken to heaven without dying (Hebrews 11:5). What does it mean to walk with God? In Psalm 119 we are told that the right way to walk in is the keeping of God's commandments (Psalm 119:1, 9, 29-32). The Bible also uses the word path to describe the keeping of the commandments:

Psalm 23:3	The path of righteousness
Psalm 25:8-10	Those who keep His covenant and testimonies
Psalm 119:35,105	The path of your commandments
Proverbs 2:1,8,9	Hide my commandments with you
Isaiah 2:3	The law of Zion
Isaiah 58:12,13	The Sabbath way
Micah 4:2	The path of the law

Isaiah 30:9-11 states that the wicked hate the path of God's law and turn aside from obeying it. When Enoch walked with God he was walking in the way of the Ten Commandments. Enoch was the first prophet mentioned in the Bible (Jude 1:14,15, Luke 1:70). Before sending the flood God would send a message of warning to the world as He does nothing without revealing his secrets unto the prophets (Amos 3:7). The Bible clearly shows that God only reveals His will to prophets who obey the Ten Commandments.

Proverbs 29:18	Only visions to the obedient
Jeremiah 26:4-6	The law and prophecy go hand in hand
Lamentations 2:9	By forsaking the law prophets lose the vision
Ezekiel 7:26	The law and the prophets go together
Ezekiel 20:3,7,8,12,13	God withholds the visions from the lawless ones

4. Noah and the Flood

In Jude 14 and 15 we are told that the prophet Enoch prophesied concerning Christ's second coming to judge the ungodly. The word ungodly means those who reject God's commandments as the text below clearly says. The flood was sent to destroy mankind because they had become so evil in their behavior. The Bible presents their evil deeds as violence, immoral, blasphemers.

2 Chronicles 19:2	Hate God
Psalms 1:1	Hate God's law
Psalms 43:1	Deceitful and unjust
Psalms 73:3-12	Violence, Covetous, Blasphemy, Liars
1 Timothy 1:9	Lawless, Murderers, Disobedient to parents, Whore mongers, Homosexuals,
2 Peter 2:5,6	Sodomy

5. Sodom and Gomorrah

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah presents to us God's judgments against those who would break His holy law and sin so wickedly. The Sodomites practiced vile and unnatural sexual perversions condemned in the Decalogue. In 1 Kings 14:24 we are told that the sin of the sodomites was the same as those sins practiced by the Philistine nations.

Genesis 13:13, 18:20-26, 19:1-28

Jude 1:7,8

Deuteronomy 29:21-28

Isaiah 1:9,10, 23:12,14

Luke 17:29

2 Peter 2:6-8

Revelation 11:8

1 Kings 14:24

Leviticus 18:1-30

Incest, Adultery, worship devils, Homosexuality, Bestiality.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

Divination, Astrology, Witchcraft, Psychics

Deuteronomy 20:18, 32:16

Worshipping the Devil and pagan gods

Deuteronomy 29:17

Worshipping the idols of paganism

2 Kings 16:3

Worshipping the idols of paganism

In 2 Peter 2:8 we are told that the men of Sodom were destroyed by God for being lawless in their deeds. What is lawlessness? In 1 Timothy 1:9 we are told that Lawlessness is - Murderers, Disobedient to parents, Whoremongers, Homosexuals, Liars etc.

6. Sin Existed From Adam to Moses

In Romans 5:12-14 it is stated that sin existed from Adam to Moses. What is sin? In 1 John 3:4 as well as many other places we are told that sin is breaking God's holy law. Therefore because these people were sinners they were law breakers. The apostle Paul tells us that the law defining sin is the Ten Commandments (Romans 7:7). In Romans 5:12 we are told that Adam introduced sin into the world and then in verse 13 we are told that sin only exists where there is God's law. It is obvious that Adam sinned by breaking God's holy law and believing the lies of the Devil.

How did people of that era determine what was right and wrong if there was no law? The fact is that people of that time knew of sin and its definition which is impossible if there was no standard to define it by. What did Noah and Enoch preach to the people of their day if they did not know right from wrong. If someone had gone up to them and asked is it wrong to lie, steal, murder etc would Noah have said "Well I don't really know because God hasn't set any rules yet."? This doctrine teaches that for 2,500 years nobody on earth knew right from wrong yet the Bible states that Abraham and Job knew God's law (Genesis 26:5, Job 22:22).

Perfect	Noah - Genesis 6:1, Abraham - Genesis 17:1
Definition	1 Kings 8:61, 1 Kings 11:4,5, Psalm 19:7, James 1:25
Corrupt	Genesis 6:11,12
Definition	Exodus 32:7,8, Deuteronomy 4:16,25, Judges 2:19, Ezekiel 16:47
Sin	Genesis 4:7, 18:20, 20:9, 31:36, 39:9, 42:22, 50:17.
Definition	Romans 3:20, 5:13, 7:7, James 2:9-12, 1 John 3:4
Evil	Genesis 2:9,17, 3:5,22, 6:5, 8:21, 44:4,5, 48:16, 50:15-20
Definition	Psalm 119:101, Proverbs 6:23,24
Wickedness	Genesis 6:5, 13:13, 18:23,25, 19:7, 38:7, 39:9
Definition	Psalm 119:53, 61, 95, 110, 119, 155
Iniquity	Genesis 15:16, 19:15, 44:16
Definition	Psalm 119:133-136

The Bible states that different people in the book of Genesis were righteous (Noah - Genesis 7:1, 2 Peter 2:5, Abel - Hebrews 11:4 and Lot 2 Peter 2:7, 8). The Bible defines Righteousness as obedience to God's law - Psalm 1:5, 6, 19:9, 119:105-106, 137-

7. All Mankind To Be Judged by the Ten Commandments

One day everybody will stand before the great judgment seat of God (Romans 14:10, Revelation 20:11-15). All mankind is to be judged by the Ten Commandments. Therefore all people from Adam to Moses will be judged by the same great standard. There will be only one standard for everybody in that day. People from all ages will have one code to be judged by and not different codes for different ages.

<u>Bible Verse</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1 John 3:4	Transgression of the law
James 2:8-11	The only standard to be judged by
Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14	The only standard of right and wrong
Romans 2:13	Doers of the law justified
Romans 3:20	Definition of sin
Romans 3:31	Establish the law
Romans 4:15	The Law is the only definition of transgression
Romans 5:13	Only definition of sin
Romans 7:7	Sin defined by the law
Romans 7:12	Law is Holy, Just and Good Romans
7:25	The Law of God
Romans 8:1-4	Right doing is defined by the Law
Romans 8:7	Opposite of Sin
Romans 13:8-10	Opposite of hate and disobedience

8. The Sabbath Made at Creation Week

If the Sabbath was only for the Jews God would not have made it at creation week but rather after the birth of Moses like the Aaronic priesthood. The Bible says that the Sabbath was made for man (Mark 2:27) and that woman was created for man (1 Corinthians 11:9). Were woman only created for Jews? God created the Sabbath 2,000 years before Abraham was born (Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, 31:15-18). The Sabbath was created before sin existed as part of Paradise and is therefore eternal as paradise. Isaiah 66:22-24 portrays the Sabbath being kept in the new paradise on earth that will last an eternity. The Garden of Eden was God's plan to make heaven on earth (Genesis 1,2 Revelation 21, 22). What God made in the garden was to be as eternal as heaven itself. The word Eden is Hebrew and means pleasure.

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Garden Of Eden</u>	<u>Heaven</u>
Man's Dominion	Genesis 1:28	Revelation 21:7
Man's Diet	Genesis 1:29	Isaiah 65:21-23, Revelation 22:2
Man's Occupation	Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 65:21-23
The Sabbath	Genesis 2:1-3	Isaiah 66:22-24
Paradise Garden	Genesis 2:8,9	Isaiah 35:1, Revelation 21:1
The River of Life	Genesis 1:10-14	Revelation 22:1,2
Gold & Precious Stones	Genesis 2:11,12	Revelation 21:17-20
Marriage	Genesis 2:18-25	Revelation 21:9
The Tree of Life	Genesis 3:22-24	Revelation 22:2
Sinless Perfection	Genesis 1:31	Revelation 21:3

9. The Tower of Babel and the Sabbath

At the Tower of Babel God created the language groups we have today (Genesis 11:5-9). From Babel the people spread out and covered the face of the earth. Many of these groups still retain stories of the creation week and Noah's flood. There are 105 ethnic groups that have had the same seven day week (Sunday to Saturday) as western Europeans have. Many of these groups had the seven day week without any contact with Europeans or Jews. This shows that they had it since Babel times. At least 85 of these groups call Saturday 'Sabbath' showing that a knowledge of the creation week was passed down since earliest times.

10. The Ten Commandments In Eden

In the Bible we are told that God will eradicate sin (Nahum 1:9) and make a new heavens and a new earth just like the garden of

Eden (Isaiah 65:17,66:22,2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1-5). The Old and New Testaments clearly portray this paradise as a place free of sin and lawlessness (Revelation 21:8).

1. Revelation 22:3 Isaiah 66:22-24
2. Revelation 21:22; 21:8
3. Matthew 12:31-32
4. Isaiah 66:22-24 Matthew 19:17 Revelation 22:14
5. Exodus 20:12 Matthew 5:5
6. Revelation 21:8
7. Revelation 21:8
8. Matthew 6:19-20
9. Revelation 22:15
10. Isaiah 65:21-25

11. The Weekly Cycle and Calendars

The weekly cycle was well established before Sinai. The flood account mentions the weekly cycle five times. The book of Genesis makes clear references to calendars and chronological records right from the beginning showing that man knew how these worked from Edenic times. Calendars And Chronologies 1:14-19, 2:1-3, 4:3, 5:1-32, 7:11,17, 8:4,5,13 Weekly Cycle Genesis 7:4,10, 8:10-14, 29:27,28, 50:10 Exodus 7:25, 12:15, 19, 13:6,7 Job 2:13

12. Ancient Revelation And Worship Styles

The book of Genesis reveals an elaborate system of worship and rituals set up by people living before Moses time to worship God. There were priests, offerings, tithing, circumcision, marriage, burial rites, visions etc. This shows that much information was revealed to people in visions not recorded in Genesis. Melchisedek was a priest of the Most High God and received tithes from Abraham. How did Abraham and Melchisedek know about tithing? It was revealed in visions not mentioned in the Bible. The Bible does not say God revealed this information even though He did. God walked with Adam and Eve in the garden and talked with them (Genesis 2:16-25, 3:8, Revelation 21:3) on a daily basis. God would have told them that He created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. If Adam had worked on the seventh day it would have been a sin. Priests Genesis 14:18-20, Exodus 2:16, 3:1, Hebrews 6:20 Altars Genesis 8:20, 12:7,8, 13:4,18, 26:25, 33:20, 35:1,3, 35:7 Visions Genesis 4:6, 6:13, 7:9, 8:15, 9:1, 9:8,12,17, 17:1-9, 20:3,6, 21:12, Jude 1:14,15 Laws Genesis 26:5, Job 22:22

13. God Himself Kept The Bible Sabbath

God made a sufficient proof of His regard for the true Sabbath by resting the very first seventh day that ever came to this earth:

God rested on the seventh day. Genesis 2:2. God rested on the seventh day. Exodus 31:17. God rested the seventh day. Exodus 20:11. God did rest the seventh day. Hebrews 4:4.

Whereas:

- The seventh day Is the Sabbath- Exodus 20:10.
- The seventh day is the Sabbath. Leviticus 23:1
- The seventh day is the Sabbath. Deuteronomy 5:14.
- The seventh (day) Is the Sabbath. Exodus 31:15
- The seventh day, which Is the Sabbath. Exodus 16:26.

Therefore:

It Is as plain as day the Bible teaches that. God himself kept the seventh day Sabbath. My first reason for keeping the Bible Sabbath is sufficient in itself to settle the whole question now and forevermore. God Himself kept the seventh day Sabbath. That is conclusive evidence to substantiate and vindicate my keeping, your keeping, or any one else's keeping of the seventh day Sabbath; for who could be wrong or even be accused of doing wrong when he follows the example of God Himself in keeping the very Sabbath day which God kept.

14. God Instituted It At Creation

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and an the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God BLESSED the seventh day and

SANCTIFIED it: because that In It He had rested from all His work which God created and made.” Genesis 2:1-3.

“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord BLESSED the Sabbath day and HALLOWED It.” Exodus 20:11.

God BLESSED the seventh day. Genesis 23:3.

The Lord BLESSED the Sabbath day. Exodus 20:11.

God SANCTIFIED the seventh day. Genesis 2:1-3.

The Lord HALLOWED the Sabbath day. Exodus 20:11.

Please notice that God BLESSED and SANCTIFIED the seventh day Sabbath at the end of creation. The blessing and sanctification show it was Instituted at that time for man to keep. “God BLESSED the seventh day.” Genesis 2:1-3. God has said: “I change not” (Malachi 3:6), and in Him there “is no variation, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17. Consequently when God blesses anything, the blessing cannot be “REVERSED” (Numbers 23:20), because when God BLESSES anything, it “shall be BLESSED FOREVER.” 1 Chronicles 17:27.

“God SANCTIFIED the seventh day.” Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11. According to Webster’s dictionary “sanctify” means “to set apart to holy use.” The Bible states: “God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. BECAUSE that in it He HAD rested” (showing the day had already past before He blessed and sanctified it). Therefore He blessed and sanctified the seventh days then future, answering to the seventh day which had just past on which He HAD rested.

The above evidence clearly demonstrates the fact that God Himself has attached the utmost importance to the seventh day Sabbath by His personal blessing and sanctification, thereby definitely fixing the seventh day for all time as the only and true Sabbath. God is the giver of rest, for He says to all, “Come unto me and I will give you rest!” Matthew 11:28; Exodus 33:14. God knows which is the right day on which to rest, and He has given man the seventh day Sabbath as a day of rest:

“The seventh day thou shall rest.” Exodus 23:12.

“The seventh day thou shall rest!” Exodus 34:21.

“The seventh day is the Sabbath of rest!” Exodus 31:15

“The seventh day is the Sabbath of rest.” Leviticus 23:3

God appointed the seventh day as a Sabbath to be the day of rest from secular work because that in it He Himself had rested from all His work. God’s rest was not made necessary by fatigue (Isaiah 40:28), but He rested on that day as an example to all men, thus making His rest on the seventh day a reason why men should rest on the seventh day—that man should do as God had done. Notice the, following texts which prove that God rested on the seventh day:

God rested on the seventh day. Genesis 2:2. God rested on the seventh day. Exodus 31:17. God rested the seventh day. Exodus 20:11.

God did rest the seventh day. Hebrews 4:4. No wonder in the New Testament after the cross the followers of Christ “RESTED the Sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:56. No wonder the book of Hebrews in the New Testament positively states “There remains therefore a REST (keeping of a Sabbath) to the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter into that REST, lest any man fall after the same example of disobedience.” Hebrews 4:9, 11, margin.

So we can see that the seventh day Sabbath is not manmade but God-made. It is not only the oldest institution but also the first institution which God gave to man, it being older and as significant as the marriage institution. Since the setting apart of the seventh day as the Sabbath day was coincident with the ORIGIN of man, the observance of that seventh day as the Sabbath is to be coexistent and coextensive with the DURATION of man.

15. The Sabbath Was Made For Mankind

Jesus said: “The Sabbath was made for MAN.” Mark 2:27. Man in this text means human being, mankind.” (Cf. Webster) Matthew 4:4; John 1:9. The Bible does NOT say: “The Sabbath was made for the JEWS. But it does say: “The Sabbath was made for MAN!” Mark 2:27. It also says: The woman was made for the MAN. 1 Corinthians 11:9. How could the Sabbath be made for the Jew only when it was instituted at Creation (Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11) 2,500 years before a Jew existed? A Jew is “a descendant of Judah,” according to Young’s Concordance.

Notice the Sabbath commandment itself. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God [not Jew]. In it thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor THY STRANGER that is within thy gates.” Exodus 20:8-10. Please tell us to whom THY STRANGER refers if it does not refer to some one who is not a Jew. God has taken the most scrupulous precautions against such an idea by writing into

the fourth commandment the term THY STRANGER, who is not a Jew. Cf. Exodus 12:49; Numbers 15:16, 29; Isaiah 56:6-8.

Those who contend that the Sabbath was made ONLY for the Jew will, by the force of their own consistency, have to admit the woman was also made ONLY for the Jew and the Jew is the only man who can have a wife, because the woman was made for the same MAN for whom the Sabbath was made. The Sabbath was given about the same time marriage was given, and it applies to all men the same as marriage applies. So we can see plainly that the Sabbath is no more exclusively for the Jew than is the marriage institution. The Sabbath is not man-made but God-made, and it was made for all men in all the world for all time.

“It was set apart before the fall, it was made for man, it was made for all.” - R. F. Cottrel.

Commandment 1

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1-3.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of all. **Genesis 14:19, 20**

1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be you perfect. **9** And God said unto Abraham, Thou shall keep my covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations. **Genesis 17:1, 9**

1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. **2** Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: **3** And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. **4** And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. **Genesis 35:2-4**

And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus said the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. **Joshua 24:2**

21 And you shall not let any of your seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. **22** Thou shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. **23** Neither shall you lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. **24** Defile not you yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: **25** And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants. **26** You shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourns among you: **27** (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled.) **Leviticus 18:21-27**

Commandment 2

You shall not make unto you any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:4-6.

19 And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's. **30** And now, though you would needs be gone, because you sore longed after your father's house, yet wherefore has you stolen my gods? **31** And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure you would take by force your daughters from me. **32** With whomsoever you find your gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern you what is your with me, and take it to you. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. **33** And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maidservants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. **34** Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found them not. **35** And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before you; for the custom of women is upon me.

And he searched, but found not the images. **36** And Jacob was wroth, and chided with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that you has so hotly pursued after me? **Genesis 31:19, 30-36**

1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. **2** Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: **3** And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. **4** And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem. **Genesis 35:1-4**

Commandment 3

You shall not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain. Exodus 20:7.

21 And you shall not let any of your seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. **22** Thou shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. **23** Neither shall you lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. **24** Defile not you yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: **25** And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants. **26** You shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourns among you: **27** (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled.) **Leviticus 18:21-27**

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, **15** To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. **16** These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaks great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. **Jude 1:14-16**

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: **8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.) **2 Peter 2:6-8**

Commandment 4

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God. In it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger that is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. **Exodus 20:8-11**

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. **2** And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **3** And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **Genesis 2:1-3**

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; **11** And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. **12** And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him anymore. **Genesis 8:10-12**

27 Fulfill her week, and we will give you this also for the service which you shall serve with me yet seven other years. **28** And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. **Genesis 29:27-28**

And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest [Sabbath] from their burdens. **Exodus 5:5**

26 Six days you shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the Sabbath, in it there shall be none. **27** And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. **28** And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse you to keep my commandments and my laws? **29** See, for that the LORD has given you the Sabbath, therefore he

gives you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide you every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. **30** So the people rested on the seventh day. **Exodus 16:26-30**

Commandment 5

Honor your father and thy mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you.
Exodus 20:12.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. **23** And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. **24** And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. **25** And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. **26** And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. **27** God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. **Genesis 9:22-27**

7 And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? **8** And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. **Genesis 22:7-8**

And he said, Art you my very son Esau? And he said, I am. **Genesis 27:24**

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? **31** And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; **32** And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be your son's coat or not. **Genesis 37:30-33**

25 And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food. **26** And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. **27** And your servant my father said unto us, You know that my wife bare me two sons: **28** And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: **29** And if you take this also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. **30** Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; **31** It shall come to pass, when he sees that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and your servants shall bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. **32** For your servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto you, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. **33** Now therefore, I pray you, let your servant abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. **34** For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? Lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father. **Genesis 44:25-34**

Commandment 6

You shall not kill. Exodus 20:13.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. **9** And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? **10** And he said, What has you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries unto me from the ground. **11** And now art you cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **Genesis 4:8-12**

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. **24** If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. **25** And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. **Genesis 4:23-25**

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **Genesis 6:11**

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. **6** Whoso sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. **Genesis 9:5-6**

And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, your brother Esau, as touching you, does comfort himself, purposing to kill you. **Genesis 27:42**

And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. **Genesis 37:21**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **John 8:44**

Commandment 7

You shall not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. **Genesis 1:27-28**

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. **23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. **25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. **Genesis 2:21-25**

But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. **Genesis 13:13**

4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. **5** And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon you: I have given my maid into your bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and you. **Genesis 16:4-5**

5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to you this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them. **6** And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, **7** And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. **8** Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do you to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. **9** And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with you, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. **Genesis 19:5-9**

32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. **33** And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. **34** And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yester night with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go you in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. **35** And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. **36** Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. **37** And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. **38** And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day. **Genesis 19:32-38**

1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. **2** And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. **3** But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you art but a dead man, for the woman which you has taken; for she is a man's wife. **4** But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt you slay also a righteous nation? **5** Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands have I done this. **6** And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that you didst this in the integrity of your heart; for I also withheld you from sinning against me: therefore suffered I you not to touch her. **7** Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live: and if you restore her not, know you that you shall surely die, you, and all that are your. **8** Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. **Genesis 20:1-8**

6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: **7** And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon. **Genesis 26:10-11**

2 And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. **3** And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spoke kindly unto the damsel. **4** And Shechem spoke unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. **5** And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. **6** And Hamor the father of Shechem went

out unto Jacob to commune with him. **7** And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done. **Genesis 34:2-7**

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. **6** And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favored. **7** And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. **8** But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master knows not what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand; **9** There is none greater in this house than I; neither has he kept back anything from me but you, because you art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? **Genesis 39:5-9**

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: **8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.) **2 Peter 2:6-8**

7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. **Jude 1:7**

Commandment 8

You shall not steal. Exodus 20:15.

That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is your, lest you should say, I have made Abram rich: **Genesis 14:23**

25 And Abraham reprov'd Abimelech because of a well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. **Genesis 21:25**

So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before your face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. **Genesis 30:33**

And Laban went to shear his sheep: and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's. **Genesis 31:19**

And Laban said to Jacob, What has you done, that you has stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword? **Genesis 31:26**

30 And now, though you would needs be gone, because you sore longed after your father's house, yet wherefore has you stolen my gods? **31:31** And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure you would take by force your daughters from me. **32** With whomsoever you find your gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern you what is your with me, and take it to you. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. **Genesis 31:30-32**

That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto you; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst you require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. **Genesis 31:39**

For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon. **Genesis 40:15**

Commandment 9

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Exodus 20:16.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: **5** For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Genesis 3:4-5**

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that you has done unto me? Why didst you not tell me that she was your wife?
19 Why said you, She is my sister? So I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold your wife, take her, and go your way. **Genesis 12:18-19**

1 And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.
2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. **3** But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you art but a dead man, for the woman which you has taken; for she is a man's wife. **4** But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt you slay also a righteous nation? **5** Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands have I done this. **6** And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that you didst this in the integrity of your heart; for I also withheld you from sinning against me: therefore suffered I you not to touch her. **7** Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live: and if you restore her not, know you that you shall surely die, you, and all that are your. **8** Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. **Genesis 20:1-8**

Now therefore swear unto me here by God that you wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto you, you shall do unto me, and to the land wherein you has sojourned. **Genesis 21:23**

And he said, Art you my very son Esau? And he said, I am. **Genesis 27:24**

13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister: **Genesis 34:13**

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? **31** And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood; **32** And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be your son's coat or not. **Genesis 37:30-33**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **John 8:44**

And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this you has done unto me? did not I serve with you for Rachel? wherefore then has you beguiled me? **Genesis 29:25**

Commandment 10

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is your neighbor's. Exodus 20:17

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. **Genesis 30:1**

You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **John 8:44**

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