

{02} Exodus

King James Version

(21) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish.
 (22) And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.
 (23) And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.
 (24) And the LORD said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon them.
 (25) So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them.

Chapter 20

(1) And God spake all these words, saying,
 (2) I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 (3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 (4) Thou shalt not make unto thee 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:

King James Paraphrase

(21) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through to the LORD {Jehovah} to gaze, and many of them perish.
 (22) And let the priests also, who come near to the LORD {Jehovah}, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD {Jehovah} break forth upon them.
 (23) And Moses said to the LORD {Jehovah}, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: because You charged us, saying, Set bounds all around the mount, and sanctify it.
 (24) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to him, Away, get yourself down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you: but do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD {Jehovah}, lest He break forth upon them.
 (25) So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them.

Chapter 20

(1) And God spoke all these words, saying,
 (2) I *am* the LORD {Jehovah} your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 (3) You shall have no other gods before Me^a.
 (4) You shall not make for yourself any carved or molded image, or any likeness *of anything* that is in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

20:3a - The Ten Commandments - Deut. 5:7f

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(5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself 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;

(6) And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

(7) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

(8) Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

(9) Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

(10) But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt 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:

(11) 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.

(12) Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(13) Thou shalt not kill.

(14) Thou shalt not commit adultery.

(15) Thou shalt not steal.

(5) You shall not bow down yourself to them, nor serve them: because I the LORD {Jehovah} your God *am* a jealous God, visiting the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generation* of those who hate Me;

(6) And showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me, and keep My commandments.

(7) You shall not take the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} your God in vain; because the LORD {Jehovah} will not hold him guiltless who takes His Name in vain.

(8) Remember the sabbath day {Saturday}, to keep it holy.

(9) Six days you shall labor, and do all your work:

(10) But the seventh day {Saturday} *is* the sabbath {Saturday; a day of rest} of the LORD {Jehovah} your 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 your stranger who *is* within your gates:

(11) Because *in* six days the LORD {Jehovah} made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day {Saturday}: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} blessed the sabbath day {Saturday}, and hallowed it.

(12) Honor your father and your mother^b: that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD {Jehovah} your God gives you.

(13) You shall not kill {murder}^c.

(14) You shalt not commit adultery^d.

(15) You shalt not steal.

20:12b – honor father and mother – Deut. 5:16; Mat. 15:4-6
20:13c – not kill {murder} – Deut. 5:17; Mat. 5:21-22
20:14d – not commit adultery – Deut. 5:18; Mat. 5:27-28

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(16) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

(17) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

(18) And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they removed, and stood afar off.

(19) And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

(20) And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

(21) And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.

(22) And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

(23) Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

(24) An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

(16) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

(17) You shall not covet {desire things that belong to others}^e your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

(18) And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, they moved back, and stood afar off.

(19) And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear: but do not let God speak with us, lest we die.

(20) And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid: because God has come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that you do not sin.

(21) And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God *was*.

(22) And the LORD {Jehovah} said to Moses, This is what you shall say to the children of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

(23) You shall not make gods of silver with Me, neither shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.

(24) An altar of earth you shall make to Me, and shall sacrifice your burnt offerings on it, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen: in all places where I record My Name I will come to you, and I will bless you.

20:17e – covet – want things that belong to others

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(25) And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.
(26) Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Chapter 21

(1) Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.
(2) If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.
(3) If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.
(4) If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
(5) And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
(6) Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.
(7) And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do.

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(25) And if you will make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of chiseled stone: because if you lift up your tool upon it, you have polluted it.
(26) Neither shall you go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness not be not exposed upon it.

Chapter 21

(1) Now these *are* the judgments which you shall set before them.
(2) If you buy an Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing.
(3) If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then his wife shall go out with him.
(4) If his master has given him a wife, and she has born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
(5) And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free:
(6) Then his master shall bring him to the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or to the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl^a; and he shall serve him forever.
(7) And if a man sells his daughter to be a maid servant, she shall not go out as the men servants do.

21:6a - pierced ear is an exception to Deut. 14:1 -- the pierced ear was a symbol of a permanent slave [by choice]