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## Exodus 20b The 10 Words (Commandments)

As we move into the second part of our study into the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus, we're going to see some stunning differences between what we know as the 10 Commandments today, and the true word of our Father that was given back here in his Torah in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus. But, before we do that, I'd like to just run through a little recap of what we studied during our study last week concerning the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus.

One of the first things that we learned, was that this new covenant that we are seeing our Father in heaven giving the house of Israel here in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus was indeed a new covenant to the house of Israel at that time. The last covenant (also known by many as the first covenant) was given to Abraham when our Father in heaven promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations and a blessing to all people around the world. In that first covenant promise Yah promised Abraham that he would multiply his offspring as the stars of heaven. Yah also promised Abraham that he would give Abraham the land that Abraham was standing on at that time. Yah also promised Abraham that through his offspring all the nations of the earth would be blessed. And I want us to understand why it was that Yah promised Abraham all of these things. We can find that in **Genesis chapter 26 versus four and five: E1**

*Gen 26:4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,*

*Gen 26:5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."*

According to Scripture, Yah promised Abraham all of these things because Abraham obeyed his voice, and because Abraham kept his charge, and because Abraham kept his commandments, and his statutes, and his laws. And this is extremely important to remember because once again, if you have been sitting in any one of over 50,000 different Christian denominational pews around the world, you have probably been wrongly taught that Abraham simply believed, and that this is all Abraham had to do.

The truth according to Scripture, is that Abraham did obey Yah's voice, and that Abraham did keep Yah's charge, and that Abraham did keep Yah's commandments, and his statutes and his laws, because Abraham truly did believe. You see Abraham's faith was active along with his

works, and Abraham's faith was completed by his works. For more information on that you can turn to James chapter 2 verse 22.

And once again, it is imperative for today's modern-day professing Christian to know and to understand that faith without works is dead. Just as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead (James chapter 2 verse 26). You see a person is justified by works and not by faith alone (James chapter 2 verse 24). Abraham's faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works (James chapter 2 verse 22). And so, don't let any man on earth tell you that all Abraham had to do was to run around like a parrot regurgitating the words "*I believe, I believe, I believe*". According to the Scripture found in the book of James chapter 2, faith apart from works is dead (James chapter 2 verse 17).

And so it was, that Yah made this first covenant with Abraham. The very reason that Yah made this first covenant with Abraham, is because Yah knew that Abraham did indeed love him. **First John chapter 5 verses two and three: E2**

*1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.*

*1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

This first covenant given to Abraham did not require Abraham to do anything on his part. This first covenant was truly a one-way covenant. It was a promise that came straight from the Most High Elohim of Israel. Abraham had already proven his love for God by keeping his laws and his commandments and his precepts.

This second covenant that we are now reading about in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus, is going to require the house of Israel to keep up its end of the covenant. This second covenant is not going to be a one-way covenant like the first one was. This second covenant will require the house of Israel to do exactly what Abraham did before Yah made this first promise to Abraham. In other words, in order for the house of Israel to receive the mercy and the grace of the Elohim of Israel, they were required to do as Abraham had already done. **Deuteronomy chapter 30 verses nine through 11: (scrn 1)**

Deu 30:9 The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers,

Deu 30:10 when you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deu 30:11 "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.



This second covenant is an expansion of the first covenant. And once again, I want us to understand that this second covenant did not by any means erase the first covenant. And this second covenant is not erased by the third covenant that we were given to us by our Messiah.

Each one of these three covenants builds upon the other. Each one of these three covenants has to do with the unfolding plan of the one true Elohim, of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And we've spoken in great detail concerning these things in our past studies, and so I won't rehash them all over again here for time's sake, but if you do not already know these things, please go back and look at our previous studies so that you can know, and understand what it is that I'm trying to convey to you here in this study.

The only way that we are ever going to understand these covenants is to read the book from the beginning to the end, and not from the middle of the book to the end. When you read the book from the beginning, you will find a much different version of Christianity that comes from the pages of Scripture, than today's modern-day version of Christianity. And we're going to talk about that in some detail here this evening concerning the Decalogue (also known as the 10 Commandments).

Before we get started in today's study, I'd like us to go back and reread Genesis chapter 20 so that we can refresh our minds concerning exactly what it does say, and just as importantly, what it does not say because I would submit to you that today's modern-day version of Christianity has indeed been infiltrated by certain people who have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Lord and King Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus the Messiah) and the gospel message that he came to deliver. And we'll get into more detail concerning this after we

reread Exodus chapter 20. E3

**Exo 20:1** And God spoke all these words, saying,

**Exo 20:2** “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**Exo 20:3** “You shall have no other gods before me.

**Exo 20:4** “You shall not make for yourself a carved 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.

**Exo 20:5** You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

**Exo 20:6** but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**Exo 20:7** “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**Exo 20:8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Exo 20:9** Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

**Exo 20:10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

**Exo 20:11** For in six days the LORD made heaven and 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.

**Exo 20:12** “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**Exo 20:13** “You shall not murder.

**Exo 20:14** “You shall not commit adultery.

**Exo 20:15** “You shall not steal.

**Exo 20:16** “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Exo 20:17** “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

**Exo 20:18** Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

**Exo 20:19** and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

**Exo 20:20** Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that

*the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”*

*Exo 20:21 The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.*

*Exo 20:22 And the LORD said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the people of Israel: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have talked with you from heaven.*

*Exo 20:23 You shall not make gods of silver to be with me, nor shall you make for yourselves gods of gold.*

*Exo 20:24 An altar of earth you shall make for me and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.*

*Exo 20:25 If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.*

*Exo 20:26 And you shall not go up by steps to my altar, that your nakedness be not exposed on it.’*

Now, there is a lot to digest here in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Exodus. But before we even get started, I would like to ask you a question. And the question is this, “*what if I told you that there is no such thing as the 10 Commandments?*” Would you believe me if I told you that there is no such thing as “*the 10 Commandments?*”

Today am going to turn you into somewhat of the Hebrew scholar. Today we’re going to go back and look at exactly what the original Hebrew Scripture actually does, and does not say. I would submit to you that our English translated Bibles have from time to time missed the Mark when it comes to properly translating certain Hebrew words in our Fathers Torah. When we speak about these things the very word “*LORD*” that is found in the King James version of our Bibles is a perfect example of how the translators did indeed miss translate some Hebrew words.

One of the first things that I want to point out here in the book of Exodus is the word “*LORD*” that we find in Exodus chapter 20 verse two. Does the word “*LORD*” really belong in Exodus chapter 20 verse two? The first thing we need to ask ourselves is why is it capitalized? The second thing that we need to ask ourselves is, “*is our God a 16<sup>th</sup>-century British land Baron?*” Because that’s what a “*Lord*” is. Back in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when the King James version of the Bible was translated, a “*Lord*” was a British land Baron.

I would submit to you my friends that are Father in heaven is not equal to a 16<sup>th</sup>-century British land Baron. So why did they capitalize the word “*LORD*” here in Exodus chapter 20 verse two, and over 7000 times more throughout the Scripture?

Well, let’s investigate that. Let’s do a little studying to show ourselves approved. Let’s turn to **Exodus chapter 20 verse two: E4 (Show the Name of Yah in Hebrew)**

**Exo 20:2** “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Definitions (LORD)

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יהוה

**yehôvâh**

BDB Definition:

Jehovah = “the existing One”

1) the proper name of the one true God

1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of H136

Part of Speech: noun proper deity

The word “LORD” in capitalize letters in the Old Testament actually covers up the very name of God. The name of God, that God himself wrote in his God breathed Scripture over 7242 times just in the Old Testament alone. Do you think that our Father wanted us to know his name? Do we know the names of all the pagan little “g” gods of the Bible? We certainly do. We’ve all heard of “*Ashtoreth, Baal, Melech, Diana, Tammuz, Zeus and Hermes*” and the list goes on, and on, and on. And so, if we know the names of all these other little “g” gods... why is it then that most modern-day professing Christians today don’t even know the very name of their own creator? We don’t know it, because it’s been covered up and wrongly translated from Hebrew to English.

I often times am approached by King James version cultist as I like to call them, who believe that the English translated King James version of the Bible is inherent and without flaw. And I will often times ask them what they will give me if I can show them 7242 mistakes in the King James version of the Bible in under 10 seconds.

Of course, this does indeed give them a little pause, and they often times have to think about that challenge for several minutes. But the truth of the matter is my friends, that there are flaws in all of the English translated versions of our Bibles. Whenever you translate a book from one language, and then translated into another language a second time, you’re going to have flaws and misunderstandings within that translation. As adults, we need to use a little common sense.

Not to say that we can’t understand these English translated versions of our Bibles properly through study, but, to properly understand any English translated version of the Bible, we must indeed study to show ourselves approved. Do you really think that our adversary was going to allow us to have a completely flawless English translated version of God’s word? Because if that’s what you thought, you need to realize that our adversary is much more intelligent than what you give him credit for.

Some believe that the translators have done this on purpose because the King James version of the Bible was written during what is known as the Reformation when hundreds of thousands of

people were fleeing Catholicism and the demonically inspired hierarchy of the Roman papacy. Others believe, that the translators did the best that they could with the knowledge that they had. I personally believe that the true reason that some of our Scripture is a little out of sync with the original Hebrew Scripture lies somewhere in between.

What we must now understand is that today in our time we can know what the original Hebrew word was in our Scripture with the click of a mouse. Knowledge has indeed increased just as it was prophesied in the book of Daniel that it would increase, and we today are without excuse when it comes to being able to recognize these things.

In order to know what the original Hebrew word was back in the 1600s or even the 1800s, you would have to have a library full of books, or you would have to know a Jewish person that could translate the Scripture properly for you. But today, we can know what the original Hebrew word was with the click of a mouse, and so we today are without excuse when it comes to knowing these things.

With all of this in mind, I want to take us back to the very first verse in Exodus chapter 20 and I want us to study a very important word found in verse one. Let's turn to **Exodus chapter 20 verse one E3**

**Exo 20:1** And God spoke all these words, saying,

The first word that I want to study here is the word, “word”. What is the actual Hebrew word used here in the Scripture? According to Brown driver Briggs Hebrew definitions, the English word “word” found here in Exodus chapter 20 verse one is translated from the Hebrew word “dabar”.

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דָּבָר

dâbâr

### **BDB Definition:**

- 1) speech, word, speaking, thing
  - 1a) speech
  - 1b) saying, utterance
  - 1c) word, words
  - 1d) business, occupation, acts, matter, case, something, manner

**Part of Speech:** noun masculine

Notice here, that the word “command” is not listed here under the Brown driver Briggs Hebrew definitions. If you look under the Strong’s definitions you will find the word “*commandment*” as a possible translation, but I would submit to you that the only reason that Strong’s has added the word “*commandment*” as a Definition is because today’s modern church is now using the Hebrew word “*dabar*” as the word commandment. And this is exactly why I always go to Brown driver Briggs Hebrew definitions, because Brown driver Briggs gives us the Hebrew interpretation of the word, and not the English interpretation of the word.

The original Hebrew interpretation of the word “*word*” (or *dabar*) does not include the word commandment. The Hebrew word “*dabar*” more importantly means “*the word, or utterance*”.

And so, my question to you here today is, “does our Father in heaven call what we see here in Exodus chapter 20 “*the 10 Commandments*”?” Are they called “*the 10 Commandments*” in other places in the Torah? The answer to that question is “*no they are not*”. Nowhere in the Torah are the list of utterances that we see here in Exodus chapter 20 called “*the 10 Commandments*”. Let’s turn to **Deuteronomy chapter 5 verse 22: (scrn 2)**

Deu 5:22 “These words (dabar) the LORD spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.



As we can clearly see, these utterances that we see in Exodus chapter 20... these words (dabar) are not known as “*the 10 Commandments*” anywhere in the Torah. They are known as “*the word of God*” or “*the utterance of God*”. And I want us to be very aware of the fact that our Father in heaven only spoke these words in person. The rest of our Father’s law was given through the inspiration of man as the Ruach Hokadesh led him to write down the “*Mitsvah*” (commandments) of our Father in heaven. And yes there is a Hebrew word for “*commandment*” the Hebrew word for commandment is “*Mitsvah*” and it is not used in Exodus chapter 20 as the

title for the word of God spoken in Exodus chapter 20, nor is it used to describe what he wrote with his finger on the two tablets of stone.

Now, why is this a big deal? I would submit to you that it's a big deal because today's modern day "*Gentile only church*" has created a man-made doctrine around what is called by them... "*The 10 Commandments*".

What's important for us to understand is that Moses did not receive the Decalogue through divine inspiration. Moses and the people of Israel received the Decalogue from the very lips, and the very voice of Yahovah. And they received the Decalogue as a second witness on two tablets of stone upon which Yahovah had written his word is very own finger.

There are only two other places in our English translated Bibles where the title "*the 10 Commandments*" is used, and I'd like us to study those two places for just a moment. The first one is found in **Exodus chapter 34 verse 28: E4**

**Exo 34:28** *So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.*

Once we do our homework, we can clearly see that what has been translated as "*the 10 Commandments*" in English is actually in the Hebrew phrase "*eser dabar*", which means 10 words, not 10 commandments. Once again it does not say "*eser Mitzvah*" which means 10 commandments. It says "*eser dabar*" which means 10 words or utterances. We can find this again in **Deuteronomy chapter 4 verse 13 E5**

**Deu 4:13** *And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone.*

And we can also find it again in **Deuteronomy chapter 10 verse four: E6**

**Deu 10:4** *And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me.*

And in each one of these places where we see that men have translated the word of God as "*the 10 Commandments*" the original Hebrew says that these are the 10 words of Yah. But there's more.

Something else that we need to understand is that these commandments that are given in Exodus chapter 20 were actually numbered in the original Hebrew manuscript. I'd like to take you over to the complete Jewish Bible so that you can see for yourself that according to the

original Hebrew manuscript these 10 words of God were actually numbered, and we can see this in the earliest manuscripts that we have including the Dead Sea Scrolls. **CJB EXODUS CHAPTER 20: E3**

**Complete Jewish Bible:**

**Exo 20:1** *Then God said all these words:*

**Exo 20:2** *⚔ "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.*

**Exo 20:3** *⚔ "You are to have no other gods before me.*

**Exo 20:4** *You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline.*

**Exo 20:5** *You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,*

**Exo 20:6** *but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.*

**Exo 20:7** *⚔ "You are not to use lightly the name of Adonai your God, because Adonai will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly.*

**Exo 20:8** *⚔ "Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God.*

**Exo 20:9** *You have six days to labor and do all your work,*

**Exo 20:10** *but the seventh day is a Shabbat for Adonai your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work—not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates to your property.*

**Exo 20:11** *For in six days, Adonai made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why Adonai blessed the day, Shabbat, and separated it for himself.*

**Exo 20:12** *⚔ "Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which Adonai your God is giving you.*

**Exo 20:13** *⚔ "Do not murder. ⚔ "Do not commit adultery. ⚔ "Do not steal. ⚔ "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.*

**Exo 20:14** *⚔ "Do not covet your neighbor's house; do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor."*

Here in the complete Jewish Bible you'll notice that each one of these 10 utterances that came from the very lips of our Father in heaven are numbered. Our modern-day English versions of

our Bibles have removed this numbering from our text. Why? We'll get to that in just a moment.

What's important to understand here is that Hebrew letters also correspond to Hebrew numbers. The first Hebrew letter you see is an "*eleph*", which also represents the number one. The second Hebrew letter that you see is the letter "*bet*" which represents the number two. This pattern continues on until we come to the Hebrew letter "*yud*", which represents the number 10. And so, we have a numbering of these 10 utterances that our Father in heaven has given to us just like they were given to us on the tablets of stone, and they are numbered for reason.

We must remember that our Father in heaven can see all of time from the beginning of time to the end of time. Did our Father in heaven know that man was going to create his own doctrine out of his spoken word? You bet he did. And this is exactly why these 10 utterances have been numbered, so that we would know what man has done to his word. Stay with me here.

I want us all to think back for just a moment and try to remember what the very first and greatest commandment is according to our Messiah. If you ask most modern-day Christians what the first commandment is, they will almost always respond with, "*I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me*". But... is that the first commandment according to the Hebrew text? The answer to that question is a resounding "*no it is not*". According to the Hebrew text, the first utterance of our Father in heaven is "*I Yahovah your God brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.*", The second command is, "*you shall have no other gods before me*". Can you see the difference here?

The first thing that our Father in heaven did when he came down to give his word at mount Sinai to the people of Israel, was that he used his personal name and title to identify himself. No matter who might come across these two tablets of stone, before they read anything else, they would understand that what was written upon these two stones was the very word of Yahovah the God of Israel who brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt and out of the abode of slavery. It was important enough for our Father in heaven to identify himself and who he was before going any further into his word. But is that what we are taught in today's modern-day denominational empires? I would submit to you my friends that it is not.

Now, I have heard it said that "*I am Yahovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery*" is not a commandment. And I would totally agree with that statement. But you see, nowhere in the Torah does it tell us that what we find here in Exodus chapter 20 are to be called "*the 10 Commandments*". The Hebrew word for Commandments is clearly the word "*Mitzvah*", and it does not say that these are the 10 Mitzvah... It says that these are the 10 words, (dabar) of Yahovah. And so, if you were to say that this first utterance from our Father in heaven found in Exodus chapter 20 verse two is not a commandment... you would be absolutely correct it's not a commandment, it is his word just as his original manuscript tells us. And I want us to keep that in mind as we move forward, because the implications of this are truly staggering.

You see, what we are reading here in Exodus chapter 20 is indeed the word of God. And not just any God, but the one true God (Elohim) of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And his name and his title belongs at the top of his word. But does today's modern-day version of Christianity teach today's modern-day Christians that our Father's name and his title is written at the top of his word? Think about that for just a moment.

*"I am Yahovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery"* has always been right here in his holy Scripture as the first of the 10 words or utterances given by him directly from his own mouth, his own breath, and his own tongue, at mount Sinai and all of modern Hebrew scholarship is unanimous on this understanding.

Something else important to make note of is that after the Jews were in exile in Babylon, they too dropped the first biblical utterance of Yah from the Decalogue. And if we study this time period after the Jewish people came out of Babylon we can clearly see the corruption and the negligence of our Fathers word being corrupted. For instance, we can see the corruption in how they were to observe the seventh day Sabbath, and the ritual washing of hands, and the observance of the feast days and so on. And this is exactly why our Messiah chastised the Pharisees in Matthew chapter 23 and called them a brood of vipers, whitewashed tombs full of dead men's bones, and twofold children of hell. Our Messiah called the Pharisees these things because they had corrupted his Father's word by overwriting his Father's word with their own man-made laws and commandments.

Today, the Jews have brought back the biblical list of the 10 utterances of our Father in heaven as it appears in the original Hebrew transcript. They have actually brought the first utterance (or commandment) back to the top of the list where it belongs. But today's modern-day Christians use the version that eliminates the very first utterance from our list of the 10 utterances or words of God.

Now, the question then becomes, *"what would be the motive for early Christian leaders to drop the first utterance from the Decalogue?"* What we need to understand is that the gospel message of our Messiah was given first to the Jew and the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Our Messiah tells us very clearly that he came only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel in Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 (which is something else that most modern-day Christians are completely unaware of), and this is a whole study that we won't get into here today for time's sake, but... the gospel message of our Messiah went forth from the Jews. It did not go forth from the Gentiles. The Gentiles were given the gospel message of our Messiah through his very Jewish apostles, and the gospel message of our Messiah was first taught in Jewish synagogues, and not in Gentile churches.

Back in the early 300's A.D. the Emperor of Rome, Constantine, not only declared Christianity to be a legal religion for the Roman Empire, but it was also well established that this newfound church was to become a *"Gentiles only"* club that completely excluded the Jews.

The only way that a Jew could become part of this quote “*Gentiles only club*” (also known as the Roman Catholic Church), was if they renounced their Jewish heritage and quit their Jewish traditions and held fast to the new Sabbath, and the new laws, and the new precepts, and the new traditions of Roman Catholicism.

Roman Catholicism quickly compiled its own 10 commandment that are quite different and set apart from the 10 utterances of the Elohim of Israel found in Exodus chapter 20. And one of the first things that Catholicism did was to erase the first utterance from the Decalogue. And by the way, the very word “*Decalogue*” comes from the Greek language and it means “*the 10 words*”.

You see, what they did was that they simply took the biblical second utterance (or commandment) and divided it into two. So, the first half of the biblical second utterance (or commandment) became commandment number one, and the second half of the second biblical utterance (or commandment) became commandment number two. And so, the traditions that we have inherited from Catholicism have now erased the very name, and title of God from the Decalogue, along with what he did for the house of Israel. The original first utterance (or commandment) in Exodus chapter 20 verse two which says, “*I am Yahovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery*” is no longer the first utterance, (or commandment) found in most of our English translated Bibles.

So, the question then becomes, why would Catholicism remove the first utterance from the word of God? It’s called anti-Semitism my friends. Anti-Semitism is a very racist, and demonically inspired exclusion of everything Jewish, which also not only erases Jewish heritage, but also instigates replacement theology, which now wrongfully, and shamefully says... that a new Gentile church has now replaced the Jews and the house of Israel.

Most of today’s modern day Christian denominational empires hold fast to their mother church of Rome who claims that the house of Israel, and the Jews have been replaced by a new Gentile church (which I might add, is not found anywhere within the confines of Scripture). And for those of you who are within the sound of my voice who believe in this new replacement theology doctrine, and the idea that a newfound Gentile church has replaced the house of Israel... I would very humbly direct you back to Matthew chapter 15 verse 24, all of Romans chapter 11, and Galatians chapter 3 versus 27 through 29 just for starters.

Roman Catholicism has its own Decalogue (known as the 10 commandments), which I daresay can’t even be called a Decalogue because it is not the 10 words of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Roman Catholic papacy has not only remove the name of our Father and his title from his Decalogue, but they have also removed the commandment that tells us not to bow down to graven images, and it has also removed the commandment concerning the seventh day Sabbath, and it has shuffled the word of God around like a pea under a shell game in order to establish its own version of the so-called “*10 Commandments*” of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The 10 commandments of Roman Catholicism hardly resemble the 10 words or utterances of our Father in heaven found in Exodus chapter 20, and there's a reason for that my friends. As I have said so many times before, so now I say again... Roman Catholicism is not Christianity. Roman Catholicism is just that, it is Roman Catholicism. And yet, the world to this day bows down to the beast and keeps her first day of the week Sunday Sabbath not found anywhere within the confines of Scripture, and they have erased the first utterance (or commandment) found in Exodus chapter 20 concerning the very name and the very title of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and what he did for our people in rescuing them out from under the hand of the Pharaoh of Egypt so that the Roman papacy could place herself upon the throne of our Elohim.

You see my friends, they could not have allowed the first utterance (or commandment) to remain the first commandment, because if they did, everyone would know that the God of Israel is still the God of Israel. Everyone would know that the word of God (also known as the 10 Commandments by some) were given only to the house of Israel, and everyone would know that if we are true Christians, we too have been grafted into the house of Israel. You obviously could not leave this as the first utterance of God in the Decalogue if you were building your own religion. You obviously could not leave the name of the God of Israel and his title in the Decalogue if you were trying to erase the name of the God of Israel and his title by placing yourself upon his throne which is exactly what the Roman papacy has done.

The Roman Catholic papacy has all but erased the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob from the Decalogue because they themselves have replaced the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob here on earth by claiming to be God on earth. They have thought to change the times and the laws of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and for those who are ignorant and unstudied, they have done just that.

In order to properly understand the word of God that we see here in Exodus chapter 20, and the Decalogue that he has given us, I would like to suggest that we think of the Decalogue much like our declaration of independence or our Constitution here in the United States. Contained within those two documents are several guidelines and principles that set up the framework for our nation and the system of government that would follow after it. And yet, none of us would ever think of calling the declaration of independence or our Constitution "*commandments*".

What we're seeing here in Exodus chapter 20 are declarations and principles concerning Yah's law. What we're seeing here in Exodus chapter 20 are the 10 words, the 10 utterances that are the founding principles for all of our Father's law that would follow the Decalogue. The 603 laws that will follow this Decalogue are extensions of these 10 declarations and these 10 founding principles that Yah gave Moses here in Exodus chapter 20. The 613 laws all operate within the boundaries of the 10 words (or utterances) just as all of our civil and criminal laws here in the United States must operate within the framework of the principles declared in our Constitution in order to be valid.

And just to help us better understand this concept, according to our Messiah there are only two laws that all of the law and the prophets depend on. **Matthew chapter 22 versus 35 through 40: E5**

**Mat 22:36** *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”*

**Mat 22:37** *And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.*

**Mat 22:38** *This is the great and first commandment.*

**Mat 22:39** *And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

**Mat 22:40** *On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

And so, the principle of *“Love your God with all of your heart, mind, and strength”* becomes the basis, or foundation for the 10 words or utterances (dabar) found in Revelation chapter 20. And what our Messiah is talking about here in Matthew chapter 22, is not a New Testament concept given to us by our Messiah. *“Love your God with all of your heart, mind, and strength”* comes from our Fathers Torah in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse five. In fact, as we have said so many times before, more than half of the New Testament is nothing more than quotes from the Old Testament.

With that in mind, I think will close the books for this week, and pick back up where we left off next Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard time. But as for now, I will ask as I always do, that you please take what you’ve heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head, bend your knee, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true...or not.

Ask, seek, and knock and the door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the Gates of his soon coming kingdom together.

I’m pastor Scott Velain with Holy Impact Ministries, and I like to thank everyone within the sound of my voice for sharing your time with us here today to comb through our fathers God breathed Scripture.

My friends, it is tectonically important that we as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians come and stay together. It’s important that we share what we have learned through prayer and supplication and our studies.

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