



The image shows two stone tablets with Hebrew text, representing the Ten Commandments. The tablets are set against a background of purple and gold horizontal stripes, with a decorative gold border at the top and bottom. The text on the tablets is as follows:

Tablet 1 (Left):

- אֲבִי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
- לֹא יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים צִלְפָּנִי
- לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׁוֹא
- זְכוֹר יְמֵי שַׁבָּת

Tablet 2 (Right):

- שִׁבְעַתְּצִיבִין וְאֶזְמַנְךָ
- לֹא תַצַּח
- לֹא תִנְאֻף
- לֹא תִנְבֵּל
- לֹא תַעֲבֹד עֲוֹלֹת עֲדֻשִׁים

10 Statements



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10 Words

- Exod 19:5-9
- Exod 20:1
- Exod 34:28
- Deut 4:13
- Deut 10:4



10 Words

- Hebrew expression is ‘asheret hadivrot’
- Means: 10 words, 10 things, 10 statements, 10 sayings, 10 declarations



10 Words

- 10 Commands should be 'asheret hamitzvot'
- There are 613 mitzvot in Torah
- 10 Words may be seen as 10 categories of mitzvot



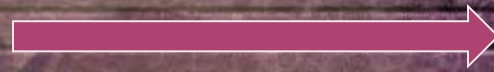
10 Words

- The 10 'divrot' do not have the normal structure of 'mitzvot'
- They are not commands in the normal sense
- They are more than commands



Jewish View

Tablet 1



Tablet 2

- 1st 'I am Yahweh ...'
- 2nd 'have no god'
- 3rd 'not misuse name of'
- 4th 'remember Sabbath'
- 5th 'honour parents'
- 6th 'no murder'
- 7th 'no adultery'
- 8th 'no stealing'
- 9th 'no false testimony'
- 10th 'no desiring ...'

Abraham ben Chiyya

	Human and God	Human and family	Human and human
Thought	2 nd 'no other god'	5 th 'honour...'	10 th 'not desire'
Speech	3 rd 'not take'	6 th 'not murder'	9 th 'not give false testimony'
Action	4 th 'remember Sabbath'	7 th 'not commit adultery'	8 th 'not steal'

Another Look!

Word	Ideas
1	'I Yahweh your God' – no other god (v 2-3)
2	Not make images – 'I Yahweh your God' (4-6)
3	Not misuse name of 'Yahweh your God' (v 7)
4	Remember Sabbath – Sabbath to 'Yahweh your God' (v 8-11)
5	'Honour' father and mother (v 12)
6	'not murder' (v13) – not take someone's life
7	'not commit adultery' (v 14) – not take someone's spouse
8	'not steal' (v 15) – not take someone's property
9	'not give false testimony' (v 16) – not take someone's name
10	'not desire' (v 17)

Structure

- $4 + 1 - 4$ Words using ‘Yahweh your God’ – plus 1 imperative
- $4 + 1 - 4$ very short Words – plus 1 very broad principle



Structure

- Words 1-4 are all about Yahweh
- Words 6-9 are all about not taking what is not yours



Structure

- Word 10 is summary – used in Gen 3:6 – you take what is not yours because of ‘desire’



10 Words

- These are covenant guidelines
- They are the profile of covenant people
- They are not what we do, but who we are

