

Ten Commandments

Hebrew to English Translation

Yahowah's Three Introductory Statements and Seven Instructions He personally wrote with His own finger on the two tablets of stone.

Three Introductory Statements on First Stone, Seven Instructions on Second Stone.

#1

“And (wa) God (*'elohym* – the Almighty) **conveyed** (*dabar* – communicated, spoke, and wrote, provided instruction and direction with) **all of (kol) these statements, using words** (*dabar* – statements and promises), **providing perspective** (*'eleh* – from a relatively close vantage point) **in our presence** (*'eth* – in association with us and in proximity to us), **saying** (*'amar* – explaining, claiming, answering, counseling, warning, and promising):...” (*Shemowth / Names / Exodus 20:1*)

“I am (*'anky*) **Yahowah** (יהוה), **your God** (*'elohym* – the Mighty One (suffixed in the second person singular), **who relationally** (*'asher* – and who as a favor) **brought you out and delivered you** (*yatsa'* – I descended to serve you, extending Myself to guide you, doing everything which is required to lead those who respond away) **from the realm** (*min 'erets* – out of the land and region) **of the crucible of Egypt** (*mitsraym* – the smelting furnace where metals are refined and tested (a metaphor for judgment and oppression)), **out of the house** (*min beyth* – from the home, household, family, and place) **of slavery** (*'ebed* – servitude, bondage, worship, and working for one's salvation). **You shall not exist with** (*lo' hayah la* – you shall not be moving towards) **other** (*'aher* – someone else's, different, extra, or additional) **gods** (*'elohym*) **in relation to** (*'al* – near, before, or in proximity to, or in addition to) **My presence** (*paneh*).” (*Shemowth / Names / Exodus 20:2-3*)

#2

“You should not ever do anything which associates yourself with (*lo' 'asah la* – you should never attend to, act upon, engage with, or profit from, you should never conceive or fashion on your behalf (qal imperfect – conveying a literal interpretation and ongoing implications)) **a carved image or idol** (*pesel* – a religious icon or object of worship representing any god), **or any (kol) visual representation of something** (*tamunah* – likeness, appearance, picture, drawing, painting, or form which depicts or resembles anything), **which is** (*'asher*) **in (ba) the heavens above** (*samaym min ma'al* – the spiritual realm on high including the sun, moon, planets, and stars above), **or (wa) which is** (*'asher*) **on (ba) the earth** (*'erets* – land and ground, even the material realm) **below** (*tahath*), **or (wa) which is** (*'asher*) **in (ba) the waters** (*mayim*) **beneath the land** (*tahath 'erets*).

You shall not bow down and worship them or speak for them (*lo' hawah* – prostrate yourself in obeisance and homage to them, show any allegiance to them, or promote their message), **and you shall not serve them** (*lo' abad* – you should not work or labor in their cause as their ministers, nor should you submit to them in servitude, neither should you act upon them or engage with them).

For indeed (*ky*), **I** (*'anky*), **Yahowah** (יהוה) **your God** (*'elohym*), **am a zealous and jealous God** (*qara' 'el* – a God who is desirous of, even demanding of, exclusivity in a relationship, a God who is emotionally passionate and extremely protective of those He loves), **counting and reckoning** (*paqad* – taking stock of and recording, assigning and depositing) **the perversity and sin of twisting and distorting** (*'awon* – the depravity of perverting and manipulating, deviating from the way, the guilt and punishment derived from delusion and depravity, the liability for unfaithfulness and wrongdoing) **of the fathers** (*'ab*) **upon** (*'al*) **the children** (*ben* – sons) **concerning** (*'al*) **the third and the fourth generations** (*silesym wa 'al ribea'*) **of those who hate and are hostile to Me** (*sane'* – abhor, detest, and loathe Me, striving maliciously against Me, shunning Me).

But I will prepare, perform, and produce (*'asah* – actively effect and appoint, offer and celebrate, demonstrate by doing what is required to effect and deliver) **unmerited and unfailing mercy, unearned favor, and undeserved kindness** (*cheqed* – steadfast and loyal love, a totally devoted and affectionate relationship, faithfulness and goodness) **to** (*la'*) **thousands** (*'elep*) **who love Me** (*'ahab* – who choose to form a close and affectionate, loving and friendly, familial relationship with Me) **and** (*wa*) **who closely observe** (*shamar* – carefully examine, revere, cling to, keep, and are secure in, caring about and relying upon (qal participle construct)) **the terms and conditions of My binding covenant contract** (*mitswah* – the authoritative directions and instructions which serve as prescriptions for My relationship agreement).” (*Shemowth* / These are the Names / Exodus 20:4-6)

#3

“You shall not (*lo'*) **lift up, bear, or advance** (*nasa'* – support or desire, forgive or dignify, respect or tolerate / you shall not deceive or delude, deploy clever tricks, beguiling people, causing them to miss the Way) **through** (*'eth* – with) **the name or reputation** (*shem*) **of Yahowah, your God** (יהוה *'elohym*), **accordingly** (*la* – with the intent to promote or effect), **lifeless and worthless deception or devastating and destructive falsehood** (*shav' / show'* – lies which nullify our existence leading to emptiness and nothingness, vain promises which are deceitful, desolate, ineffectual, futile, and ruinous), **for indeed** (*ky* – because), **Yahowah** (יהוה) **will not** (*lo'*) **forgive or leave unpunished** (*raqah* – free from guilt, exempt from judgment and sentencing, pardon or release) **those who relationally** (*'eth 'asher*) **deceive, beguile, or delude** (*nasa'* – advance, lift up, support, bear, or desire, forgive or dignify, respect or tolerate / using clever trickery to mislead), **in association with** (*'eth* – through), **His name** (*shem* – renown and reputation) **to promote and effect** (*la* – accordingly) **vain and ineffectual lies which lead to lifelessness and destruction** (*shav' / show'* – devastating deceptions which nullify our existence leading to emptiness, worthlessness, and nothingness, deceitful, desolate, futile, and ruinous vanity).” (*Shemowth* / Names / Exodus 20:7)

#4

“Remember (*zakar* – recall, reflect upon, recognize, mark, memorialize, mention, proclaim, and be earnestly mindful of) **that the Sabbath** (*shabat* – the seventh day, the time of observance, of rest to reflect on God’s promise to settle our debts so we could settle with Him on the seventh) **day** (*yowm*) **is set apart** (*qadash* – is separated unto God for purifying and cleansing and thus special). **Six** (*shesh*) **days you shall work** (*‘abad* – labor) **and do** (*‘asah* – prepare and produce, fashion and finish, advance, assign, and accomplish, institute and celebrate) **all** (*kol* – the entirety of) **your service of representing the Messenger and proclaiming the message** (*mala’kah* – your Godly duties and heavenly labor). **But the seventh** (*shaby’y* – the solemn promise which fulfills and satisfies those who listen and are observant of the role of the seventh) **day** (*yowm*), **the Sabbath of** (*shabat* – the seventh day, the time of observance, of rest and reflection, and of ceasing and desisting from ordinary labor to consider the promise to settle all disputes and settle down with) **Yahowah** (יהוה) **your God** (*‘elohym*), **you shall not do** (*lo’ ‘asah* – not prepare or produce, fashion or finish, advance, or assign, nor accomplish) **any part of** (*kol*) **the work of God’s Representative and Messenger** (*mala’kah* – from *mal’ak*, the ministry and mission of the heavenly envoy, the Divine endeavors and labor of God’s corporeal manifestation) **yourself** (*‘atah*), **nor your son** (*ben*), **your daughter** (*bat*), **your servants and employees** (*‘ebed / ‘amah*), **your means of production** (*behemah* – animals and beasts of burden), **nor those visitors** (*ger* – foreigners) **who relationally** (*‘asher*) **are in your home, property, or community** (*sa’ar* – area enclosed by a door or gate, a household, assembly, city, or nation). **For indeed in** (*ky* – because surely and truly in) **six** (*shesh* – symbolic of mankind being bleached white and purified) **days** (*yowm*) **Yahowah** (יהוה) **made** (*‘asah* – prepared and produced, fashioned and finished, instituted and celebrated) **accordingly** (*‘eth*) **the heavens** (*shamaym* – the spiritual realm) **and the earth** (*‘erets* – the material world), **and the seas** (*yam*), **and all** (*kol* – everything) **which relationally** (*‘asher*) **is in them** (*ba*). **And** (*wa*) **He became completely settled** (*nuwach* – rested after settling all unresolved issues) **during** (*ba*) **the seventh** (*shaby’y* – the solemn promise which fulfills and satisfies those who listen and are observant of the role of the seventh) **day** (*yowm*). **Therefore** (*ken* – consequently, this is true and correct) **Yahowah blessed and adored** (*barak* – knelt down and lowered Himself to greet those He had created and lift them up on) **the Sabbath** (*shabat* – the seventh day, the time of observance, of rest and reflection, and of ceasing and desisting from ordinary labor to consider the promise God has made to settle our debts and settle us in His home on this) **day** (*yowm*), **setting it apart** (*qodesh* – separating it from others, dedicating it to separation, cleansing, and purifying).” (*Shemowth / Names / Exodus 20:8-11*)

#5

“Carefully consider, view as worthy, enormously valuable, and significant, respect and honor (*kabed* – perceive as awesomely impressive, intensely relevant, extremely great, massively important and glorious) **accordingly the symbolism of** (*‘eth* – that which is represented by) **your Father** (*‘ab* – biological, adoptive, or heavenly father) **and** (*wa*) **that which is represented by your** (*‘eth* – the symbolic nature of your) **Mother** (*‘em* – biological, adoptive, or spiritual mother) **for the purpose of** (*le’ma’an*) **lengthening** (*‘arak* – elongating and prolonging, growing and continuing) **your days** (*yowm*) **within and upon** (*‘al*) **the land** (*‘adamah* – ground; from *‘adam*, the name of the first man created in God’s image) **which**

relationally (*‘asher*) **Yahowah** (יהוה) **your God** (*‘elohym*) **has given to you** (*natan la* – has produced, provided, and bestowed freely to you as a gift).” (*Shemowth* / These are the Names / Exodus 20:12)

#6

“You shall not murder, nor kill (*lo’ rasah*).” (*Shemowth* / These are the Names / Exodus 20:13)

#7

“You shall not commit adultery (*lo’ na’ap* – you shall not be unfaithful and have relations with more than one marriage partner).” (*Shemowth* / Names / Exodus 20:14)

#8

“You shall not steal (*lo’ ganab*).” (*Shemowth* / Names / Exodus 20:15)

#9

“You shall not testify (*lo’ ‘anah* – question, answer, or respond) **against** (*ba*) **your neighbor** (*rea’* – countryman, friend, companion, or associate) **as a deceptive or misleading** (*seger* – false, conniving, clever, and unreliable) **witness** (*‘ed* – source of evidence in testimony).” (*Shemowth* / Names / Exodus 20:16)

#10

“You shall not desire (*lo’ hamad* – covet, lust for, crave, nor seek pleasure from) **your neighbor’s** (*rea’* – countryman’s, friend’s, companion’s, or associate’s) **house or family** (*bayith* – home and household). **You shall not desire** (*lo’ hamad* – covet, lust for, crave, nor seek pleasure from) **your neighbor’s** (*rea’* – countryman’s, friend’s, companion’s, or associate’s) **wife** (*‘isah* – woman), **nor his male or female servants** (*‘ebed* / *‘amah* – employees), **his cattle, donkey** (read: assets and belongings), **or anything** (*kol*) **which is associated** (*‘asher*) **with** (*la*) **your neighbor** (*rea’* – countryman, friend, companion, or associate).” (*Shemowth* / Names / Exodus 20:17)

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