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Week 7 Assignment 7B
BI 108 Old Testament Literature

Read chapter 5 The Theocratic Foundation (pages 127 – 146)

Now that Israel is a nation, structure and organization must be in place to protect and maintain their identity. Not only did they have to contend with enemies, they had to contend with themselves.

The most important set of rules for conduct is the TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Read the commandments and respond to the following questions.

1. Who is the speaker in verses 4-6?

Answer: The speaker in verses 4-6 is God.

2. Which of the Ten Commandments relates to man's relationship to God.
 - a. "You shall have no other gods before me"
 - b. "You shall not make unto you any graven 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"
 - c. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes his name in vain. "
 - d. "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Read Exod. 20:1-17

3. List the commandments that relate to man's relationship with each other.
 - a. "Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you." (This commandment is about family)
 - b. "You shall not kill." (deliberate and premeditated murder)
 - c. "You shall not commit adultery."
 - d. "You shall not steal."
 - e. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."
 - f. "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 donkey, nor any thing that is your neighbor's."
4. Read verse 2. Is verse 2 a command? No, it is not a command, it is a statement from God, His preamble.
5. Beside the one true God, what other gods did the Israelites worship?

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Answer: The other two gods the Israelites worshipped were the “golden calf” Exodus 32:2-5. This god was made out of gold earrings the wives, sons, and daughters were wearing. Gave them to Aaron and he made an idol mold in shape of a calf of which they worshipped.

Also, they engaged in worship to Baal of Peor: a god of the Moabites (Numbers 25:3; 31:16; Joshua 22:17) Israelites fell into worship of idol (Numbers 25:3 25:5; 25:18; Deuteronomy 4:3; Psalms 106:28; Hosea 9:10) from this worship death resulted with 24,000 people.