

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?

God is the speaker in verses 4-6.

2. Which of the Ten Commandments relates to man's relationship to God. (Write each one out.)

- a. You shall not make yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

- b. You shall not bow down to them worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.

- c. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

- d. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

Read Exod. 20:1-17

3. List the commandments that relate to man's relationship with each other. (Write each one out.)

- a. You shall not murder.

- b. You shall not steal.

- c. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

- d. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his

male or female servant, his ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

e. You shall not commit adultery

f. Honor your father and your mother.

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4. Read verse 2. Is verse 2 a command?

I don't think it is a command per say. I think it is a statement God telling them who he is and what he has done for them.

5. Beside the one true God, what other gods did the Israelites worship?

Gods of silver and Gods of Gold.