

Israel at Sinai - Constituted a Kingdom

Quote:

“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

Exodus 19:5–6

The Seven Ascents of Moses Up Mt Sinai or Mt Horeb “unto Yahweh”

	Events	Appearance of God
First Ascent - Exodus 19:3 Descent - Exodus 19:7	To receive the invitation from Yahweh for the nation to enter into covenant relationship with Him.	Mark on an insert - and stick it in Exodus 19
Second Ascent - Exodus 19:8 Descent - Exodus 19:14	Moses instructed to sanctify the people in preparation to meet Yahweh.	Thick cloud
Third Ascent - Exodus 19:20 Descent - Exodus 19:25	Moses instructed to supervise the people so they do not break through on the the mount.	Thick cloud, thunder, lightning, fire, smoke, voice of trumpet
Fourth Ascent - Exodus 20:21 Descent - Exodus 24:3	Moses received initial instructions regarding the sacrifices and details of the Law.	Thick darkness
Fifth Ascent - Exodus 24:12-13 Descent - Exodus 32:15	Moses given details regarding the Tabernacle and the ministry of the priests and High Priests. Moses then told to go down because the people had corrupted themselves.	Vision of God - under his feet was the appearance of paving of sapphire. The sight was as clear as ‘the body of heaven’. A cloud covered the Mount
Sixth Ascent - Exodus 32:31 Descent - Exodus 32:34	Moses pleaded for the people.	
Seventh Ascent - Exodus 34:4 Descent - Exodus 34:29	The “goodness” of God passed by before Moses, and the Name of Yahweh was proclaimed. Moses again pleaded for the people, and further details of the Law were given.	The cloud - Moses saw the ‘back parts’ of God.

Verse by Verse Marking The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20

Mark in Exodus 20 by
the verses noted.

Exodus 20:2-3

First Commandment - The Exodus was Divinely designed to illustrate God's power and authority (see [Deut 4:35](#); [Exod 8:10-22](#); [9:14-16](#); [Psa 106:12](#)). He had demonstrated that there is no other God beside Him ([Isa 45:6](#)). It is a personal responsibility of all to honour Yahweh above everything else ([Matt 22:31-38](#); [Mk 12:30](#); [Lk 10:27-28](#)). This begins with excluding all other gods.

Exodus 20:4-6

Second Commandment - Yahweh demands our undivided allegiance, he will not share the glory and praise due to Him with others ([Isa 42:8](#); [48:11](#)). He forbids worship of even the true God by images (cp [Isa 40:18,25](#)). This was endorsed and enforced in the NT - [Acts 15:20,29](#); [21:25](#); [Rom 1:18-32](#); [2:22](#); [1 Cor 10:7,14](#); [Gal 5:20](#); [Col 3:5](#). Our worship must be out of faith ([Heb 11:6](#)). The Catholic Church violates this Law, and to justify it, has removed the second commandment from the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 20:7

Third Commandment - We take God's name in vain by treating it lightly, not living up to what it requires in our life. See [Ezek 36:20](#); [2 Tim 2:19](#); [Matt 5:33-37](#); [Ecc 5:4](#).

Exodus 20:8-11

Fourth Commandment - The Sabbath was a day of spiritual labour (cp. [Heb 4:11](#)), of concentration on the things of Yahweh, and finding it a "delight" so to do ([Isa 58:13](#)). It is a foreshadowing of the millennial rest of the kingdom ([Isa 58:14](#)). As the priests in the temple "profaned the sabbath and were blameless" ([Matt 12:5-8](#)), so believers today are not required to keep the sabbath, because of their status as priests in the temple ([2 Cor 6:16](#); [1 Pet 2:9](#)).

Exodus 20:12

Fifth Commandment - The first commandment with promise ([Eph 6:2-3](#)) is also endorsed in [Matt 15:4](#) and [Col 3:20](#). It lays the foundation for love, respect and loyalty to our spiritual Father ([Deut 32:6](#)).

Exodus 20:13

Sixth Commandment - Confirmed by the new covenant in Christ ([Matt 5:21-22](#); [Rom 13:9](#); [Jas 2:11](#)) which even forbade the cause of unauthorised killing (anger - [Mat 5:22](#), hatred - [1 Jn 3:15](#)).

Exodus 20:14

Seventh Commandment - Unfaithfulness in marriage. This commandment is endorsed by Christ, who condemns also disrespect to the married state through lustful desire ([Matt 5:28](#)).

Exodus 20:15

Eighth Commandment - Endorsed and expanded by God in the New Testament - [Eph 4:28](#); [Mk 11:17](#).

Exodus 20:16

Ninth Commandment - God forbids the false slander of another. God hears all we say, and will vindicate the righteous ([Psa 101:5-6](#); [Prov 10:18](#); [11:13](#); [Rom 13:9](#); [Eph 4:25](#)).

Exodus 20:17

Tenth Commandment - Covetousness is the result of selfishness and greed and discontent. We must learn to be satisfied with the lot God has given us ([Phil 4:11](#); [1 Tim 6:6-8](#)). The study of the Word of God helps us to rid covetousness from our lives ([Psa 119:36](#); [Ecc 5:10-11](#); [Matt 6:24-34](#); [Lk 12:15](#); [Heb 13:5](#)).