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EXODUS 19:1-6, 20:1-17; DEUTERONOMY 5:1-22

Exodus 19:4-6 is considered the “Preamble” to the Ten Commandments | *You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

1 You shall have no other gods before me.

- The first Hebrew letter is called **Alef** (The Ox) א
- That which is first, most important, what gives strength, what will lead.
- Jesus said the first and greatest commandment is to love the LORD your God, in every area He is to be the first and most important.
- This commandment declares who God is.

2 You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

- The second Hebrew letter is called **Bet** (The House) ב
- A tent or a house, what is inside the house. Inside our house (heart) we are to have no other gods, false idols, it instructs us to never turn to idols.
- The family (As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15)

3 You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

- The third Hebrew letter is called **Gimel** (The Camel) ג
- The head of a camel, to lift up, to exalt.
- We are commanded not to take His Name in vain, lightly or without honor, but to lift up and exalt His Name (Authority Matthew 10:1-10).

4 Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you.

- The fourth Hebrew letter is called **Dalet** (The Door) ד
- This is the path on which to travel. It instructs us to walk through the door and into His Covenant and His rest.
- To honor and a symbol for rest (Isaiah 58; Hebrews 4:9-10).

5 Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

- The fifth Hebrew letter is called **Hey** (Behold!) ה
- What is revealed as a direction.
- We are to honor (open the inner door, a window) our parents because this is where the blessing for our life begins.

6 You shall not murder.

- The sixth Hebrew letter is called **Vav** (Nail, a Hook) ו
- To secure, establish, join together, murder or hatred breaks the bond.
- Murder comes when there is a wicked value or where someone is bonded to lust.
- This is an expression of God's heart to value others above our pride, possessions and power.

7 You shall not commit adultery.

- The seventh Hebrew letter is called **Zayin** (A Weapon) ז
- Symbolizes to cut or to separate.
- It is a weapon that protects the family.
- Instructs us to be people who cut the covenant, people of covenant word (Matthew 5:24). Circumcision in a spiritual sense was to cut away the excess of the flesh.

8 You shall not steal.

- The eighth Hebrew letter is **Het** (A fence, an inner chamber) ח
- The Biblical view of fence is to protect, provide security.
- A brother.

- This is more than an instruction not to steal. We are to protect people and their property, a determination to be a wall of protection (Genesis 4:9, Brother's keeper?)

9 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

- The ninth Hebrew letter is **Tet** (To surround, a snake) ט
- It sacrifices a good image for a false accusation.
- Surrounded in protection OR surrounded by lies, slander & false accusation.
- Surrounding for the sake of protection, Surround ourselves with goodness, not hatred, deception (Ephesians 4:15, speak the truth...).

10 You shall not covet.

- The tenth Hebrew letter is **Yod** (A hand closed, to work) י
- To make with your hands, the fruit of our labor.
- It is the opposite of lazy and slothful.
- Last commandment brings us back to God (YAHEW, the Good Shepherd in Psalm 23)