

Exploring the Stories of the Ten Commandments

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The Ten Sayings in the Torah & The Christian Ten Commandments

First Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:2

*I am Yahweh your God
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, the house of bondage.*

Exodus 34:11-13

*Behold, I am driving out from before you
the Amorite and the Canaanite and the
Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite
and the Jebusite. Take heed to yourself,
lest you make a covenant with the
inhabitants of the land where you are
going, lest it be a snare in your midst.
But you shall destroy their altars, break
their sacred pillars, and cut down their
wooden images.*

Deuteronomy 5:6

*I am Yahweh your God
who brought you out of the
land of Egypt, the house of bondage.*

The Christian First Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:2-3 & Deuteronomy 5:6-7

*I, the Lord, am your God.
You shall not have other gods besides me.*

Protestant

Exodus 20:3 & Deuteronomy 5:7

You shall have no other gods before me.

Second Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:3-5

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

Exodus 34:17

You shall not make for yourself molten gods.

Deuteronomy 5:7-9

You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.

The Christian Second Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:7

You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

Protestant

Exodus 20:4

You shall not make unto yourself any carved image.

Third Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:7

You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain.

Exodus 34:18

The Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall keep. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, in the appointed time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib you came out from Egypt.

Deuteronomy 5:11

You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain.

The Christian Third Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:8

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Protestant

Exodus 20:7 & Deuteronomy 5:11

You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain.

Fourth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:8

*Remember the Shabbat day,
to keep it holy.*

Exodus 34:19-20

*All that opens the womb is mine;
and all your cattle that is male,
the firstlings of cow and sheep.
And the firstling of an ass you shall
redeem with a lamb: and if you will not
redeem it, then you shall break its neck.
All the first-born of your sons you shall
redeem. And none shall appear before
me empty.*

Deuteronomy 5:12

*Observe the Shabbat day,
to keep it holy.*

The Christian Fourth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land
which the Lord your God gives you.*

Protestant

Exodus 20:8

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Fifth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:12

*Honor your father and your mother,
that your days may be long in the land
which Yahweh your God gives you.*

Exodus 34:21

*Six days shall you work, but on the
seventh day you shall rest: in plowing
time and in harvest you shall rest.*

Deuteronomy 5:16

*Honor your father and your mother,
as Yahweh your God has commanded
you, that your days may be long, and
that it may be well with you in the land
which Yahweh your God is giving you.*

The Christian Fifth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:14

You shall not commit adultery.

Protestant

Exodus 20: 13 & Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and your mother.

Sixth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

Exodus 34:22

You shall observe the feast of weeks, even of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.

Deuteronomy 5:17

You shall not murder.

The Christian Sixth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother.

Protestant

Exodus 20:13 & Deuteronomy 5:17

You shall not murder.

Seventh Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:14

You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 34:23-24

*Three times in the year shall all
your males appear before the Lord
Yahweh, the God of Israel.
For I will cast out nations before you,
and enlarge your borders: neither shall
any man desire your land, when you go
up to appear before Yahweh your god
three times in the year.*

Deuteronomy 5:18

You shall not commit adultery.

The Christian Seventh Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:15 & Deuteronomy 5:19

You shall not steal.

Protestant

Exodus 20:14 & Deuteronomy 5:18

You shall not commit adultery.

Eighth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:15

You shall not steal.

Exodus 34:25

*You shall not offer the blood of my
sacrifice with leavened bread;
neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of
the Passover be left unto the morning.*

Deuteronomy 5:19

You shall not commit steal.

The Christian Eighth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:16 & Deuteronomy 5:20

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Protestant

Exodus 20:15 & Deuteronomy 5:19

You shall not steal.

Nineth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:16

*You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.*

Exodus 34:26a

*The first of the first-fruits of your ground
you shall bring unto the house of
Yahweh your God.*

Deuteronomy 5:20

*You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.*

The Christian Nineth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:17b & Deuteronomy 5:21a

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Protestant

Exodus 20:16 & Deuteronomy 5:20

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Tenth Sayings in the Torah

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Exodus 34:26b

You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

Deuteronomy 5:21

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Christian Tenth Commandments

Roman Catholic

Exodus 20:17a,c & Deuteronomy 5:21b

You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Protestant

Exodus 20:17 & Deuteronomy 5:21

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.