

# Exodus 19

## *The Ten Commandments*

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### **Clue #1 - The Chronology of Events**

**v. 19:1** - In the third month *after* the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** - For by grace you've been saved through *faith*, and that not of yourselves; it's the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for *good works*.

**v. 3-5** - And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You've seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and *brought you to Myself*. <sup>5</sup> *Now* therefore, if you'll indeed *obey My voice and keep My covenant*, then you'll be a special treasure to Me.

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### **Clue #2 - The Covenant of Abraham**

**Gen 15:6** - Abram *believed* the LORD, and it was credited to him as *righteousness*.

**Galatians 3:15-18** - Brothers, let me put this in human terms. Even a human covenant, once it's ratified, can't be canceled or amended... What I mean is this: The law that came 430 years later doesn't revoke the covenant previously established by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance depends on keeping the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God *freely* granted it to Abraham through a promise.

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### **Clue #3 - The Commands' Recipients**

**v. 3** - Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to *the house of Jacob*, and tell *the children of Israel*..."

**Psalm 147:9-10** - He has revealed His word to Jacob, *His laws and decrees to Israel*. He has done this for no other nation.

**Acts 15:5-6** - Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The *Gentiles* must be circumcised and required to *keep the law of Moses*." So the apostles and elders met to look into this matter.

**Acts 15:10, 19-20** - Why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?... We shouldn't make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.

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**1. The Ten Commandments show us what God is like.**

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### **2. The Ten Commandments reveal man's sinfulness.**

**Romans 7:7** - What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I wouldn't have known what sin was had it not been for the law.

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### **3. The Ten Commandments teach obedience brings blessing.**

**Deut. 5:29** - Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear Me and keep all My commands always, *so that it might go well with them* and their children!

**Luke 11:28** - "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it."

**1 Peter 2:9** - You're a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession.

#### **Picture #1 - The Eagle**

**v. 4** - 'You've seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.'

**Deut. 32:9-11** - The LORD's portion is His people... He found them in a desert land, in an empty, howling wasteland. He surrounded them and watched over them; He guarded them as the apple of His eye. Like an

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eagle that *stirs up its nest* and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft.

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### **Picture #2 - God's Treasured Possession**

**v. 5** - Now therefore, if you'll indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a *special treasure* to Me above all people.

**Deut. 7:6** - The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His *treasured possession*.

**Deut. 7:7-8** - The LORD didn't set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. Rather, it was simply that the LORD loves you.

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### **Picture #3 - A Kingdom of Priests**

**v. 6** - And you shall be to Me a *kingdom of priests* and a holy *nation*.

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### **1. You have direct access to God.**

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### **2. You can offer spiritual sacrifices.**

**Romans 12** - Present your *body* a living sacrifice to God.

**Phil. 4** says *giving* is a sweet smelling sacrifice to God.

**Hebrews 13** - Let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God... giving thanks to His name.

### **3. You should tell others about God.**

**1 Peter 2:9** - You're a chosen people, a royal priesthood... that you may *proclaim the excellencies of Him* who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**v. 7-8** - So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and *laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.* <sup>8</sup> Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we'll do." So Moses *brought back the words of the people to the Lord.*

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**v. 10-12** - Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. <sup>11</sup> And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. <sup>12</sup> You shall set bounds for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you don't go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death...

**v. 14** - *So Moses went down from the mountain to the people* and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

**v. 17** - And Moses brought the people out of the camp *to meet with God*...

**v. 20-21** - Then the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and *Moses went up*. And the Lord said to Moses, “*Go down* and warn the people lest they break through to gaze at the LORD and many of them perish...”

**v. 25** - So Moses went down to the people and spoke to them.

**1 Timothy 2:3-6** - *This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.*

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Exodus 19 gives us clues to the meaning of the 10 Commandments.

**Clue #1 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of Events**

**1 In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt.**

**Clue #2 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham**

**Clue #3 - The \_\_\_\_\_ Recipients**

Three reasons why the 10 Commandments are important today.

**1. The Ten Commandments show us \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**2. The Ten Commandments reveal \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. The Ten Commandments teach \_\_\_\_\_.**

Three pictures of God and His children.



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**Picture #1 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Picture #2 - God's \_\_\_\_\_**

**Picture #3 - A Kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_**

**1. You have \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**2. You can offer \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. You should \_\_\_\_\_ about God.**