

January 12, 2025

Exodus

- 1-4 Moses—Burning Bush, “Take off your shoes” Exodus 20:2
- 5-11 Moses—Pharaoh, “Let my people go!” “I am the Lord your God,
- 12-13 Moses—First Passover, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and I will not bring the plague on your land. When I see the blood, I will forgive your sin, and you will remain in the land.”
- 1 Luke—Angel Gabriel to Mary—the Messiah
- 14-15 Moses—Parting of Red Sea
- 16-19 Moses—Manna from Heaven

You shall ...”

20-21 Moses—Ten Commandments

- 22-24 Moses—Building the Tabernacle
- 25-39 Moses—Golden Calf & Moses’ Prayer
- 40 Moses—Set up the Tabernacle

LEVITICUS

1. No other Gods
2. No Graven Image
3. No LORD’s Name in Vain
4. Remember the Sabbath
5. Honor Father & Mother
6. Not Murder
7. Not Adultery
8. Not Steal
9. Not False Witness
10. Not Covet



Notice that the **Ten Commandments**

in Exodus 20 are given by GOD to ALL

- ✓ End of Ex. 19, God tells Moses to get Aaron bring up on the mountain ...
- ✓ Then Ex 20 gives the **Ten Commandments**
- ✓ THEN, Israelites do NOT want to HEAR GOD

20:19 "Speak to us yourself and we will listen.
But do not have God speak to us or

we will die

ALL Israel HEARD God give **Ten Commandments**

20:22 Then the Lord said to Moses,

“Tell the Israelites this:

‘You have seen for yourselves that

I have spoken to you from heaven:



**Don't know
about you
But if I was asked
to go through
the DESERT
THIS is how I'd
like to GO**





**A BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL THE **HARDWORKING**
MEN AND WOMEN, KEEPING OUR
ROADS SAFE AND THE POWER ON!**

I CAN'T
WAIT FOR THIS
TO COME OUT
IN PAPERBACK.



***Tough
being Moses***

God's Commandments: the 1st draft

It's good...
I like it... but
I know these
people...

(1)
THOU SHALT
NOT DO THINGS
THAT ARE BAD.

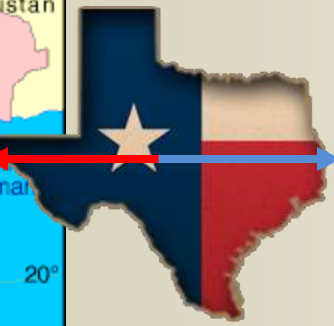
...they're
gonna want
specifics!





Middle East

Texas - 773 miles wide
from the Sabine River in
Newton County in the East
to the Rio Grande near
El Paso in the West



400 Miles

MIDDLE EAST



Exodus

chapters

1-11 Oppression of God's People & Deliverer
12-15 Deliverance of God's People from Egypt
16-19 Education of God's People in the Wilderness

20-34 Consecration of God's People at Sinai
25-40 Worship of God's People in the Tabernacle

Exodus 20 Ten Commandments

verse 1-2 God of the Ten Commandments – God Calls

3-11 Relating to God –

1, 2, 3, 4

13-19 Relating to Society –

5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

22-26 Build an Altar for Sacrifices

Exodus 21 Law on Servants & Injuries

Giving of the Covenant

LAW 101 & more to come



**I have no idea
How Moses FELT
When he came
down from the
mountain the
FIRST Time**

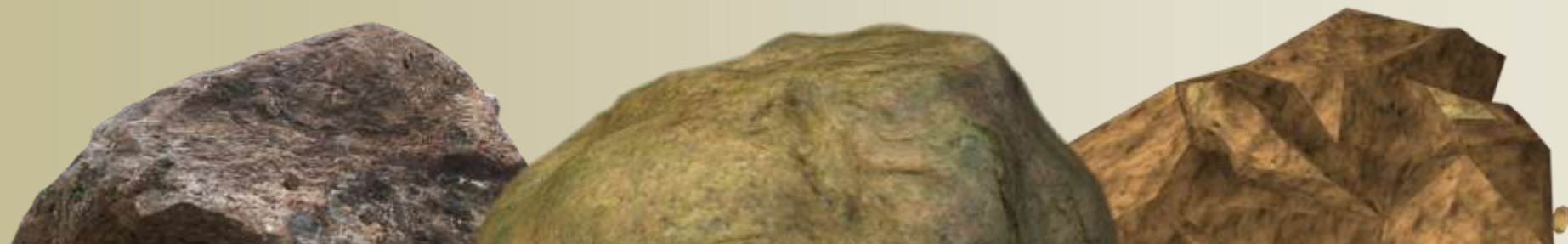


Key Verse – Large – Exodus 20:1-3

¹ God spoke all these words:

**² “I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of Egypt....”**

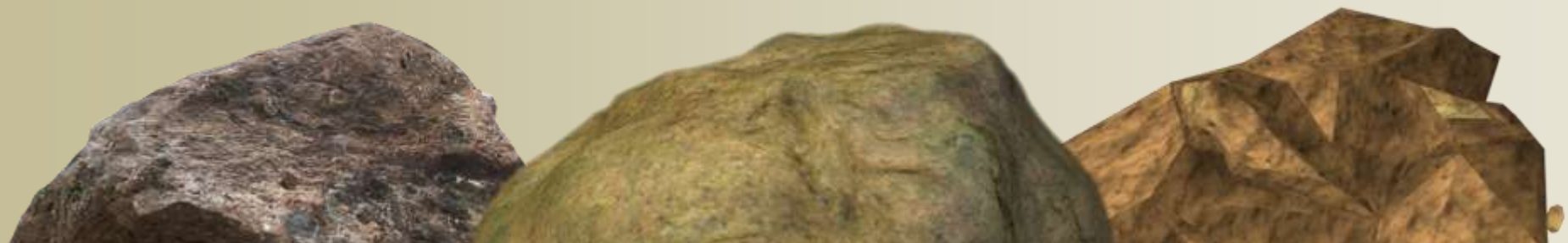
**³ “You shall have no
other gods before me.”**



Key Verse – Essence – Exodus 20:3

First Command

**You shall have NO
other gods before me**



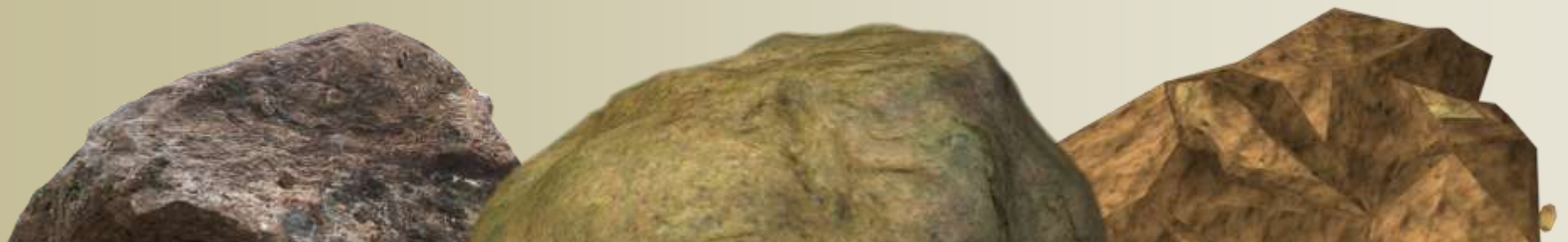
Alternate Title

God's Words

Shake Mt. Sinai

God spoke ... Nature Groans on Mt. Sinai

Israel Stood at a Distance ... *Afraid*





You mean...

Yes. Your entire species is dyslexic.

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There are a lot of views on **God's THRONE**

Some are quite bizarre

Here is one from Bizarro.com

A fellow arrives in Heaven

and is *surprised*

LOWER EGYPT

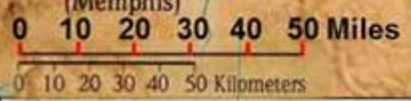
Goshen

Israel moves to Mt. Sinai

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MOAB

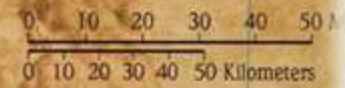
To their FIRST Group Encounter with God



THE ROUTE OF THE EXODUS
 EXOD. 13:17-19:3,
 NUM. 10:11-12:16; 33:1-36

- Northern route
- Central route
- Alternate central route
- Southern route
- Alternate route from Jebel Musa to Kadesh-barnea
- City
- City (uncertain location)
- Mountain peak
- Possible locations for Mt. Sinai
- Major roads

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Exodus and MOSES



Do NOT let slip the critical juncture
Their NEW Life Begun ... THEIR New Era
Not the FIRST Law ... just **FIRST for Israel**
Babylonian **Code of Hammurabi**
of old Babylonian Empire

Circa 1754 B.C. ... *that is*
300 years before Thutmose
the early date of Exodus ... or
500 years before Raamses
if the later date of Exodus

Others predate Hammurabi

- Laws of Eshnunna 1930 BC Akkadian
- Code of Lipit-Ishtar 1934-1924 BC
Sumerian
- Code of Ur-Nammu 2100–2050 BC
old Babylonian

Hammurabi's precedent spread far



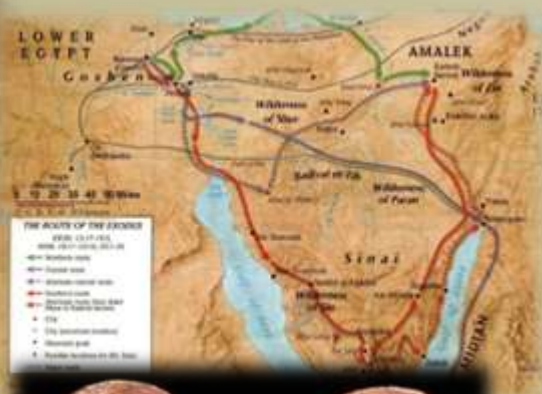
Stele of Hammurabi
Law Code

Exodus and MOSES

Do NOT let slip the critical juncture
For Israel ... their New Life has begun
What began with Adam ... then Noah ...
Then Abraham ...
Now at Mt. Sinai ... they move
UNDER the Law of God
A written Law Code is given

From God to Israel

No Turning Back—EVER





Rephidim to Sinai

Maybe 30 miles

Jebel Musa = Mountain of Moses

Several versions
of the

Ten Commandments

Cajuns have a
good rendering

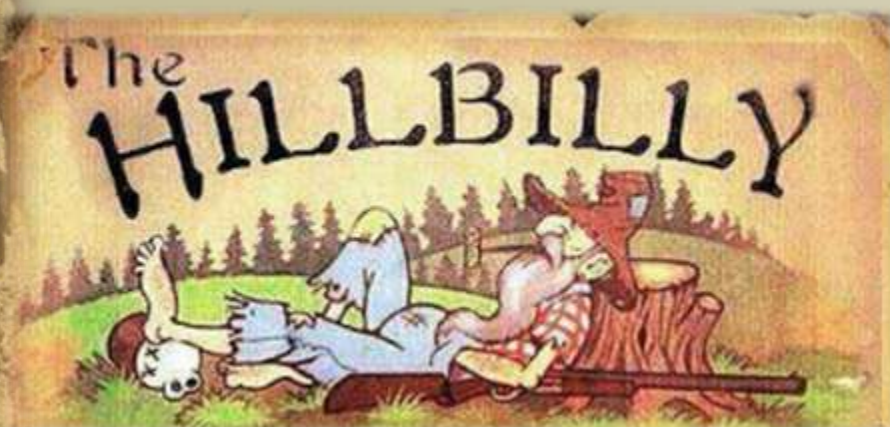
Cajun Ten Commandments

1. Jus' be one God...and das' all.
2. Don't pray to nuttin' or nobody... jus' God.
3. Don't be cussin' at nobody,
specially the Good Lord.
4. When it be Sunday...
pass yo'self by God's House.
5. Listen to yo'mama an' you daddy.
6. Don't be killin' no people...
duck an' fish,das' okay.
7. God done give you a wife, sleep wit' jus' her.
8. Don't take nuttin' from nobody else.
9. Always told da whole troot.
10. Don't go wantin' somebody's stuff.



.Hut

Several versions
of the
Ten Commandments



10 COMMANDMENTS

1. Ain't but One God.
2. Honor yer Ma and Pa.
3. No tellin' tales or gossipin'
4. Git yer hide ta Sunday meetin'.
5. Ain't notin' come before the Lord.
6. No foolin' with another fellers gal.
7. No killin', sept fer critters.
8. Quit yer foul mouthin.
9. No swipin' yer kin folks stuff.
10. Don't be hankerin' fer it niether.

Exodus 19 ... they leave Rephidim ... arrive at Desert of Sinai

God calls Moses to mountain ...

³ Moses went up to God ... LORD said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob ...

⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵⁻⁶ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession ... holy nation.”

Israel says, “*YEAH!*”

Moses takes message back to God

God tells Moses to consecrate people ... get ready ...

God will appear in dense CLOUD ... and *ALL will hear God speak*

WARNING ... WARNING ... WARNING

LOCKDOWN THE MOUNTAIN!



Anyone who DOES come, stone or shoot with arrow

Wash clothes ... abstain from sex ...

morning of the Third Day ...

19:16 thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain,
and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled.

Moses leads people to mountain of Sinai:

19:18 Mount Sinai ... covered with smoke ... LORD descended in fire.

Smoke billowed as smoke from a furnace ...

Whole mountain trembled violently ...



WARNING ... WARNING ... WARNING

Moses is told to WARN the people again

Then ... we have Chapter 20

God speaking from the Mount Sinai to ALL of Israel

ALL hear God give His covenant ... Ten Commandments

Let's look at Israel's camp a little closer



Keil & Delitzsch noted:
an army of 100,000 men,
arranged three abreast is

27 miles long

Let's do some math:

$27 \text{ miles} \times 5,230 \text{ ft} = 141,210 \text{ feet}$

$100,000 / 3 = 33,333 \text{ soldiers long}$

$141,210 / 33,333 = 4.2 \text{ feet each}$

4.2 feet front-back each soldier

For 30 abreast =

100,000 men are

2.7 Miles long



To get a perspective ...

Here is Tyler County

- ✓ About 25 miles wide
- ✓ About 35 miles long

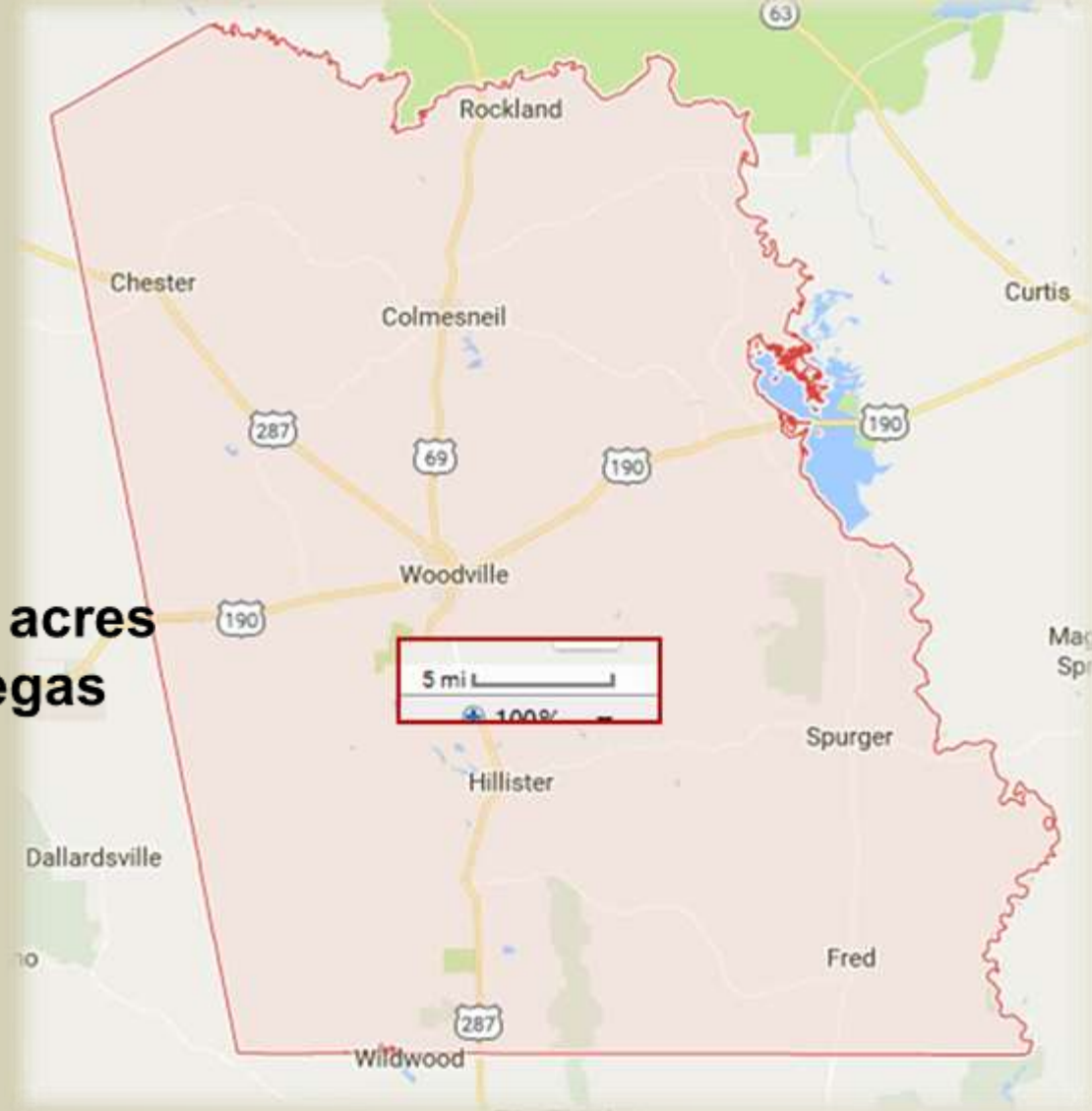
Tyler County is pretty large
area of **936 sq miles**

Population of about **22,000**

OH—22,000 standing can fit inside 4 acres
as they did at the concert in Las Vegas

I believe I was told there are
about 900+ miles of roads

Let's look at a more dense area



To get a perspective ...

Here is Dallas County

- ✓ About 30 miles wide
- ✓ About 30 miles high

Dallas County is pretty large
area of **909 sq miles**

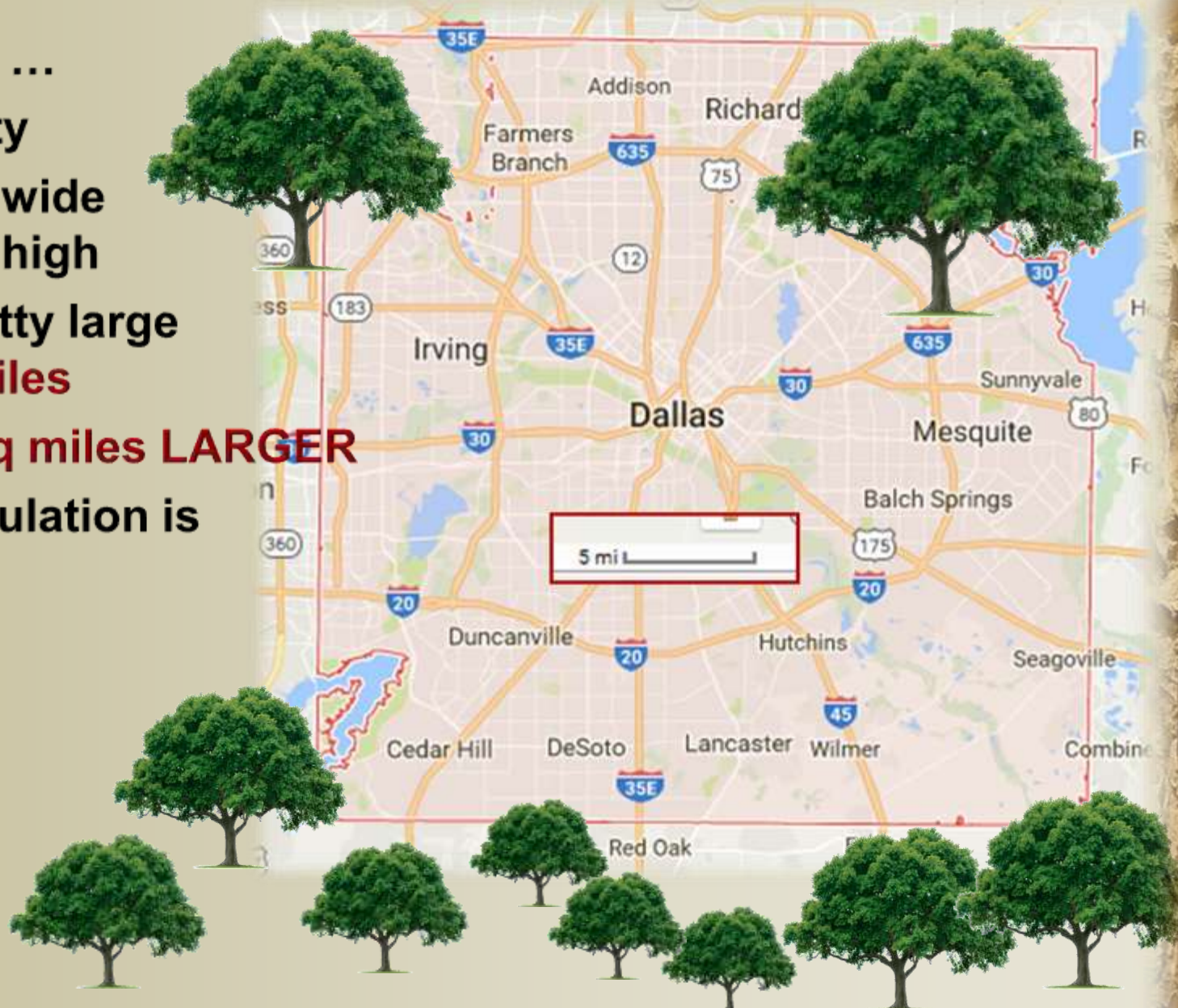
Tyler County is **27 sq miles LARGER**

Dallas County's population is

2.5 million

LOT of people

FEWER trees



More Math

2,000,000 Hebrews - if each had 14 sq feet

Family of 4 = 56 sq ft

That totals to **28,000,000 sq feet**

43,560 sq ft = **1 acre**

28,000,000 sq ft = **643 acres**

28,000,000 sq ft = **1 sq miles**

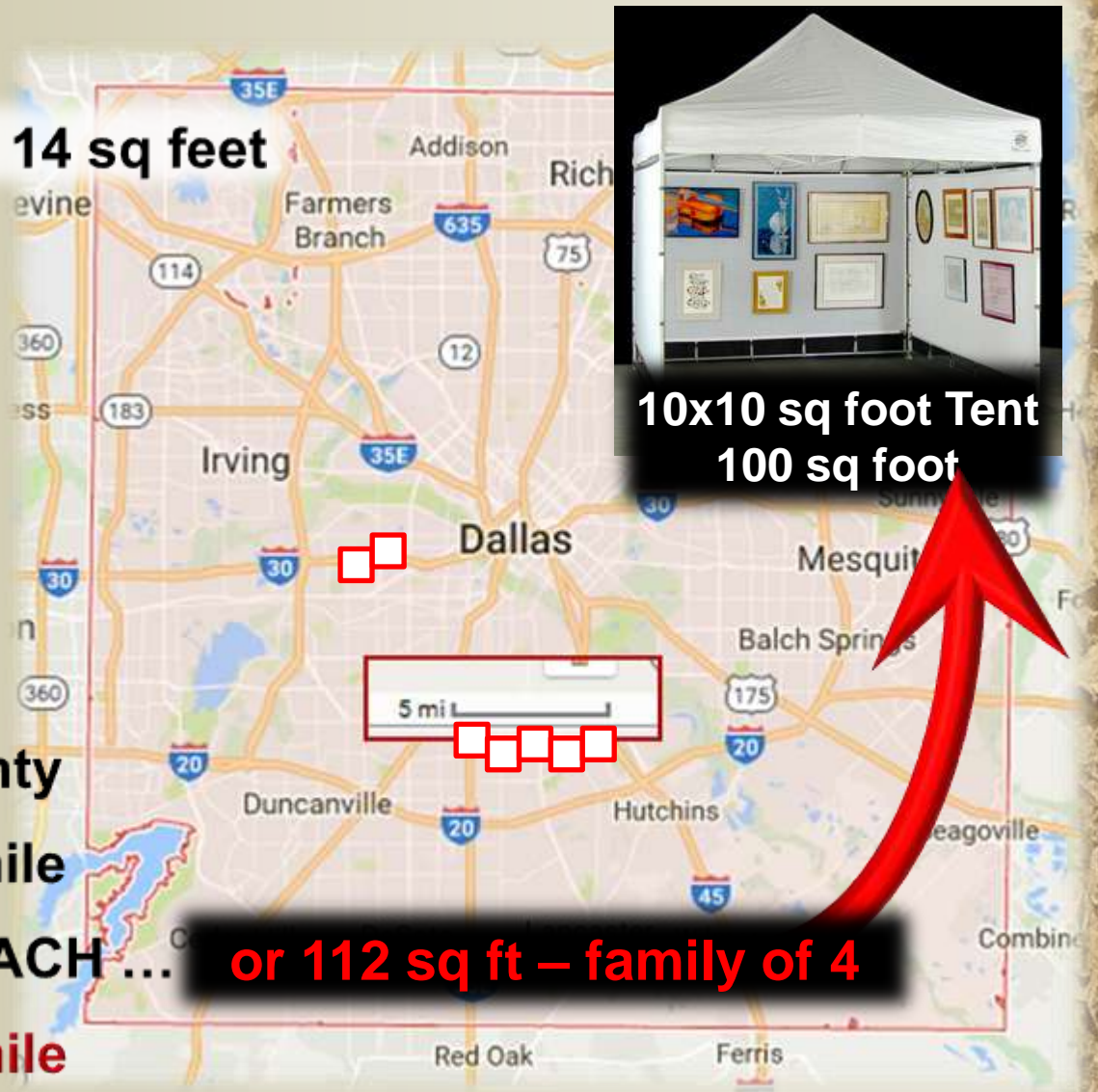
Here are 5 sq miles

2.5m live *NICELY* in Dallas County

Yet, 2m COULD fit inside 1 sq mile

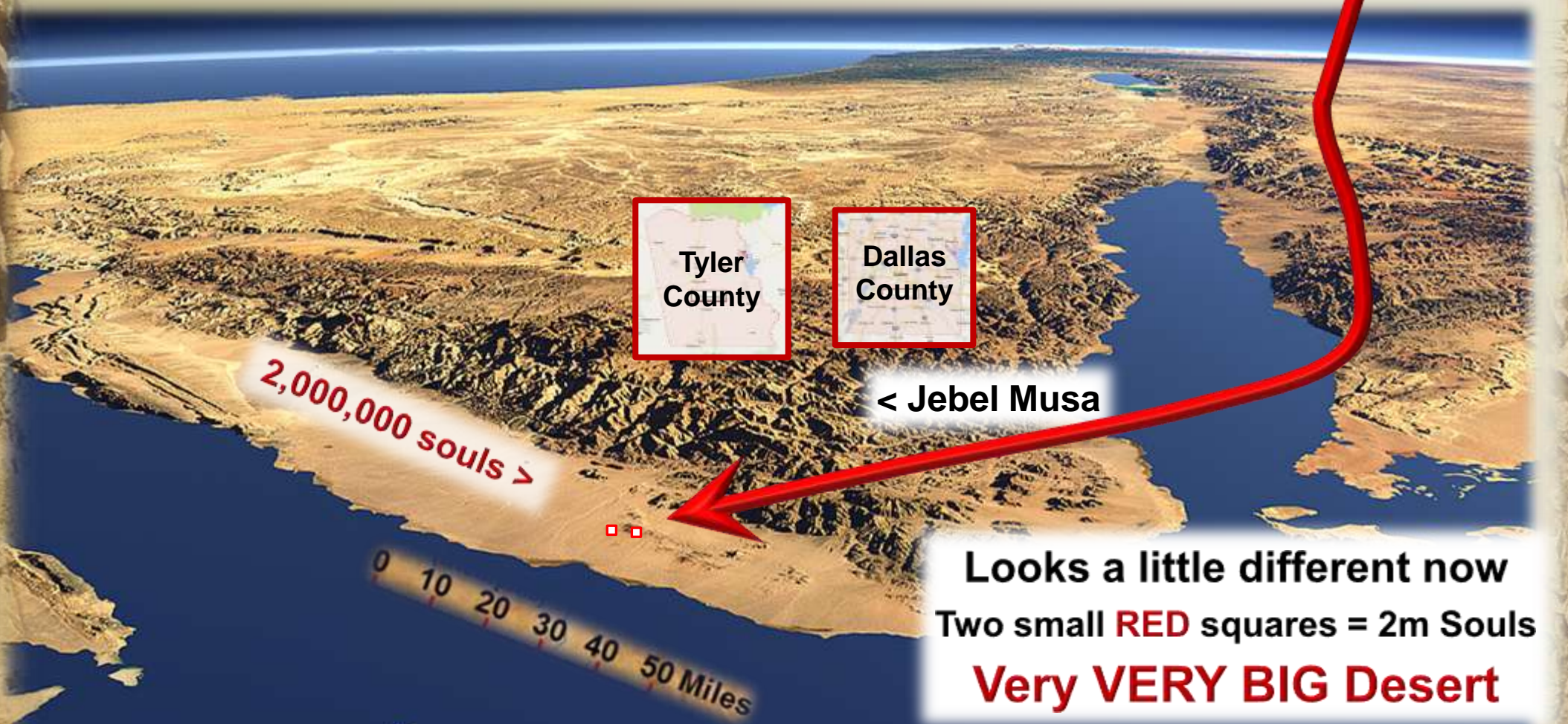
If we DOUBLE that to 28 sq ft EACH ...

2m could TRAVEL inside 2 sq mile



Sinai ... topographical ...
Coastal route a desert too ...

2m souls inside 2 sq miles



2,000,000 souls >

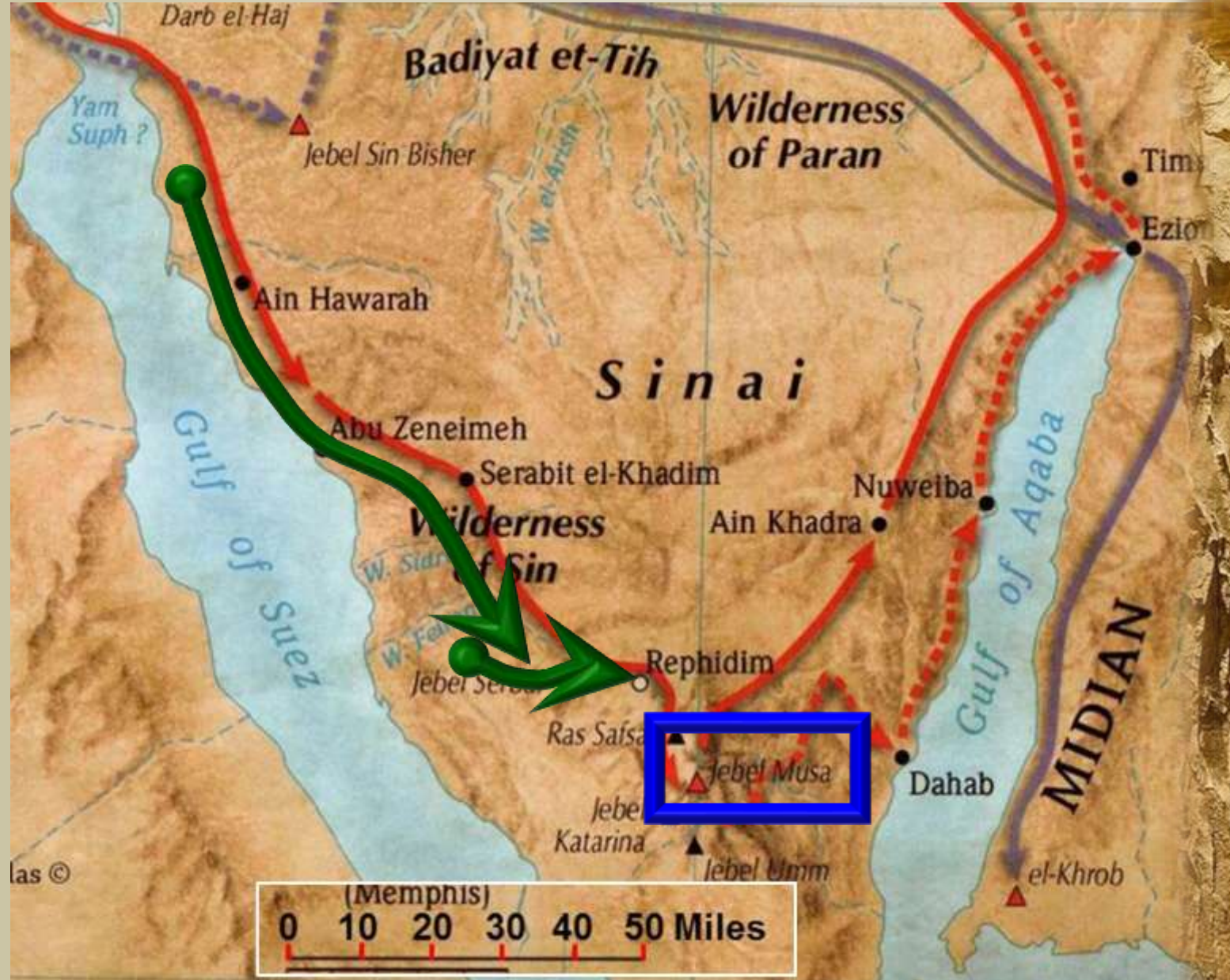


< Jebel Musa

Looks a little different now
Two small **RED** squares = 2m Souls
Very VERY BIG Desert



From Elim to the
Wilderness of Sin
to Rephidim
Now to **Mt. Sinai**
to **Jebel Musa**
to **Mt. of Moses**
Wearisome
Hot ... Dry ...
Thirsty ...
Journey ...



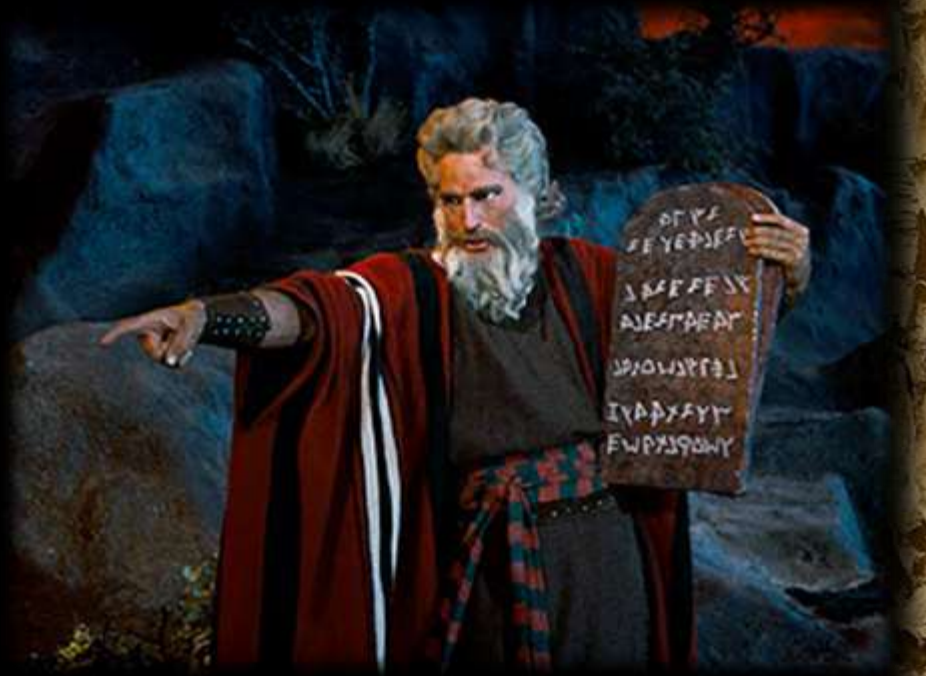
1 And God spoke all these words:

**2 “I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of Egypt,
out of the land of slavery.”**

Over 100x verse 2 is repeated ...

How can one forget?

God's makes sure they DON'T forget



³ “You shall have NO OTHER gods before me.”

Ten Commandments

Begin with a simple prohibition

In the negative, as some things are more powerful ONLY in the negative

Seems “Love God” ... is not as clear as

“Have No Other”

Why do we need the NEGATIVE?

Not easy to answer that ... except that

We seem to have a rebellious nature



Ten Commandments & Jesus' Teachings

- 1. No other Gods** Matt. 4:10, Get behind me Satan, worship Lord only; 6:33, Seek 1st Kingdom of God
- 2. No Graven Image** Matt. 6:24, no one can serve two masters
- 3. Not Lord's Name in Vain** Matt. 5:33-37, not swear falsely; 6:9, hallowed be thy name; 23:16-22, oaths etc.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath** Matt. 12:1-13, cleanse temple; Mark 2:23-27, healed & taught on Sabbath
- 5. Honor Father & Mother** Mark 7:9-13, honor father & mother
- 6. Not Murder** Matt. 5:21-24, "fool" danger of hell, be reconciled
- 7. Not Adultery** Matt. 5:27-30, "look" with lust = adultery
- 8. Not Steal** Matt. 5:40, turn the other cheek
- 9. Not False Witness** Matt. 5:37, let "yes" be "YES!"
- 10. Not Covet** Luke 12:15-34, guard against greed

Various Divisions of Ten Commandments

- LXX Septuagint**, c. 200 B.C. Greek Old Testament
- P - Philo**, 20 BC–AD 50, LXX, killing & adultery reversed
- S - Samaritan Pentateuch** w extra Mt Gerizim 10th
- T - Jewish Talmud** makes "prologue" 1st & combines w prohibition on worshiping deities
- A - Augustine** AD 354–430, Talmud, omits prologue & follows order of Deut. 5:21 rather Exodus 20:17
- C - Catechism of Catholicism**, largely Augustine
- L - Lutherans follow Augustine**, omits images, uses order of Exodus 20:17 for 9th & 10th
- R - Reformed Christians** follow John Calvin, which follows LXX, in Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*

Notice the **LETTERS** abbreviating



LXX	P	S	T	A	C	L	R	Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-17	Deut. 5:4-21
—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	I am the Lord thy God	2	6
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	No other gods before me	3	7
2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	Not make unto thee any graven image	4-6	8-10
3	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	Thou shalt not bow down to them	7	11
4	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	Thou shalt not have strange gods	8-11	12-15
5	5	4	5	4	4	4	5	Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain	12	16
6	7	5	6	5	5	5	6	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	13	17
7	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	Honor thy father and thy mother	14	18
8	8	7	8	7	7	7	8	Thou shalt not kill	15	19
9	9	8	9	8	8	8	9	Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor	16	20
10	10	9	10	10	10	9	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's HOUSE	17a	21b
10	10	9	10	9	9	10	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's WIFE	17b	21a
10	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	Thou shalt not covet neighbor's servants, animals, or anything else	17c	21c
—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	Ye shall erect these stones which I command thee upon Mount Gerizim	17d	21d

Most follow order of the LXX, Septuagint, Greek O.T.
 Notice DIFFERENCE between Exodus 20 and Deut. 5

HOUSE 17a 21b
 WIFE 17b 21a

Ten Commandments - our Standard Version

1. No other Gods
2. No Graven Image
3. Not Lord's Name in Vain
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Exodus 20

#4 based on
Creation
"God Rested"

#10 House 1st

Deut. 5

#4 based on
Deliverance
"Remember God
freed from Egypt"

#10 Wife 1st

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and **fourth generation of those who hate me,**

⁶ but showing **love to a thousand generations** of those who love me and keep my commandments.



7 “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

^ ^ ^ The 3rd Commandment

Have you ever thought?

Have you ever wondered?

Why in heaven and on earth did
God make this Commandment?

Really? ... **Misuse God's Name?**

- ✓ **BEFORE** Honor Parents?
- ✓ **BEFORE** Not Murdering?



I THINK THESE
WERE MEANT FOR YOU.



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3rd Command on NOT misusing God's name

Led Jews to NOT pronounce **YHWH**

For us, means at least to NOT ... ???

Not use God's name *uselessly ... vainly*

Do not use "God" as God of the Bible to

- ✓ "God Damn" this or that *insincerely*
- ✓ Use *OMG* ... *insincerely*
- ✓ "Jesus" in useless fashions



⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the **heavens and the earth**, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.



Exodus 20

#4 based on

Creation

“God Rested”

Deut. 5

#4 based on

Deliverance

“Remember God freed from Egypt”

¹² “Honor your father and your mother,
so that you may live long in the land
the LORD your God is giving you.

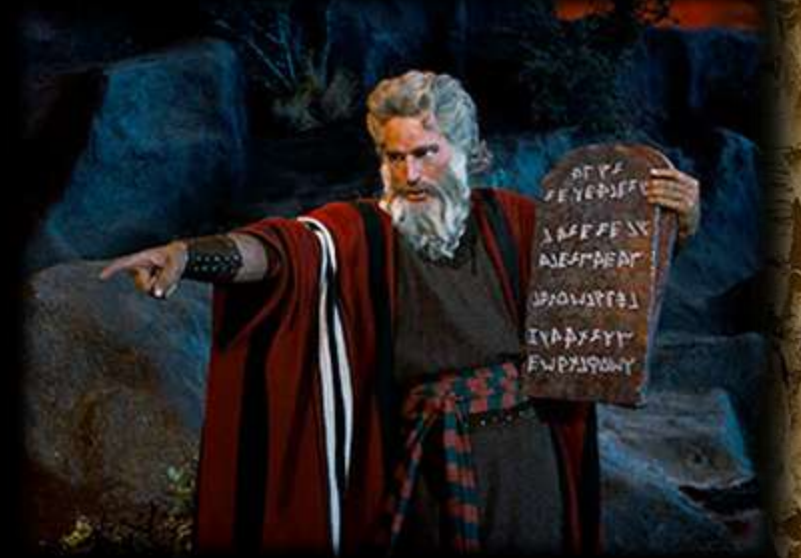
Like the 3rd – how do you “**honor**” them?

Or, dare I ask, how DID you “**honor**” them?

Still ... how does this COMMAND
stack up to “**Have NO other gods**”?

How does “**honor parents**” stack to ...

- ✓ Do Not Murder
- ✓ Do Not Steal



13 “You shall not murder.

14 “You shall not commit adultery.

15 “You shall not steal.

16 “You shall not give false
testimony against your neighbor.

17 “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.”

**Now there ... you have TEN ...
roughly speaking ...**



Then see how Israel responds ...

20:18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear.

They stayed at a distance.

20:19 and said to Moses,

"Speak to us yourself and we will listen.
But do not have God speak to us or

we will die

That is, ALL Israel heard GOD speak
From the fiery smoky mountain
God SPOKE to ALL Israel the

Ten Commandments



That they ALL heard is confirmed next

20:22 Then the Lord said to Moses,

“Tell the Israelites this:

‘You have seen for yourselves that
I have spoken to you from

HEAVEN



Now then ... **TEN** Commandments?

Everyone sees **TEN** ... are **TEN** sections

Our penchant for “order” says **TEN**

TEN are okay ... helps our poor brain

But I ask you ... plead with you ...

BEG of you to see the Covenant from

Israel's View



Israel ... STAYED at a distance

Israel ... begged Moses to speak

Israel ... feared for their lives from **WORDS**

Israel ... AFTER a few months on the
their journey from Egypt

Israel ... AFTER a series of **MIRACLES**

Israel ... to this point ... though grumbling

Israel ... to this time had not **themselves**

Heard YHWH Speak

and they were NOT counting!



Greatest Command

Deut 5 Ten Commandments – then Deut 6

Deut 6 *Shema Israel* =

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל

Hebrew for “Hear, Oh Israel”

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 ... namely, 6:4

**"Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God,
the LORD is one"**

**^{6:5} Love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your strength.**

Deut 6 *Shema Israel* ... then these verses

**⁶ These commandments that I give
you today are to be on your hearts.**

Rest of “Shema Israel” = write on FOREHEAD



Shema Yisrael at the
Knesset Menorah in Jerusalem

Greatest Command

The best is in Matthew 22:36-40

Pharisees set a trap, get their best lawyer

36 “Which is the greatest commandment?”

37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

**39 And the second is like it:
‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”



Greatest Command

Luke 10:25-28 ... set up a parable

25 An expert in the law asked, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” Jesus replied.

27 He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart’ etc., and ‘neighbor.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 Wanting to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus told Parable of the Good Samaritan





**I WAS JUST MESSING WITH YOU ON THE
LAST ONE ...
CHOCOLATE & PIZZA ARE STILL OKAY**

Greatest Command

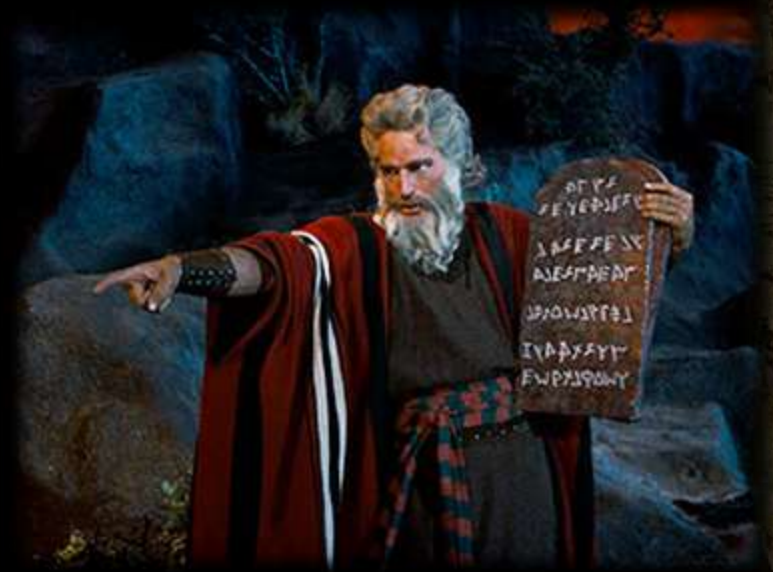
Jesus didn't count either

To Jesus ... if you got
these two *right*

Love God & Others

You got the whole Law

RIGHT



Israel ... **STAYED** at a distance
Israel ... Found MOSES nicer ... **kinder**
Israel ... **Turned** from YHWH ... afraid
Israel ... **HEARD** God Almighty SPEAK
Israel ... Heard “**Alpha & Omega**”
Israel ... Heard God the **CREATOR**
Israel ... Heard God who is **LIGHT**
Israel ... Heard Him who was “In the

Beginning was the WORD



SO ARE
THESE
GUIDELINES,
MANAGEMENT
PROPOSALS OR
WRITTEN-IN-
STONE
POLICIES?

I VI
II VII
III VIII
IV IX
V X

Israel ... **KNEW** this was God Almighty

Israel ... **FELT** this God's power

Israel ... **SENSED** in the well of their souls

Israel ... **EXPERIENCED** God as though

God's Next Words

Might ***Kill*** Them



To **Israel** ... Not Ten Commandments

To **Israel** ... **ONE** Powerful Message

To **Israel** ... **GREATEST** Sermon of ALL

To **Israel** ... **WORDS** stabbed their souls

To **Israel** ... **WORDS** pierced their hearts

To **Israel** ... **WORDS** became ...

Living and Active

Sharper than ANY

Two-edged Sword



To **Israel** ... **The TEN** were a Great Preface
To **Israel** ... **The TEN** were a Sublime Invite
To **Israel** ... **The TEN** from God's voice
To **Israel** ... **The TEN** were Eternal Values
To **Israel** ... **The TEN** were the **FIRST TIME**
To **Israel** ... **the FIRST TIME** every soul and

Every Knee Took a

Bow



And the next time ...

That God comes DOWN in Glory

In a similar manner ...

VERY similar as that Day at

Mt. Sinai



Next time ... God comes **DOWN** in **Glory**
In similarly consummate **AWESOMENESS**
In stupendously serious **FEARSOMENESS**
One Day, yet unknown ... *yet like Sinai*
God will come down ... **Everyone** will **KNOW**
God will come down ... **No One** will Doubt
God will come down ... *with trembling*

Every Knee Will

Bow



Israel ... STAYED at a distance

Israel ... HEARD God Almighty SPEAK

NOT ... that any Heart STRUGGLED

NOT ... that any Knee STRUGGLED

Israel ... Saw ... Heard ... KNEW

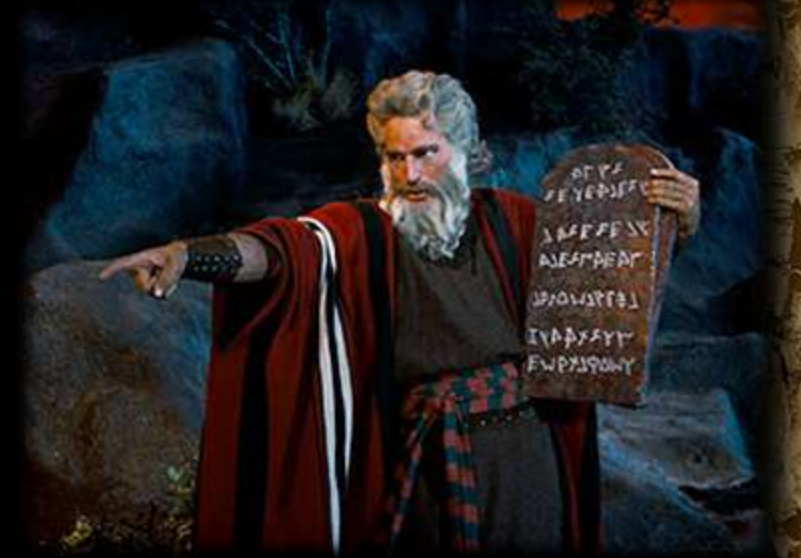
Clouds in their **HEARTS** parted

TRUTH ... like sea billows **ROLLED**

DOUBT ... like a scared demon fled

TRUTH ... like a two-edged sword

Cleaved Souls



God Spoke ...

TRUTH ... coherent ... clear ... stunning

TRUTH ... blazed brighter than the sun

Revelation 1:8 shook Mt. Sinai

“Alpha and the Omega,”
says the LORD God,

Who is, and Who was,
and Who is to come, the

Almighty

