

Exodus 20:1-17

“The 10 Commandments”

(Lit. “The ten words”)

עשרת הדברים

(*eseret had'varim*)

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Romans 12:9-21

The 20 Commandments

1. Let love be genuine. (9)
2. Abhor wickedness, cling to the good. (9)
3. Be devoted to one another in brotherly affection. (10)
4. Give preference of honor to one another. (10)
5. Do not be slothful in zeal but be fervent in spirit as a slave to the Master. (11)
6. Rejoice in hope. (12)
7. Patiently endure affliction. (12)
8. Persevere in prayer. (12)
9. Provide for the needs of the holy ones. (13)
10. Pursue hospitality. (13)
11. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (14)
12. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (15)
13. Live in harmony with one another. (16)
14. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. (16)
15. Do not be wise in your own sight. (16)
16. Repay no one evil for evil. (17)
17. Give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. (17)
18. If possible for you, be at peace with all. (18)
19. Never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” But rather, “if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” (19-20)
20. Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. (21)

The **10** Commandments can make a society **civil**.

The **20** Commandments can make a society **family**.

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## REFERENCES:

**Proverbs 25:21-22** If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will snatch (חָתַח, chatah) burning coals from his head, and Adonai will reward you.

**Psalm 52:5** But God will break you down forever; He will snatch you up (חָתַח, chatah) and tear you away from your tent, and uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.

**Isaiah 30:14** Whose collapse is like the smashing of a potter's jar, so ruthlessly shattered that a sherd will not be found among its pieces to take (חָתַח, chatah) fire from a hearth or to scoop water from a cistern.

**Midrash Tanchuma, Ki Tisa 28:** Rabbi Tanchum ben Chanilai said: The Holy One, Blessed is He, said to Yisrael, "My daughter is in your hand, and your daughter is in My hand" "My daughter is in your hand" – this refers to the Torah, and "Your daughter is in My hand" – this refers to the soul, for it is written, "for in His hand is the soul of all living" [Job 12:10]