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**Before the Ten Commandments were given and accepted by Moses & the Children of Israel, G-d taught his ways, decrees, instructions, commandments and covenants to Adam & Eve & their children and also to Noah & his children.**

**There was evil, sinning, wickedness, judgement and punishment.**

**G-d tests us to see if we will stay true to G-d and G-d’s ways; this life is a proving ground, a tryout with quality control.**

**Genesis 1:28** (WEB) 28God blessed them. **God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**”

**Genesis 2:15-17 (NIV)** 15The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16And **the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”**

**Man & Woman Marriage, No fornication, No promiscuity and correct sexual relations: Genesis 2:18-24 (NIV)** 18The Lord God said, “**It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.**” But for Adam[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+2%3A18-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-51a)] no suitable helper was found. 21So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+2%3A18-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-52b)] and then closed up the place with flesh. 22Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+2%3A18-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-53c)] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” **24That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.**

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| **Repentance, Do Not Murder:** **Genesis 4: 5** But to Cain and to his offering He did not turn, and it annoyed Cain exceedingly, and his countenance fell. **[6](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8168" \l "v=6)**And the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you annoyed, and why has your countenance fallen? [**7**](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8168#v=7)**Is it not so that if you improve, it will be forgiven you? If you do not improve, however, at the entrance, sin is lying, and to you is its longing, but you can rule over it."** [**8**](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8168#v=8)And Cain spoke to Abel his brother, and it came to pass when they were in the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him**. [**10**](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8168#v=10)And He said, "What have you done? Hark! **Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the earth**. [**13**](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8168#v=13)And Cain said to the Lord, "Is **my iniquity** too great to bear?  **Genesis 5:22 (NIV)** 22After he became the father of Methuselah, **Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years** and had other sons and daughters. |
| **Genesis 6:5-14 (NIV)** 5The Lord saw how **great the wickedness of the human race** had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.** 6The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” 8But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. 9This is the account of Noah and his family. **Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.** 10Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. 11Now **the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence.** 12God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. 13So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is **filled with violence** because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. 14So make yourself an ark of cypress[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+6%3A5-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-152a)] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. |
| **Noahide Covenant: Genesis 6:18 (NIV)** 18But **I will establish my covenant with you**, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you.  **Genesis 8:15-21 (NIV)** 15Then God said to Noah, 16“Come out of the ark, **you and your wife and your sons and their wives.** 17Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can **multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”** 18So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. 19All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. 20**Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.** 21The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “**Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+8%3A20-21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-205a)**] every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood.** And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. |
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**Do not eat meat from a living animal, treat animals humanely, Do not murder, Noahide (Noah’s Descendants) Covenant: Genesis 9:1-17 (NIV)** 9 Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, **“Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth.** 2The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. 3Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. **4“But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. 5And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting.** I will demand an accounting from every animal. **And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. 6“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.** 7As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it.” 8Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: **9“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you** 10and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. 11I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12And God said, “**This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.** 14Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” **17So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”**

**Genesis 12:1-3 (NIV)** 12 The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. 2“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+12%3A1-3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-301a)]  
3I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+12%3A1-3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-302b)]

**Genesis 13:13 (NIV)** 13**Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly** against the Lord.

**No Kidnapping, No Stealing, Private Property, Self Defense, G-d Most High, No other G’d: Genesis 14:12-20 (NIV)** 12They also carried off Abram’s nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom. 13A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+14%3A12-20&version=NIV#fen-NIV-350a)] of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. 14When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. 16He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. 17After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley). 18Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19and he blessed Abram, saying, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand.” Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

**No other G-d, One G-d: Genesis 17:1** (NIV) 17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “**I am God Almighty[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+17%3A1&version=NIV#fen-NIV-399a)**]; walk before me faithfully and be blameless**.

**No other G-d, One G-d: Genesis 17:7** (NIV) 7I will establish my covenant as **an everlasting covenant** between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, **to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.**

**Genesis 17:17-21** (NIV) 17Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” 18And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!” 19Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+17%3A17-21&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-417a" \o "See footnote a)] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. 20And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. 21But **my covenant I will establish with Isaac**, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

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**Charity, Righteousness, Justice, Just Laws: Genesis 18:17-32** **[18](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8213" \l "v=18)**And Abraham will become a great and powerful nation, and **all the nations of the world will be blessed in him**. **[19](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8213" \l "v=19)**For **I have known him because he commands his sons and his household after him, that they should keep the way of the Lord to perform righteousness and justice**, in order that the Lord bring upon Abraham that which He spoke concerning him." **[20](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8213" \l "v=20)**And the Lord said, "Since **the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah has become great, and since their sin has become very grave** **[21](https://www.chabad.org/library/bible_cdo/aid/8213" \l "v=21)**I will descend now and see, whether according to her cry, which has come to Me, they have done; [I will wreak] destruction [upon them]; and if not, I will know." 22The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+18%3A22-32&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-447a" \o "See footnote a)] 23Then Abraham approached him and said: **“Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?** 24What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+18%3A22-32&version=NIV#fen-NIV-449b)] the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! **Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” 26The Lord said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” 27Then Abraham spoke up again:** “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28**what if the number of the righteous is** five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?” “If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.” 29Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.” 30Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?” He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.” 31Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?” He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.” 32Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. **What if only ten can be found there?” He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”**

**No homosexuality, No violent mobs, No rapes: Genesis 19:1-13 (NLT)** 19 That evening the two angels came to the entrance of the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting there, and when he saw them, he stood up to meet them. Then he welcomed them and bowed with his face to the ground. 2“My lords,” he said, “come to my home to wash your feet, and be my guests for the night. You may then get up early in the morning and be on your way again.” “Oh no,” they replied. “We’ll just spend the night out here in the city square.” 3But Lot insisted, so at last they went home with him. Lot prepared a feast for them, complete with fresh bread made without yeast, and they ate. 4But before they retired for the night, **all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house. 5They shouted to Lot, “Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!**” 6So Lot stepped outside to talk to them, shutting the door behind him. 7“**Please, my brothers,” he begged, “don’t do such a wicked thing.** 8Look, I have two virgin daughters. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do with them as you wish. **But please, leave these men alone**, for they are my guests and are under my protection.” 9“Stand back!” they shouted. “This fellow came to town as an outsider, and now he’s acting like our judge! **We’ll treat you far worse than those other men!**” And they lunged toward Lot to break down the door. **10But the two angels[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+19%3A1-13&version=NLT#fen-NLT-468a)**] reached out, pulled Lot into the house, and bolted the door.** 11Then they blinded all the men, young and old, who were at the door of the house, so they gave up trying to get inside. 12Meanwhile, the angels questioned Lot. “Do you have any other relatives here in the city?” they asked. “**Get them out of this place—your sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone else.** 13**For we are about to destroy this city completely. The outcry against this place is so great it has reached the Lord, and he has sent us to destroy it.”**

**Genesis 19:23-28 (NLT)** 23Lot reached the village just as the sun was rising over the horizon. 24**Then the Lord rained down fire and burning sulfur from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah. 25He utterly destroyed them, along with the other cities and villages of the plain, wiping out all the people and every bit of vegetation.** 26But Lot’s wife looked back as she was following behind him, and she turned into a pillar of salt. 27Abraham got up early that morning and hurried out to the place where he had stood in the Lord’s presence. 28He looked out across the plain toward **Sodom and Gomorrah and watched as columns of smoke rose from the cities like smoke from a furnace.**

**No Adultery, No Kidnapping, Man & Woman marriage**: **Genesis 20:2-9** (NLT) 2Abraham introduced **his wife, Sarah**, by saying, “She is my sister.” So King Abimelech of Gerar sent for Sarah and had her brought to him at his palace. 3But that night **God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him, “You are a dead man, for that woman you have taken is already married!” 4But Abimelech had not slept with her yet**, so he said, “Lord, will you destroy an innocent nation? 5Didn’t Abraham tell me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself said, ‘Yes, he is my brother.’ I acted in complete innocence! My hands are clean.” **6In the dream God responded, “Yes, I know you are innocent. That’s why I kept you from sinning against me, and why I did not let you touch her. 7Now return the woman to her husband**, and he will pray for you, for he is a prophet. Then you will live. **But if you don’t return her to him, you can be sure that you and all your people will die.”**  8Abimelech got up early the next morning and quickly called all his servants together. When he told them what had happened, his men were terrified. 9Then Abimelech called for Abraham. “What have you done to us?” he demanded. “**What crime have I committed that deserves treatment like this, making me and my kingdom guilty of this great sin?** No one should ever do what you have done!

**One G-d only:** **Genesis 21:33** (NLT) 33Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and **there he worshiped the Lord, the Eternal God.**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+21%3A33&version=NLT#fen-NLT-547a)]

**Genesis 22:18 (NIV)** 18and through your offspring[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+22%3A18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-566a)] **all nations on earth will be blessed,[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+22%3A18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-566b)**] because you have obeyed me.”**

**Private Property: Genesis 23:14-18** (NIV) 14Ephron answered Abraham, 15“Listen to me, my lord; the land is worth four hundred shekels[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+23%3A14-18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-587a)] of silver, but what is that between you and me? Bury your dead.” 16**Abraham agreed to Ephron’s terms and weighed out for him the price he had named** in the hearing of the Hittites: four hundred shekels of silver, according to the weight current among the merchants. 17So Ephron’s field in Machpelah near Mamre—both the field and the cave in it, and all the trees within the borders of the field—was **deeded 18to Abraham as his property** in the presence of all the Hittites who had come to the gate of the city.

**Man & Woman Marriage: Genesis 24:57-67 (NIV)** 57Then they said, “**Let’s call the young woman and ask her about it.” 58So they called Rebekah and asked her, “Will you go with this man?”**  “I will go,” she said. 59So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham’s servant and his men. 60And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.” 61Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left. 62Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. 63He went out to the field one evening to meditate,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+24%3A57-67&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-655a" \o "See footnote a)] and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. 64Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel 65and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?” “He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. 66Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. **67Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her**; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

**No Murder, Man & Woman Marriage, No Adultery, No Violence, Private Property, No Stealing, Just Laws: Genesis 26:1-14** (NIV) 26 Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham’s time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar. 2**The Lord appeared to Isaac and said**, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. 3Stay in this land for a while, and **I will be with you and will bless you**. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. 4I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and **through your offspring[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+26%3A1-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-697a)**] all nations on earth will be blessed,[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+26%3A1-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-697b)**] 5because Abraham obeyed me and did everything I required of him, keeping my commands, my decrees and my instructions.”** 6So Isaac stayed in Gerar. 7When the men of that place asked him about his wife, he said, “She is my sister,” because he was afraid to say, “She is my wife.” He thought, “**The men of this place might kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful**.” 8When Isaac had been there a long time, Abimelek king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw Isaac caressing his wife Rebekah. 9So Abimelek summoned Isaac and said, “She is really your wife! Why did you say, ‘She is my sister’?” Isaac answered him, “Because I thought I might lose my life on account of her.” 10**Then Abimelek said, “What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us.” 11So Abimelek gave orders to all the people: “Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.”** 12Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, **because the Lord blessed him. 13The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy.** 14He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the **Philistines envied him**.

**One G-d, Revere G-d’s Name: Genesis 26:24-25 (NIV)** 24That night the Lord appeared to him and said, “**I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you** and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of **my servant Abraham**.” 25Isaac **built an altar there and called on the name of the Lord**. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well.

**One G-d: Genesis 28:10-15 (NIV)** 10Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. 11When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. 12He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13There above it[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+28%3A10-15&version=NIV#fen-NIV-787a)] stood the Lord, and he said: “**I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac.** I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. 14Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. **All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=genesis+28%3A10-15&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-788b" \o "See footnote b)] 15I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go**, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

**Private Property-livestock & goods: Genesis 31:17-18 (NIV)** 17Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels, 18and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+31%3A17-18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-892a)] to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

**Private Property-home, shelters, livestock: Genesis 33:17 (NIV)** 17Jacob, however, went to Sukkoth, where he built a place for himself and made shelters for his livestock. That is why the place is called Sukkoth.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+33%3A17&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-978a" \o "See footnote a)]

**No Kidnapping, No Rape, No lawlessness-No one is above the law, Courts should be established to enforce the commandments:: Genesis 34:2-13 (NIV)** 2When **Shechem son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of that area, saw her, he took her and raped her.** 3His heart was drawn to Dinah daughter of Jacob; he loved the young woman and spoke tenderly to her. 4And Shechem said to his father Hamor, “Get me this girl as my wife.” 5When **Jacob heard that his daughter Dinah had been defiled**, his sons were in the fields with his livestock; so he did nothing about it until they came home. 6Then Shechem’s father Hamor went out to talk with Jacob. **7Meanwhile, Jacob’s sons had come in from the fields as soon as they heard what had happened. They were shocked and furious, because Shechem had done an outrageous thing** in[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+34%3A2-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-988a)] Israel by sleeping with Jacob’s daughter—a thing that should not be done. 8But Hamor said to them, “My son Shechem has his heart set on your daughter. Please give her to him as his wife. 9Intermarry with us; give us your daughters and take our daughters for yourselves. 10You can settle among us; the land is open to you. Live in it, trade[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+34%3A2-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-991b)] in it, and acquire property in it.” 11Then Shechem said to Dinah’s father and brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and I will give you whatever you ask. 12Make the price for the bride and the gift I am to bring as great as you like, and I’ll pay whatever you ask me. Only give me the young woman as my wife.” 13Because their sister Dinah had been defiled, Jacob’s sons replied deceitfully as they spoke to Shechem and his father Hamor**. Genesis 34:14-26 (NIV)** 14They said to them, “We can’t do such a thing; we can’t give our sister to a man who is not circumcised. That would be a disgrace to us. 15We will enter into an agreement with you on one condition only: that you become like us by circumcising all your males. 16Then we will give you our daughters and take your daughters for ourselves. We’ll settle among you and become one people with you. 17But if you will not agree to be circumcised, we’ll take our sister and go.” 18Their proposal seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem. 19The young man, who was the most honored of all his father’s family, lost no time in doing what they said, because he was delighted with Jacob’s daughter. 20So Hamor and his son Shechem went to the gate of their city to speak to the men of their city. 21“These men are friendly toward us,” they said. “Let them live in our land and trade in it; the land has plenty of room for them. We can marry their daughters and they can marry ours. 22But the men will agree to live with us as one people only on the condition that our males be circumcised, as they themselves are. **23Won’t their livestock, their property and all their other animals become ours?** So let us agree to their terms, and they will settle among us.” 24All the men who went out of the city gate agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, and every male in the city was circumcised. 25Three days later, while all of them were still in pain, **two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, took their swords and attacked the unsuspecting city, killing every male. 26They put Hamor and his son Shechem to the sword and took Dinah from Shechem’s house and left.**

**Man Woman marriage, No Adultery: Genesis 39:7-10 (NIV)** 7and after a while his master’s wife took notice of Joseph and said, “Come to bed with me!” 8But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. 9No one is greater in this house than I am. **My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”** 10And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

**Man Woman marriage: Genesis 41:45 (NIV)** 45Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+41%3A45&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1241a)] to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

**Private Property-flocks, herds & all you have: Genesis 45:9-11 (NIV)** 9Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. 10You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. 11I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

**Private Property-money, livestock, land, property: Genesis 47:13-27 (NIV)** 13There was no food, however, in the whole region because the famine was severe; both Egypt and Canaan wasted away because of the famine. 14Joseph collected all the money that was to be found in Egypt and Canaan in payment for the grain they were buying, and he brought it to Pharaoh’s palace. 15**When the money of the people of Egypt and Canaan was gone**, all Egypt came to Joseph and said, “Give us food. Why should we die before your eyes? Our money is all gone.” 16“Then bring your livestock,” said **Joseph. “I will sell you food in exchange for your livestock, since your money is gone.**” 17So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and he gave them food in exchange for their horses, their sheep and goats, their cattle and donkeys. And he brought them through that year with food in exchange for all their livestock. 18When that year was over, they came to him the following year and said, “We cannot hide from our lord the fact that since our money is gone and our livestock belongs to you, there is nothing left for our lord except our bodies and our land. 19Why should we perish before your eyes—we and our land as well? **Buy us and our land in exchange for food, and we with our land will be in bondage to Pharaoh.** Give us seed so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate.” 20So Joseph bought all the land in Egypt for Pharaoh. **The Egyptians, one and all, sold their fields, because the famine was too severe for them. The land became Pharaoh’s**, 21and Joseph reduced the people to servitude,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+47%3A13-27&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-1442a" \o "See footnote a)] from one end of Egypt to the other. 22However, he did not buy the land of the priests, because they received a regular allotment from Pharaoh and had food enough from the allotment Pharaoh gave them. That is why they did not sell their land. 23Joseph said to the people, “Now that I have bought you and your land today for Pharaoh, here is seed for you so you can plant the ground. 24But when the crop comes in, give a fifth of it to Pharaoh. The other four-fifths you may keep as seed for the fields and as food for yourselves and your households and your children.” 25“You have saved our lives,” they said. “May we find favor in the eyes of our lord; we will be in bondage to Pharaoh.” 26So Joseph established it as a law concerning land in Egypt—still in force today—that a fifth of the produce belongs to Pharaoh. It was only the land of the priests that did not become Pharaoh’s. **27Now the Israelites settled in Egypt in the region of Goshen. They acquired property there** and were fruitful and increased greatly in number.

**No abortion: Exodus 1:15-22 (NIV)** 15The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16“When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” **17The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.** 18Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” 19The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” **20So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. 21And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.** 22Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

**Man Woman marriage: Exodus 4:20-23 (NIV)** 20So **Moses took his wife** and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. 21The Lord said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. 22Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the Lord says: **Israel is my firstborn son, 23and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.”** But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.’”

# **G-d’s Holy Name: Exodus 9:14-16** (NIV) 14or this time I will send the full force of my plagues against you and against your officials and your people, so you may know that **there is no one like me in all the earth**. 15For by now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. 16But I have raised you up[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+9%3A14-16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1759a)] for this very purpose, **that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**

**Fear, respect, revere and love G-d: Exodus 9:27-30 (NIV)** 27Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. “This time **I have sinned**,” he said to them. “The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. 28**Pray to the Lord**, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don’t have to stay any longer.” 29Moses replied, “When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may **know that the earth is the Lord’s**. 30But I know that you and your officials still do not **fear the Lord God**.”

# **No other G’d: Exodus 12:12-14** (NIV) 12“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and **I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord.** 13The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

# **Exodus 16:28** (NIV) 28Then the Lord said to Moses, “**How long will you[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+16%3A28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-1976a)**] refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?**

# **Man Woman marriage: Exodus 18:2** (NIV) 2After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments:** **Exodus 18:15-16 (NIV)** 15Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. 16Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and **inform them of God’s decrees and instructions**.”

# **Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Exodus 18:21-22** (NIV) 21But select **capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials** over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 22Have them **serve as judges for the people** at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

**Exodus 19:3-6 (NIV)** 3Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to **say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel**: 4‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5**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, 6you[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+19%3A3-6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2033a)**] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’** These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

**The Ten Commandments for the Israelites-Jews: Exodus 20:1-22 (NIV)** 20 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.

3“You shall have no other gods before[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+20%3A1-19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2055a)] 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. 5You 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, 6but 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.

8“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10but 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. 11For 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.

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

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.”

18When 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 19and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

20Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.” 21The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was. 22Then the Lord said to Moses, “**Tell the Israelites this**: ‘You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: 23Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold.

# **No Murder/Abortion, No Kidnapping, Restitution, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Exodus 21:12-24** (NIV)

12“Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death. 13However, if it is **not done intentionally**, but God lets it happen, they are to flee to a place I will designate. 14But **if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately**, that person is to be taken from my altar and put to death.

15“Anyone who attacks[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+21%3A12-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2093a)] their father or mother is to be put to death.

16“**Anyone who kidnaps someone** is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper’s possession.

17“Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.

18“If people quarrel and one person hits another with a stone or with their fist[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+21%3A12-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2096b)] and the victim does not die but is confined to bed, 19the one who struck the blow will not be held liable if the other can get up and walk around outside with a staff; however, **the guilty party must pay the injured person for any loss of time and see that the victim is completely healed.**

20“Anyone who beats their male or female slave with a rod must be punished if the slave dies as a direct result, 21but they are not to be punished if the slave recovers after a day or two, since the slave is their property.

22“If people are fighting and hit **a pregnant woman** and she gives birth prematurely[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+21%3A12-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2100c)] but there is no serious injury, **the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows**. 23But **if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life**, 24eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

# **Private Property, Restitution, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Exodus 22:5-8** (NIV) 5“If anyone grazes **their livestock** in a field or vineyard and lets them stray and they graze in **someone else’s field**, the offender must make **restitution** from the best of **their own field or vineyard**. 6“If a fire breaks out and spreads into thornbushes so that it burns shocks of grain or standing grain or the whole field, **the one who started the fire must make restitution**. 7“If anyone gives a neighbor silver or goods for safekeeping and they are stolen from the neighbor’s house, the thief, if caught, must pay back double. 8But if the thief is not found, the owner of the house must **appear before the judges**, and they must[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+22%3A5-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2122a)] determine whether the owner of the house has laid hands on **the other person’s property.**

**No Gossip-Rumors-Slander-Libel-Defamation, No False Witnesses, No Violent Criminal Mobs, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Exodus 23:1-3 (NIV) Laws of Justice and Mercy** 23 “Do not spread false reports. Do not help a guilty person by being a malicious witness. 2“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, 3and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit.

# **No other G-d, G-d’s Holy Name: Exodus 23:20-25** (NIV) 20“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. 21**Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him.** 22If you listen carefully to what he says and do all that I say, I will be an enemy to your enemies and will oppose those who oppose you. 23My angel will go ahead of you and bring you into the land of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites and Jebusites, and I will wipe them out. **24Do not bow down before their gods or worship them or follow their practices.** You must demolish them and break their sacred stones to pieces. 25**Worship the Lord your God**, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you,

**No other G-d’s: Exodus 23:31-33 (NIV)** 31“I will establish **your borders** from the Red Sea[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+23%3A31-33&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2176a)] to the Mediterranean Sea,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+23%3A31-33&version=NIV#fen-NIV-2176b)] and from the desert to the Euphrates River. I will give into your hands the people who live in the land, and you will drive them out before you. 32**Do not make a covenant with them or with their gods.** 33Do not let them live in your land or **they will cause you to sin against me, because the worship of their gods will certainly be a snare to you**.”

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Exodus 24:4-12 (NIV)** 4**Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said**. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the **twelve tribes of Israel**. 5Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the Lord. 6Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. 7**Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey.”**  **8Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said,** “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” **9Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up 10and saw the God of Israel.** Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. 11But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank. 12The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and **I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”**

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Exodus 25:21-22 (NIV)** 21Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law that I will give you. 22There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, **I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.**

# **Sabbath for Israelites-Jews: Exodus 31:12-16** (NIV) 12Then the Lord said to Moses, 13“**Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations** to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy. 14“‘Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. 15For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. 16**The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant.**

**No one else can atone for your sins, Obey G-d, Repent to be saved: Exodus 32:30-35 (NIV)** 30The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; **perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.” 31So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. 32But now, please forgive their sin**—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.” 33The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. 34Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. **However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”** 35And the Lord struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

**Exodus 33:19-23 (NIV)** 19And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and **I will proclaim my name, the Lord**, in your presence. **I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.** 20But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.” 21Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

**No other G-d: Exodus 34:5-16 (NIV)** 5Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. 6And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “**The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished**; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” 8Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 9“Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. **Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance**.” 10Then the Lord said: “**I am making a covenant with you**. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. **The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.** 11**Obey what I command you today.** I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 12Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you. 13Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and cut down their Asherah poles.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=exodus+34%3A5-16&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-2510a" \o "See footnote a)] 14**Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.** 15“Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices. 16And when you choose some of their daughters as wives for your sons and those daughters prostitute themselves to their gods, they will lead your sons to do the same.

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Exodus 34:27-32 (NIV)** 27Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write down these words, **for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel**.” 28Moses was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of **the covenant—the Ten Commandments.**  29When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. 30When Aaron and **all the Israelites** saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. 31But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. 32Afterward all **the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the Lord had given him on Mount Sinai.**

**Leviticus 18:1-5 (NIV)** 18 The Lord said to Moses, 2“**Speak to the Israelites** and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. 3**You must not do as they do in Egypt**, where you used to live, **and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan**, where I am bringing you. **Do not follow their practices.** 4You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. **I am the Lord your God. 5Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the Lord.**

**No immoral sexual relations, No Adultery, G-d’s Holy Name, No Homosexuality, No Beastiality:** **Leviticus 18:20-23 (NIV)** 20“‘Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor’s wife and defile yourself with her. 21“‘Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, **for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord**. 22“‘Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable. 23“‘Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

**Leviticus 19:9-19 (NIV)** 9“‘When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.

11“‘Do not steal. “‘Do not lie. “‘Do not deceive one another.

12“‘Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.

13“‘Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “‘Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

14“‘Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the Lord.

15“‘Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

16“‘Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“‘Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the Lord.

17“‘Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

18“‘Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, **but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.**

19“‘Keep my decrees. “‘Do not mate different kinds of animals.

**Leviticus 20:22-24 (NIV)** 22“‘**Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them**, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. **23You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them.** 24But I said to you, “You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.” **I am the Lord your God, who has set you apart from the nations.**

**Repent & Confess, Perform G-d’s word: Leviticus 26:13-46 (NIV)** 13I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high. 14“‘But **if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, 15and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, 16then I will do this to you**: I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. 17I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you.

**18“‘If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. 19I will break down your stubborn pride and** make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze. 20Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of your land yield their fruit.

**21“‘If you remain hostile toward me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve.** 22I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted.

**23“‘If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, 24I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over.** 25And I will bring the sword on you to avenge the breaking of the covenant. When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be given into enemy hands. 26When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the bread by weight. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied.

**27“‘If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile toward me, 28then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over.** 29You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters. **30I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=leviticus+26%3A13-46&version=NIV#fen-NIV-3555a)**] on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you.** 31I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. 32I myself will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled. 33I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. 34Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. 35All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

36“‘As for those of you who are left, I will make their hearts so fearful in the lands of their enemies that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will run as though fleeing from the sword, and they will fall, even though no one is pursuing them. 37They will stumble over one another as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them. So you will not be able to stand before your enemies. 38You will perish among the nations; the land of your enemies will devour you. **39Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their ancestors’ sins they will waste away.**

**40“‘But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors**—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me, 41which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—**then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, 42I will remember my covenant** with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. 43For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. 44Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God. 45But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the Lord.’”

46These are the decrees, the laws and the regulations that the Lord established at Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses.

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews : Leviticus 27:34 (NIV)** 34These are **the commands the Lord gave Moses at Mount Sinai for the Israelites.**

# **Confess & Repent, Restitution: Numbers 5:5-7** (NIV) 5The Lord said to Moses, 6“Say to the Israelites: ‘Any man or woman who wrongs another in any way[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers+5%3A5-7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-3799a)] and so is unfaithful to the Lord is guilty 7and **must confess the sin they have committed. They must make full restitution** for the wrong they have done, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the person they have wronged.

# **Pray & plead for forgiveness: Numbers 14:18-23** (NIV) **18‘The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished**; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.’ **19In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them** from the time they left Egypt until now.” **20The Lord replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked.** 21Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the Lord fills the whole earth, 22not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but **who disobeyed me and tested me ten times— 23not one of them will ever see the land I promised** on oath to their ancestors. **No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it.**

**Numbers 16:22-26** (NIV) 22But Moses and Aaron fell facedown and cried out, “O God, the God who gives breath to all living things, will you be angry with the entire assembly when only one man sins?” 23Then the Lord said to Moses, 24“Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’” 25Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. 26He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.”

**No Murder, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Numbers 35:20-24** (NIV) **20If anyone with malice aforethought shoves another or throws something at them intentionally so that they die 21or if out of enmity** one person hits another with their fist so that the other dies, that person is to be put to death; **that person is a murderer**. The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death when they meet. **22“‘But if without enmity someone suddenly pushes another or throws something at them unintentionally 23or, without seeing them**, drops on them a stone heavy enough to kill them, and they die, then since that other person was not an enemy and no harm was intended, 24**the assembly must judge** between the accused and the avenger of blood according to these regulations.

**No Murder, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Numbers 35:29-30** (NIV) **29“‘This is to have the force of law for you throughout the generations to come, wherever you live.** 30“‘Anyone who kills a person is to be put to death as a murderer **only on the testimony of witnesses.** But **no one is to be put to death on the testimony of only one witness**.

# **Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Deuteronomy 1:13-17** (NIV) 13Choose some wise, understanding and respected men from each of your tribes, and I will set them over you.” 14You answered me, “What you propose to do is good.” 15So I took the **leading men of your tribes, wise and respected men, and appointed them to have authority over you—as commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens and as tribal officials. 16And I charged your judges at that time, “Hear the disputes between your people and judge fairly,** whether the case is between two Israelites or between an Israelite and a foreigner residing among you. **17Do not show partiality in judging**; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God. **Bring me any case too hard for you, and I will hear it.”**

**Private Property: Deuteronomy 2:6 (NIV)** 6You are to pay them in silver for the food you eat and the water you drink.’”

# **Deuteronomy 4:23** (NIV) 23Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden.

**Deuteronomy 4:12-16** (NIV) **12**Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. **13**He declared to you **his covenant, the Ten Commandments**, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. **14**And the Lord directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. **15**You saw no form of any kind the day the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the fire. Therefore watch yourselves very carefully, **16**so that you do not become corrupt and make for yourselves an idol, an image of any shape, whether formed like a man or a woman,

**Deuteronomy 4:34-36** (NIV) **34**Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? **35**You were shown these things so that you might know that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other. **36**From heaven he made you hear his voice to discipline you. On earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from out of the fire.

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Deuteronomy 4:44-45** (NIV) **44**This is the law Moses set before **the Israelites**. **45**These are the stipulations, decrees and laws Moses gave them when they came out of Egypt

**Ten Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Deuteronomy 5:1-22** (NIV) 5 Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. 2The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. 3It was not with our ancestors[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deuteronomy+5%3A1-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-5057a)] that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today. 4The Lord spoke to you face to face out of the fire on the mountain. 5(At that time I stood between the Lord and you to declare to you the word of the Lord, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

6“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

7“You shall have no other gods before[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deuteronomy+5%3A1-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-5061b)] me.

8“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. 9You 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, 10but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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

12“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. 13Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14but 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 ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. 15Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

16“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.

17“You shall not murder. 18“You shall not commit adultery. 19“You shall not steal.

20“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 21“You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. You shall not set your desire on your neighbor’s house or land, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

22These are the commandments the Lord proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole assembly there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness; and he added nothing more. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

**Deuteronomy 6:4-7** (NIV) **4**Hear, O Israel: **The Lord our God, the Lord is one**.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=deuteronomy+6%3A4-7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-5091a)] **5**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **6**These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. **7**Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

**Deuteronomy 6:13-16** (NIV) **13**Fear the Lord your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. **14**Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; **15**for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. **16**Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.

**Deuteronomy 7:6-9** (NIV) **6**For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. 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. **7**The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. **8**But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **9Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.**

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3** (NIV) **2**Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to **humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands**. **3**He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that **man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Deuteronomy 16:18-20** (NIV) **18**Appoint judges and officials for each of your tribes in every town the Lord your God is giving you, and they shall judge the people fairly. **19**Do not pervert justice or show partiality. Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the innocent. **20**Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the Lord your God is giving you.

**No Stealing, 2-3 honest witnesses, No False Witness, Establish courts to enforce the commandments:** **Deuteronomy 19:14-21** (NIV) **14**Do not move **your neighbor’s boundary stone** set up by your predecessors in the inheritance you receive in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess. **15One witness is not enough to convict anyone accused of any crime or offense they may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.** **16**If **a malicious witness** takes the stand to accuse someone of a crime, **17**the two people involved in the dispute must stand in the presence of the Lord before the priests and the judges who are in office at the time. **18The judges must make a thorough investigation, and if the witness proves to be a liar**, giving false testimony against a fellow Israelite, **19**then **do to the false witness as that witness intended to do to the other party**. You must purge the evil from among you. **20**The rest of the people will hear of this and be afraid, and never again will such an evil thing be done among you. **21**Show no pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

**Deuteronomy 24:14-15** (NIV) **14**Do not take advantage of a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether that worker is a fellow Israelite or a foreigner residing in one of your towns. **15**Pay them their wages each day before sunset, because they are poor and are counting on it. Otherwise they may cry to the Lord against you, and you will be guilty of sin.

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments:** **Deuteronomy 25:1-3** (NIV) **25**When people have a dispute, they are to take it to court and the judges will decide the case, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty. **2**If the guilty person deserves to be beaten, the judge shall make them lie down and have them flogged in his presence with the number of lashes the crime deserves, **3**but the judge must not impose more than forty lashes. If the guilty party is flogged more than that, your fellow Israelite will be degraded in your eyes.

**No Stealing: Deuteronomy 25:15-16** (NIV) **15**You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. **16**For the Lord your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly.

**Commandments for Israelites-Jews: Deuteronomy 27:9-26** (NIV) **9**Then **Moses and the Levitical priests said to all Israel, “Be silent, Israel, and listen! You have now become the people of the Lord your God**. **10**Obey the Lord your God and follow his commands and decrees that I give you today.” **11**On the same day Moses commanded the people: **12**When you have crossed the Jordan, these tribes shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph and Benjamin. **13**And these tribes shall stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali. **14**The Levites shall recite to all the people of Israel in a loud voice: **15**“Cursed is anyone who makes an idol—a thing detestable to the Lord, the work of skilled hands—and sets it up in secret.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **16**“Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **17**“Cursed is anyone who moves their neighbor’s boundary stone.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **18**“Cursed is anyone who leads the blind astray on the road.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **19**“Cursed is anyone who withholds justice from the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **20**“Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his father’s wife, for he dishonors his father’s bed.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **21**“Cursed is anyone who has sexual relations with any animal.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **22**“Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **23**“Cursed is anyone who sleeps with his mother-in-law.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **24**“Cursed is anyone who kills their neighbor secretly.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **25**“Cursed is anyone who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!” **26**“Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out.” Then all the people shall say, “Amen!”

**Deuteronomy 28:1-2** (NIV) **28 If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands** I give you today, the Lord your God will **set you high above all the nations** on earth. **2**All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

**Deuteronomy 28:9-10** (NIV) **9**The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, **if you keep the commands of the Lord your God and walk in obedience to him**. **10Then all the peoples on earth will see** that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will fear you.

**Deuteronomy 28:58-64** (NIV) **58If** you do not carefully follow all the words of this law, which are written in this book, and do not revere this glorious and awesome name—the Lord your God— **59**the Lord will send fearful plagues on you and your descendants, harsh and prolonged disasters, and severe and lingering illnesses. **60**He will bring on you all the diseases of Egypt that you dreaded, and they will cling to you. **61**The Lord will also bring on you every kind of sickness and disaster not recorded in this Book of the Law, until you are destroyed. **62**You who were as numerous as the stars in the sky will be left but few in number, because you did not obey the Lord your God. **63Just as it pleased the Lord to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please him to ruin and destroy you.** You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess. **64Then the Lord will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods—gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known.**

**Deuteronomy 29:15-21** (NIV) **15**who are standing here with us today in the presence of the Lord our God but also with those who are not here today. **16**You yourselves know how we lived in Egypt and how we passed through the countries on the way here. **17You saw among them their detestable images and idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold. 18Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations**; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison. **19**When such a person hears the words of this oath and they invoke a blessing on themselves, thinking, “I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way,” they will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry. **20**The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven. **21**The Lord will single them out from all the tribes of Israel for disaster, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.

**Deuteronomy 31:9-13** (NIV) **9**So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel. **10**Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, **11**when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. **12Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law.** **13Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God** as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.”

**One G-d: Deuteronomy 32:39** (NIV) **39**“See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

**Joshua 23:2-5** (NIV) **2**summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am very old. **3**You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you. **4**Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. **5**The Lord your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the Lord your God promised you.

**Joshua 24:14-15** (NIV) **14**“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15**But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

**Joshua 24:19-20** (NIV) **19**Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. **20**If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

**No Homosexuality, No Rape, No Murder, No violent mobs, No lawlessness: Judges 19:22-29** (NIV) **22**While they were enjoying themselves, some of the **wicked men of the city surrounded the house. Pounding on the door**, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, **“Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have sex with him.” 23The owner of the house went outside and said to them, “No, my friends, don’t be so vile.** Since this man is my guest, don’t do this outrageous thing. **24**Look, here is my virgin daughter, and his concubine. I will bring them out to you now, and you can use them and do to them whatever you wish. But as for this man, don’t do such an outrageous thing.” **25**But the men would not listen to him. **So the man took his concubine and sent her outside to them, and they raped her and abused her throughout the night, and at dawn they let her go. 26**At daybreak the woman went back to the house where her master was staying, fell down at the door and lay there until daylight. **27**When her master got up in the morning and opened the door of the house and stepped out to continue on his way, there lay his concubine, fallen in the doorway of the house, with her hands on the threshold. **28He said to her, “Get up; let’s go.” But there was no answer.** Then the man put her on his donkey and set out for home. **29**When he reached home, he took a knife and cut up his concubine, limb by limb, into twelve parts and sent them into all the areas of Israel.

**Self defense, No Homosexuality, No Rape, No Murder, No lawlessness:**

**Judges 20:1-13** (NIV) **20**Then all Israel from Dan to Beersheba and from the land of Gilead came together as one and assembled before the Lord in Mizpah. **2**The leaders of all the people of the tribes of Israel took their places in the assembly of God’s people, four hundred thousand men **armed with swords**. **3**(The Benjamites heard that the Israelites had gone up to Mizpah.) Then the Israelites said, “Tell us how this awful thing happened.” **4**So the Levite, the husband of the murdered woman, said, “I and my concubine came to Gibeah in Benjamin to spend the night. **5During the night the men of Gibeah came after me and surrounded the house, intending to kill me. They raped my concubine, and she died.** **6**I took my concubine, cut her into pieces and sent one piece to each region of Israel’s inheritance, because they committed this lewd and outrageous act in Israel. **7**Now, all you Israelites, speak up and tell me what you have decided to do.” **8**All the men rose up together as one, saying, “None of us will go home. No, not one of us will return to his house. **9**But now this is what we’ll do to Gibeah: We’ll go up against it in the order decided by casting lots. **10**We’ll take ten men out of every hundred from all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred from a thousand, and a thousand from ten thousand, to get provisions for the army. **Then, when the army arrives at Gibeah[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=judges+20%3A1-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-7065a)**] in Benjamin, it can give them what they deserve for this outrageous act done in Israel**.” **11**So all the Israelites got together and united as one against the city. **12**The tribes of Israel sent messengers throughout the tribe of Benjamin, saying, **“What about this awful crime that was committed among you? 13Now turn those wicked men of Gibeah over to us so that we may put them to death and purge the evil from Israel.”** But the Benjamites would not listen to their fellow Israelites.

**Commandments for Israelites-Jews: 1 Kings 8:9** (NIV) **9**There was **nothing in the ark except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed in it** at Horeb, where **the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites** after they came out of Egypt.

**Supplication, Prayer, Repentance, G-d’s Holy Name: 1 Kings 8:30-43** (NIV) **30Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. 31**“When anyone wrongs their neighbor and is required to take an oath and they come and swear the oath before your altar in this temple, **32**then hear from heaven and act. Judge between your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing down on their heads what they have done, and vindicating the innocent by treating them in accordance with their innocence. **33**“When your people Israel have been defeated by an enemy because they have sinned against you, and **when they turn back to you and give praise to your name, praying and making supplication to you in this temple, 34then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel** and bring them back to the land you gave to their ancestors**. 35“When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and give praise to your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them, 36then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live, and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance.**  **37**“When famine or plague comes to the land, or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers, or when an enemy besieges them in any of their cities, whatever disaster or disease may come, **38**and when **a prayer or plea** is made by anyone among your people Israel—being aware of the afflictions of their own hearts, and spreading out their hands toward this temple— **39**then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. **Forgive and act; deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts** (for you alone know every human heart), **40**so that they will fear you all the time they live in the land you gave our ancestors. **41“As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— 42for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, 43then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you**, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

**One G-d, Live a G-d pleasing life: 1 Kings 8:60**- (NIV) **60**so that **all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is no other. 61And** may your hearts be **fully committed to the Lord** our God, to **live by his decrees and obey his commands**, as at this time.”

**Commandments for Israelites-Jews: 2 Kings 17:35-41** (NIV) **35**When the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, he commanded them: “Do not worship any other gods or bow down to them, serve them or sacrifice to them. **36**But the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt with mighty power and outstretched arm, is the one you must worship. To him you shall bow down and to him offer sacrifices. **37You must always be careful to keep the decrees and regulations, the laws and commands he wrote for you.** Do not worship other gods. **38**Do not forget the covenant I have made with you, and do not worship other gods. **39**Rather, worship the Lord your God; it is he who will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.” **40**They would not listen, however, but persisted in their former practices. **41**Even while these people were worshiping the Lord, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their ancestors did.

**What not to do, Woe to those.. Isaiah 5:20-26** (NIV) **20Woe to those** who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. **21Woe to those** who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. **22Woe to those** who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, **23**who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent. **24**Therefore, as tongues of fire lick up straw and as dry grass sinks down in the flames, so their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the Lord Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel. **25**Therefore the Lord’s anger burns against his people; his hand is raised and he strikes them down. The mountains shake, and the dead bodies are like refuse in the streets. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised. **26**He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at the ends of the earth. Here they come, swiftly and speedily!

**G-d’s Holy Name: Isaiah 24:15** (NIV) **15**Therefore in the east give glory to the Lord; exalt the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea.

**Isaiah 26:4-10** (NIV) **4Trust in the Lord forever**, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. **5**He humbles those who dwell on high, he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground and casts it down to the dust. **6**Feet trample it down— the feet of the oppressed, the footsteps of the poor. **7**The path of the righteous is level; you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth. **8Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+26%3A4-10&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-18139a" \o "See footnote a)]    we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts. 9My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.**  **10**But when grace is shown to the wicked, they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of uprightness they go on doing evil and do not regard the majesty of the Lord.

**Isaiah 30:9-10** (NIV) **9**For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord’s instruction. **10**They say to the seers, “See no more visions!” and to the prophets, “Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.

**Isaiah 30:18** (NIV) **18Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you**; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. **Blessed are all who wait for him**!

**Isaiah 32:1-8** (NIV) **32**See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. **2**Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. **3**Then the eyes of those who see will no longer be closed, and the ears of those who hear will listen. **4**The fearful heart will know and understand, and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear. **5**No longer will the fool be called noble nor the scoundrel be highly respected. **6For fools speak folly, their hearts are bent on evil: They practice ungodliness and spread error concerning the Lord; the hungry they leave empty and from the thirsty they withhold water. 7Scoundrels use wicked methods, they make up evil schemes to destroy the poor with lies, even when the plea of the needy is just.** **8**But the noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand.

**Isaiah 33:5-6** (NIV) **5**The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with his justice and righteousness. **6**He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; **the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure**.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+33%3A5-6&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-18286a" \o "See footnote a)]

**Pray to be Righteous: Isaiah 33:15-16** (NIV) **15**Those who walk righteously and speak what is right, who reject gain from extortion and keep their hands from accepting bribes, who stop their ears against plots of murder and shut their eyes against contemplating evil— **16**they are the ones who will dwell on the heights, whose refuge will be the mountain fortress. Their bread will be supplied, and water will not fail them.

**Isaiah 33:22** (NIV) **22**For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; **it is he who will save us.**

**One G-d, Turn to G-d, Repent: Isaiah 45:18-23** (NIV) **18**For this is what the Lord says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: “**I am the Lord, and there is no other.**  **19**I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain.’ I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right. **20**“Gather together and come;  assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. **21**Declare what is to be, present it—  let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the Lord?  **And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. 22“Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;  for I am God, and there is no other.**  **23**By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity  a word that will not be revoked: **Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.**

**One G-d, Tests:** Isaiah 48:9-13 (NIV) **9**For my own name’s sake I delay my wrath; for the sake of my praise I hold it back from you, so as not to destroy you completely. **10See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.** **11**For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this.  How can I let myself be defamed?  **I will not yield my glory to another. 12“Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called: I am he;  I am the first and I am the last.** **13**My own hand laid the foundations of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I summon them, they all stand up together.

**Light for Gentiles: Isaiah 49:6** (NIV) **6**he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. **I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”**

**Isaiah 50:1-3** (NIV) Israel’s Sin and the Servant’s Obedience

**50**This is what the Lord says: “Where is your mother’s certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? **Because of your sins you were sold;  because of your transgressions** your mother was sent away. **2**When I came, why was there no one?  When I called, why was there no one to answer? Was my arm too short to deliver you?  **Do I lack the strength to rescue you?** By a mere rebuke I dry up the sea, I turn rivers into a desert; their fish rot for lack of water and die of thirst**. 3I clothe the heavens with darkness and make sackcloth its covering.”**

**Pray & Repent: Isaiah 55:6-7** (NIV) **6Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.** 7Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**Repent, be contrite: Isaiah 57:12-18** (NIV) **12**I will expose your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you. **13**When you cry out for help, let your collection of idols save you! The wind will carry all of them off, a mere breath will blow them away. **But whoever takes refuge in me will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain.”** **14**And it will be said: “Build up, build up, prepare the road!  Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people.” **15For this is what the high and exalted One says—  he who lives forever, whose name is holy: “I live in a high and holy place, but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.**  **16**I will not accuse them forever, nor will I always be angry, for then they would faint away because of me—  the very people I have created. **17I was enraged by their sinful greed; I punished them, and hid my face in anger, yet they kept on in their willful ways.** **18**I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;  I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel’s mourners,

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments, Help the oppressed, Share food, clothing, shelter, Help family, Don’t blame other & take responsibility for your actions, positive, constructive talk:**

**Isaiah 58:6-11** (NIV) **6**“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to **loose the chains of injustice**and untie the cords of the yoke, to **set the oppressed free** and break every yoke? **7**Is it not to **share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood**? **8**Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; **then your righteousness[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+58%3A6-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18795a)**] will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. 9Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise** in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. **11**The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

**Confess & Repent, No Murder, No Stealing, No false witness or lying, Positive Constructive talk, Justice, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Isaiah 59:1-4** (NIV) **59 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.** **2**But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. **3**For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. **4**No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil.

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments, Be truthful, No lying: Isaiah 59:15** (NIV) **15**Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments, No Stealing, obey, practice & apply the commandments: Isaiah 61:8** (NIV) **8**“For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.

**Revere the One G-d our Father & Redeemer: Isaiah 63:16-17** (NIV) **16**But **you are our Father**, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, **Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.**  **17**Why, Lord, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not **revere** you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.

**Isaiah 64:7-8** (NIV) **7**No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+64%3A7-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18893a)] our sins. **8**Yet you, Lord, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

**Isaiah 65:1-3** (NIV) **65**“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’ **2**All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good,  
pursuing their own imaginations—**3**a people who continually provoke me to my very face,  
offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick;

**Be Contrite, humble, repent and revere G-d’s word: Isaiah 66:1-2** (NIV) **66**This is what the Lord says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? **2**Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” **declares the Lord. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.**

**Isaiah 66:16** (NIV) **16**For with fire and with his sword the Lord will execute judgment on all people, and many will be those slain by the Lord.

**Isaiah 66:18-24** (NIV) **18**“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+66%3A18-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18941a)] and gather the people of **all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory**. **19**“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=isaiah+66%3A18-24&version=NIV#fen-NIV-18942b)] and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. **They will proclaim my glory among the nations. 20And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord**—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the Lord. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the Lord in ceremonially clean vessels. **21**And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says **the Lord. 22“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the Lord**, “so will your name and descendants endure. **23From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the Lord. 24**“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

**Jeremiah 7:3-11** (NIV) **3**This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: **Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place**. **4**Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!” **5If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, 6if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, 7then I will let you live in this place**, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. **8**But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. **9“‘Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury,[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+7%3A3-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19129a)**] burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, 10and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe”—safe to do all these detestable things?** **11**Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord.

**Jeremiah 7:21-28** (NIV) **21**“‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! **22**For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, **I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, 23but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. 24But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.** **25**From the time your ancestors left Egypt until now, day after day, again and again I sent you my servants the prophets. **26**But they did not listen to me or pay attention. They were stiff-necked and did more evil than their ancestors.’ **27**“When you tell them all this, they will not listen to you; when you call to them, they will not answer. **28**Therefore say to them, ‘This is the nation that has not obeyed the Lord its God or responded to correction. Truth has perished; it has vanished from their lips.

**Pray & Repent, Return & practice G-d’s ways: Jeremiah 8:4-7** (NIV) **4**“Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says: “‘When people fall down, do they not get up?  When someone turns away, do they not return? **5**Why then have these people turned away? Why does Jerusalem always turn away? **They cling to deceit; they refuse to return. 6I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of them repent of their wickedness, saying, “What have I done?”** Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle. **7**Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. **But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord.**

**Repent, return and practice G-d’s laws: Jeremiah 8:12** (NIV) **12Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct?** No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord.

**Read & practice G’d’s word, Be Kind, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Jeremiah 9:22-24** (NIV) **22**Say, “This is what the Lord declares: “‘Dead bodies will lie like dung on the open field, like cut grain behind the reaper, with no one to gather them.’” **23**This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, **24**but **let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.**

**Fear, Respect, Revere G-d and his Name, No idols, G-d controls Climate: Jeremiah 10:1-16** **10**Hear what the Lord says to you, people of Israel. **2**This is what the Lord says: “Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the heavens, though the nations are terrified by them. **3**For the practices of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. **4**They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter. **5**Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them; they can do no harm nor can they do any good.” **6No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. 7Who should not fear you, King of the nations?  This is your due.** Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like you. **8**They are all senseless and foolish; they are taught by worthless wooden idols. **9**Hammered silver is brought from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz. What the craftsman and goldsmith have made is then dressed in blue and purple—  all made by skilled workers. **10But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When he is angry, the earth trembles;  the nations cannot endure his wrath.**  **11**“Tell them this: ‘These gods, who did not make the heavens and the earth, will perish from the earth and from under the heavens.’”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+10%3A1-16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19213a)] **12But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. 13When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.** **14**Everyone is senseless and without knowledge; every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them. **15**They are worthless, the objects of mockery; when their judgment comes, they will perish. **16He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, for he is the Maker of all things, including Israel, the people of his inheritance—  the Lord Almighty is his name.**

**Jeremiah 11:17-20** (NIV) **17**The Lord Almighty, who planted you, has decreed disaster for you, **because the people of both Israel and Judah have done evil and aroused my anger by burning incense to Baal**. **18**Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. **19**I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit;  let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” **20But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind**, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

**G-d will test you, this is your tryout and proving grounds: Jeremiah 12:1-3** (NIV) **12 You are always righteous, Lord**, when I bring a case before you. Yet I would speak with you about your justice:  **Why does the way of the wicked prosper?   Why do all the faithless live at ease?**  **2**You have planted them, and they have taken root; they grow and bear fruit. You are always on their lips but far from their hearts. **3Yet you know me, Lord; you see me and test my thoughts about you.** Drag them off like sheep to be butchered! Set them apart for the day of slaughter!

**Learn & practice G-d’s ways, Read his holy word, Improve yourself applying G-d’s word, G-d’s Holy Name: Jeremiah 12:16-17** (NIV) **16And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, ‘As surely as the Lord lives’**—even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people. **17But if any nation does not listen, I will completely uproot and destroy it,” declares the Lord.**

**Change to G-d’s ways, Improve yourself by living G-d’s word: Jeremiah 15:1-7** (NIV) **15**Then the Lord said to me: “Even if Moses and Samuel were to stand before me, my heart would not go out to this people. Send them away from my presence! Let them go! **2**And if they ask you, ‘Where shall we go?’ tell them, ‘This is what the Lord says: “‘Those destined for death, to death; those for the sword, to the sword; those for starvation, to starvation; those for captivity, to captivity.’ **3**“I will send four kinds of destroyers against them,” declares the Lord, “the sword to kill and the dogs to drag away and the birds and the wild animals to devour and destroy. **4I will make them abhorrent to all the kingdoms of the earth because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah king of Judah did in Jerusalem.** **5**“Who will have pity on you, Jerusalem? Who will mourn for you?  Who will stop to ask how you are? **6You have rejected me,” declares the Lord.  “You keep on backsliding.** So I will reach out and destroy you; I am tired of holding back. **7**I will winnow them with a winnowing fork at the city gates of the land. I will bring bereavement and destruction on my people, **for they have not changed their ways.**

**Repent and be restored, Serve G-d! Jeremiah 15:19-21** (NIV) **19**Therefore this is what the Lord says: **“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me;** if you utter worthy, not worthless, words,  you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. **20**I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord. **21**“I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

**Trust in G-d, Practice G-d’s word: Jeremiah 17:5-10** (NIV) **5**This is what the Lord says: “Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. **6**That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. **7“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.**  **8**They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” **9**The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? **10“I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.”**

**Repent & Reform, Obey G-d, Live a G-d pleasing life, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Jeremiah 18:5-11** (NIV) **5**Then the word of the Lord came to me. **6He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.** **7If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, 8and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. 9And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, 10and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it**. **11**“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. **So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’**

**Serve G-d, Live a G-d pleasing life, Establish courts to enforce the commandments, No violence, No murder: Jeremiah 22:3-5** (NIV) **3This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.** **4**For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David’s throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. **5**But if you do not obey these commands, declares the Lord, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin.’”

**Help the Poor & Needy, Live a G-dly life, Be Honest, No Murder, Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Jeremiah 22:13-17** (NIV) **13**“**Woe to him who** builds his palace by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, making his own people work for nothing, not paying them for their labor. **14**He says, ‘I will build myself a great palace with spacious upper rooms.’ So he makes large windows in it, panels it with cedar and decorates it in red. **15**“Does it make you a king to have more and more cedar? Did not your father have food and drink?  **He did what was right and just, so all went well with him. 16He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me?” declares the Lord. 17“But your eyes and your heart are set only on dishonest gain, on shedding innocent blood and on oppression and extortion.”**

**Jeremiah 23:5-6** (NIV) **5**“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+23%3A5-6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19490a)] a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. **6**In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called:  The Lord Our Righteous Savior.

**Jeremiah 23:14** (NIV) **14**And among the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen something horrible:  They commit adultery and live a lie. **They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that not one of them turns from their wickedness.** They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah.”

**Repent & Reform, live G-d’s word: Jeremiah 23:21-22** (NIV) **21**I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. **22But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.**

**Repent & Reform, live G-d’s word, No idolatry: Jeremiah 25:2-7** (NIV) **2**So Jeremiah the prophet said to all the people of Judah and to all those living in Jerusalem: **3**For twenty-three years—from the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah until this very day—the word of the Lord has come to me and **I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened. 4And though the Lord has sent all his servants the prophets to you again and again, you have not listened or paid any attention. 5They said, “Turn now, each of you, from your evil ways and your evil practices, and you can stay in the land the Lord gave to you and your ancestors for ever and ever. 6Do not follow other gods to serve and worship them; do not arouse my anger with what your hands have made. Then I will not harm you.” 7“But you did not listen to me,**” declares the Lord, “and you have aroused my anger with what your hands have made, and you have brought harm to yourselves.”

**Jeremiah 25:30-31** (NIV) **30**“Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them:

“‘The Lord will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, **shout against all who live on the earth. 31The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword,’” declares the Lord.**

**Turn to G-d’s way, Repent, Follow G-d’s Law: Jeremiah 26:1-7** (NIV) **26**Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the Lord: **2**“This is what the Lord says: Stand in the courtyard of the Lord’s house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the Lord. **Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. 3Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will relent and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. 4Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, 5and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), 6then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+26%3A1-7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19579a)**] among all the nations of the earth.’”**

**Reform & Repent, Obey G-d: Jeremiah 26:13** (NIV) **13**Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you.

**Jeremiah 27:3-7** (NIV) **3**Then send word to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre and Sidon through the envoys who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. **4**Give them a message for their masters and say, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Tell this to your masters: **5With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please.** **6**Now I will give all your countries into the hands of my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; I will make even the wild animals subject to him. **7**All nations will serve him and his son and his grandson until the time for his land comes; then many nations and great kings will subjugate him.

**Jeremiah 29:10-14** (NIV) **10**This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. **11For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14I will be found by you,” declares the Lord**, “and will bring you back from captivity.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+29%3A10-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19650a)] I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

**Jeremiah 31:9-10** (NIV) **9**They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back.  
I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, **because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son. 10“Hear the word of the Lord, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’**

**Jeremiah 31:30-34** (NIV) **30**Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge. **31**“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
    “when **I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah**.  
**32**It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand  
    to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+31%3A30-34&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19724a)] them,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+31%3A30-34&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-19724b" \o "See footnote b)]” declares the Lord. **33**“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
    after that time,” declares the Lord. **“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”**

**Jeremiah 32:32-44** (NIV) **32The people of Israel and Judah have provoked me by all the evil they have done**—they, their kings and officials, their priests and prophets, the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem. **33They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to discipline.** **34**They set up their vile images in the house that bears my Name and defiled it. **35**They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molek, though I never commanded—nor did it enter my mind—that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.

**36**“You are saying about this city, ‘By the sword, famine and plague it will be given into the hands of the king of Babylon’; but this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: **37**I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. **38They will be my people, and I will be their God. 39I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. 40I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. 41I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.**

**42**“This is what the Lord says: As I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will give them all the prosperity I have promised them. **43**Once more fields will be bought in this land of which you say, ‘It is a desolate waste, without people or animals, for it has been given into the hands of the Babylonians.’ **44Fields will be bought for silver, and deeds will be signed, sealed and witnessed** in the territory of Benjamin, in the villages around Jerusalem, in the towns of Judah and in the towns of the hill country, of the western foothills and of the Negev, **because I will restore their fortunes,[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+32%3A32-44&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19776a)**] declares the Lord.”**

**Jeremiah 33:3-9** (NIV) **3‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’** **4**For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the houses in this city and the royal palaces of Judah that have been torn down to be used against the siege ramps and the sword **5**in the fight with the Babylonians[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+33%3A3-9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19781a)]: ‘They will be filled with the dead bodies of the people I will slay in my anger and wrath. I will hide my face from this city because of all its wickedness.

**6“‘Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.** **7**I will bring Judah and Israel back from captivity[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+33%3A3-9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19783b)] and will rebuild them as they were before. **8I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. 9Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for it.’**

**Jeremiah 33:14-22** (NIV) **14**“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. **15“‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;  he will do what is just and right in the land. 16In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+33%3A14-22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19792a)**] will be called:   The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’**  **17**For this is what the Lord says: ‘David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel, **18**nor will the Levitical priests ever fail **to have a man to stand before me continually to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings and to present sacrifices.’” 19The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah**: **20**“This is what the Lord says: ‘If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night no longer come at their appointed time, **21**then my covenant with David my servant—and my covenant with the Levites who are priests ministering before me—can be broken and David will no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. **22I will make the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who minister before me as countless as the stars in the sky and as measureless as the sand on the seashore.’”**

**Jeremiah 33:25-26** (NIV) **25**This is what the Lord says: ‘If I have not made my covenant with day and night and established the laws of heaven and earth, **26**then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and **David my servant** and will not choose **one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+33%3A25-26&version=NIV#fen-NIV-19802a)**] and have compassion on them.’”**

**Jeremiah 35:12-15** (NIV) **12**Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying: **13**“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go and tell the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, **‘Will you not learn a lesson and obey my words?’ declares the Lord**. **14**‘Jehonadab son of Rekab ordered his descendants not to drink wine and this command has been kept. To this day they do not drink wine, because they obey their forefather’s command. But I have spoken to you again and again, yet you have not obeyed me. **15Again and again I sent all my servants the prophets to you. They said, “Each of you must turn from your wicked ways and reform your actions; do not follow other gods to serve them.** Then you will live in the land I have given to you and your ancestors.” **But you have not paid attention or listened to me.**

**Turn & Repent, Scrolls not the book format with chapters & verses we have now to understand context: Jeremiah 36:1-7** (NIV) **36**In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: **2**“**Take a scroll** and write on it all the words I have spoken to you **concerning Israel, Judah and all the other nations** from the time I began speaking to you in the reign of Josiah till now. **3Perhaps when the people of Judah hear about every disaster I plan to inflict on them, they will each turn from their wicked ways; then I will forgive their wickedness and their sin.”** **4**So Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and while Jeremiah dictated all the words the Lord had spoken to him, Baruch **wrote them on the scroll.** **5**Then Jeremiah told Baruch, “I am restricted; I am not allowed to go to the Lord’s temple. **6**So you go to the house of the Lord on a day of fasting and read to the people from the scroll the words of the Lord that you wrote as I dictated. Read them to all the people of Judah who come in from their towns. **7Perhaps they will bring their petition before the Lord and will each turn from their wicked ways, for the anger and wrath pronounced against this people by the Lord are great.”**

**Jeremiah 36:28-31** (NIV) **28**“**Take another scroll** and write on it all the words that were on the first scroll, which Jehoiakim king of Judah burned up. **29**Also tell Jehoiakim king of Judah, ‘This is what the Lord says: You burned that scroll and said, “Why did you write on it that the king of Babylon would certainly come and destroy this land and wipe from it both man and beast?” **30Therefore this is what the Lord says about Jehoiakim king of Judah: He will have no one to sit on the throne of David**; his body will be thrown out and exposed to the heat by day and the frost by night. **31**I will punish him and his children and his attendants **for their wickedness**; I will bring on them and those living in Jerusalem and the people of Judah every disaster I pronounced against them, **because they have not listened**.’”

**Jeremiah 48:7** (NIV) **7**Since you trust in your deeds and riches, you too will be taken captive,  
and Chemosh will go into exile, together with his priests and officials.

**Jeremiah 50:17-18** (NIV) **17**“Israel is a scattered flock that lions have chased away. The first to devour them was the king of Assyria; the last to crush their bones was Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.” **18**Therefore this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “I will punish the king of Babylon and his land as I punished the king of Assyria.

**G-d created everything, G-d controls Climate, No idolatry:**

**Jeremiah 51:15-20** (NIV) **15**“He made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. **16When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar; he makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.**  **17**“Everyone is senseless and without knowledge; every goldsmith is shamed by his idols. The images he makes are a fraud; they have no breath in them. **18**They are worthless, the objects of mockery; when their judgment comes, they will perish. **19**He who is the Portion of Jacob is not like these, **for he is the Maker of all things, including the people of his inheritance**— the Lord Almighty is his name. **20**“You are my war club, my weapon for battle— with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy kingdoms,

**Warn and dissuade your people: Ezekiel 3:17-21** (NIV) **17“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.** **18**When I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+3%3A17-21&version=NIV#fen-NIV-20521a)] their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. **19**But if you do **warn the wicked person and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.** **20**“Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. **21**But **if you do warn the righteous person not to sin and they do not sin, they will surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved yourself.”**

**Repent, Establish courts to enforce the commandments, No idolatry: Ezekiel 5:5-14** (NIV) **5**“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: This is Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations, with countries all around her. **6Yet in her wickedness she has rebelled against my laws and decrees more than the nations and countries around her. She has rejected my laws and has not followed my decrees. 7**“Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: **You have been more unruly than the nations around you and have not followed my decrees or kept my laws. You have not even[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+5%3A5-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-20554a)**] conformed to the standards of the nations around you. 8**“Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself am against you, Jerusalem, and I will inflict punishment on you in the sight of the nations**. 9Because of all your detestable idols, I will do to you what I have never done before and will never do again.** **10**Therefore in your midst parents will eat their children, and children will eat their parents. I will inflict punishment on you and will scatter all your survivors to the winds. **11Therefore as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your vile images and detestable practices, I myself will shave you; I will not look on you with pity or spare you**. **12**A third of your people will die of the plague or perish by famine inside you; a third will fall by the sword outside your walls; and a third I will scatter to the winds and pursue with drawn sword. **13**“Then my anger will cease and my wrath against them will subside, and I will be avenged. And when I have spent my wrath on them, they will know that I the Lord have spoken in my zeal. **14**“I will make you a ruin and a reproach among the nations around you, in the sight of all who pass by.

**Pray for an Undivided Heart & a New Spirit! Ezekiel 11:17-21** (NIV) **17**“Therefore say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.’ **18**“They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols. **19I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. 20Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God**. **21**But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

**Ezekiel 14:12-14** **12**The word of the Lord came to me: **13**“Son of man, **if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its people and their animals**, **14**even if these three men—**Noah, Daniel[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+14%3A12-14&version=NIV#fen-NIV-20746a)**] and Job**—were in it, they could **save only themselves by their righteousness**, declares the Sovereign Lord.

**Ezekiel 14:21-23** (NIV) **21**“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem **my four dreadful judgments—sword and famine and wild beasts and plague**—to kill its men and their animals! **22**Yet there will be some survivors—sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you, and when you see **their conduct and their actions**, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought on Jerusalem—every disaster I have brought on it. **23**You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that **I have done nothing in it without cause**, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

**Help the poor & needy, serve G-d: Ezekiel 16:46-51** (NIV) **46**Your older sister was Samaria, who lived to the north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you with her daughters, was Sodom. **47**You not only followed their ways and copied their detestable practices, but in all your ways you soon became more depraved than they. **48**As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done. **49“‘Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. 50They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen**. **51**Samaria did not commit half the sins you did. You have done more detestable things than they, and have made your sisters seem righteous by all these things you have done.

**Ezekiel 16:59-63** (NIV) **59**“‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will deal with you as you deserve, because you have despised my oath by breaking the covenant. **60**Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. **61**Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both those who are older than you and those who are younger. I will give them to you as daughters, but not on the basis of my covenant with you. **62**So I will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the Lord. **63**Then, when I make atonement for you for all you have done, you will remember and be ashamed and never again open your mouth because of your humiliation, declares the Sovereign Lord.’”

**Be Righteous! Ezekiel 18:4-**9 (NIV) **4For everyone belongs to me**, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. **The one who sins is the one who will die.** **5**“Suppose there is **a righteous man who does what is just and right**. **6He does not** eat at the mountain shrines or look to the idols of Israel. **He does not** defile his neighbor’s wife or have sexual relations with a woman during her period. **7He does not** oppress anyone, **but** returns what he took in pledge for a loan. **He does not** commit robbery **but** gives his food to the hungry and provides clothing for the naked. **8He does not** lend to them at interest or take a profit from them. He withholds his hand from doing wrong and judges fairly between two parties. **9He follows my decrees and faithfully keeps my laws. That man is righteous; he will surely live,** declares the Sovereign Lord.

**Turn & Repent, Be Righteous: Ezekiel 18:19-25** (NIV) **19**“Yet you ask, ‘Why does the son not share the guilt of his father?’ Since the son has done what is just and right and has been careful to keep all my decrees, he will surely live. **20The one who sins is the one who will die.** The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them. **21**“**But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die. 22None of the offenses they have committed will be remembered against them.** **Because of the righteous things they have done, they will live. 23Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?**  **24**“But if a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked person does, will they live? None of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness they are guilty of and because of the sins they have committed, they will die. **25**“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

**Repent & live! Ezekiel 18:30-32** (NIV) **30**“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord**. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. 31Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit**. Why will you die, people of Israel? **32For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!**

**Obey & live! Ezekiel 20:7-11** (NIV) **7**And I said to them, “Each of you, get rid of the vile images you have set your eyes on, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” **8**“‘But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; they did not get rid of the vile images they had set their eyes on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. So I said I would pour out my wrath on them and spend my anger against them in Egypt. **9But for the sake of my name**, I brought them out of Egypt. I did it to keep my name from being profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they lived and in whose sight I had revealed myself to the Israelites. **10**Therefore I led them out of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. **11I gave them my decrees and made known to them my laws, by which the person who obeys them will live.**

**Ezekiel 22:29-31** (NIV) **29The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.** **30“I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.** **31**So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

**Ezekiel 29:13-15** (NIV) **13**“‘Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the nations where they were scattered. **14**I will bring them back from captivity and return them to Upper Egypt, the land of their ancestry. There they will be a lowly kingdom. **15**It will be the lowliest of kingdoms and will never again exalt itself above the other nations. I will make it so weak that it will never again rule over the nations.

**Ezekiel 30:10-12** (NIV) **10**“‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: “‘I will put an end to the hordes of Egypt by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. **11**He and his army—the most ruthless of nations—will be brought in to destroy the land. They will draw their swords against Egypt and fill the land with the slain. **12**I will dry up the waters of the Nile and sell the land to an evil nation; by the hand of foreigners  I will lay waste the land and everything in it. I the Lord have spoken.

**Turn & Live! Ezekiel 33:11-16** (NIV) **11Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways!** Why will you die, people of Israel?’ **12**“Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. **And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation.** The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’ **13**If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done. **14And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right— 15if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die. 16None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live.**

**Ezekiel 34:15-16** (NIV) **15**I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. **16**I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**Ezekiel 34:23-24** (NIV) **23**I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24**I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

**G-d’s Holy & Great Name: Ezekiel 36:21-23** (NIV) **21**I had concern for **my holy name**, which the people of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone. **22**“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of **my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. **23**I will show **the holiness of my great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.

**Plead & Pray for a New Heart & Spirit: Ezekiel 36:25-27** (NIV) **25**I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. **26I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you**; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.**

**Ezekiel 37:3-6** (NIV) **3**He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.” **4**Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! **5**This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+37%3A3-6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21403a)] enter you, and you will come to life. **6**I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

**Ezekiel 37:21-28** (NIV) **21**and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. **22I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.** **23**They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for **I will save them from all their sinful backsliding,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+37%3A21-28&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-21421a" \o "See footnote a)] and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God. 24“‘My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. 25They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. 26I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant.** I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. **27**My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. **28Then the nations will know that I the Lord make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.’”**

**Ezekiel 39:7** (NIV) **7**“‘I will make known **my holy name** among my people Israel. I will no longer let my holy name be profaned, and the nations will know that I the Lord am the Holy One in Israel.

**Third Temple: Ezekiel 43:10-12** (NIV) **10**“Son of man, describe the temple to the people of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their sins. Let them consider its perfection, **11**and if they are ashamed of all they have done, make known to them **the design of the temple—its arrangement, its exits and entrances—its whole design and all its regulations[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+43%3A10-12&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21584a)**] and laws. Write these down before them so that they may be faithful to its design and follow all its regulations.** **12**“This is the law of the temple: All the surrounding area on top of the mountain will be most holy. Such is the law of the temple.

**Ezekiel 45:**17 (NIV) **17**It will be **the duty of the prince to provide** the burnt offerings, grain offerings and drink offerings at the festivals, the New Moons and the Sabbaths—at all the appointed festivals of Israel. **He will provide the sin offerings,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ezekiel+45%3A17&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-21648a" \o "See footnote a)] grain offerings, burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to make atonement for the Israelites.**

**Messiah provides sin offering for himself & the people: Ezekiel 45:22** (NIV) **22**On that day **the prince is to provide a bull as a sin offering for himself and** for all the people of the land.

**Private Property, Messiah & his sons: Ezekiel 46:16-18** (NIV) **16**“‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **If the prince makes a gift from his inheritance to one of his sons, it will also belong to his descendants**; it is to be their property by inheritance. **17**If, however, he makes a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, the servant may keep it until the year of freedom; then it will revert to the prince. His inheritance belongs to his sons only; it is theirs. **18The prince must not take any of the inheritance of the people, driving them off their property. He is to give his sons their inheritance out of his own property, so that not one of my people will be separated from their property.’”**

**Hosea 3:5** (NIV) **5**Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the Lord and to his blessings in the last days.

**Hosea 4:1-3** (NIV) **4**Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites, because the Lord has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land. **2**There is only cursing,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hosea+4%3A1-3&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-22136a" \o "See footnote a)] lying and murder, stealing and adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed. **3**Because of this the land dries up, and all who live in it waste away; the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea are swept away.

**Mercy & Acknowledge G-d, Not sacrifice: Hosea 6:6-7** (NIV**) 6For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings**. **7**As at Adam,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hosea+6%3A6-7&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-22175a" \o "See footnote a)] they have broken the covenant; they were unfaithful to me there.

**Repentance & Obedience, not sacrifice: Hosea 8:12-13** (NIV) **12**I wrote for them the many things of my law, but they regarded them as something foreign. **13**Though they offer sacrifices as gifts to me, and though they eat the meat, the Lord is not pleased with them. Now he will remember their wickedness and punish their sins:  They will return to Egypt.

**Seek the Lord, Be Righteous: Hosea 10:12-13** (NIV) **12**Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for **it is time to seek the Lord**, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you. **13**But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors,

**G-d is not a man: Hosea 11:9** (NIV) **9**I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. **For I am God, and not a man**—  the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.

**Hosea 12:5-6** (NIV) **5**the Lord God Almighty, the Lord is his name! **6**But you must return to your God; maintain love and justice, and wait for your God always.

**Hosea 13:4** (NIV) **4**“But I have been the Lord your God ever since you came out of Egypt.  
**You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me.**

**Return & Repent, Pray for Forgiveness: Hosea 14:1-2** (NIV) **14**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hosea+14%3A1-2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22284a)]Return, Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! **2**Take words with you and **return to the Lord. Say to him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.[**[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=hosea+14%3A1-2&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-22285b" \o "See footnote b)]

**Hosea 14:9** (NIV) **9**Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.

**Rend your heart, Repent & Return to G-d: Joel 2:12-13** (NIV) **12**“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” **13**Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

**Joel 3:1-2** (NIV) **3**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joel+3%3A1-2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22345a)]“In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, **2**I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=joel+3%3A1-2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22346b)]  
There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel,  
because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

**Establish courts to enforce the commandments: Amos 5:12-15** (NIV) **12**For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. **13**Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. **14Seek good, not evil, that you may live.** Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. **15Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.**  Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

**Amos 5:21-27** (CEV) **21**I, the Lord, hate and despise your religious celebrations and your times of worship. **22**I won’t accept your offerings or animal sacrifices— not even your very best. **23**No more of your noisy songs! I won’t listen when you play your harps. **24But let justice and fairness flow like a river that never runs dry. 25Israel, for forty years you wandered in the desert, without bringing offerings or sacrifices to me.** **26**Now you will have to carry the two idols you made—Sakkuth, the one you call king, and Kaiwan, the one you built in the shape of a star.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=amos+5%3A21-27&version=CEV" \l "fen-CEV-20456a" \o "See footnote a)] **27**I will force you to march as captives beyond Damascus. I, the Lord God All-Powerful, have spoken![[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=amos+5%3A21-27&version=CEV" \l "fen-CEV-20457b" \o "See footnote b)

**Call urgently on G-d, Turn & Repent: Jonah 3:5-10** (NIV) **5**The Ninevites believed God. **A fast was proclaimed**, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. **6**When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with **sackcloth and sat down in the dust**. **7**This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. **8But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. 9Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” 10When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.**

**Be Righteous, No Stealing: Micah 2:1-2** (NIV) **2**Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning’s light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. **2**They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance.

**Micah 3:9-12** (NIV) **9**Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel, who despise justice  
    and distort all that is right; **10**who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness.  
**11**Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they look for the Lord’s support and say, “Is not the Lord among us?  No disaster will come upon us.” **12**Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

**Micah 4:1-3** (NIV) **4**In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

**2**Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.”  
The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **3**He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

**Micah 5:2-4** (NIV) **2**“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=micah+5%3A2-4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22636a)] of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” **3**Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. **4**He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

**Micah 6:6-8** (NIV) **6**With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7**Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? **Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=micah+6%3A6-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22657a)**] with your God.**

**Micah 7:2-3** (NIV) **2**The faithful have been swept from the land; not one upright person remains. Everyone lies in wait to shed blood; they hunt each other with nets. **3**Both hands are skilled in doing evil; the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire— they all conspire together.

**Micah 7:7** (NIV) **7**But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

**Micah 7:18-19** (NIV) **18**Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.  
**19**You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

**Nahum 3:1-6** (NIV) **3 Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!** **2**The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots! **3**Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead,  
bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses—**4all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.**  **5**“I am against you,” declares the Lord Almighty. “I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame. **6**I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle.

**Habakkuk 1:2-4** (NIV) **2**How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? **3**Why do you make me look at injustice?  Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. **4**Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

**Habakkuk 2:14** (NIV) **14**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

# **Habakkuk 3:18-19** (NIV) **18**yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. **19**The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

**Zephaniah 1:4-9** (NIV) **4**“I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will destroy every remnant of Baal worship in this place, the very names of the idolatrous priests—**5**those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the Lord and who also swear by Molek,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=zephaniah+1%3A4-9&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-22793a" \o "See footnote a)] **6**those who turn back from following the Lord and neither seek the Lord nor inquire of him.” **7**Be silent before the Sovereign Lord, for the day of the Lord is near. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited. **8**“On the day of the Lord’s sacrifice I will punish the officials  
and the king’s sons and all those clad in foreign clothes. **9**On that day I will punish all who avoid stepping on the threshold,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=zephaniah+1%3A4-9&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-22797b" \o "See footnote b)] who fill the temple of their gods with violence and deceit.

**Zephaniah 2:1-3** (NIV) **Judah Summoned to Repent 2**Gather together, gather yourselves together, you shameful nation, **2**before the decree takes effect and that day passes like windblown chaff, before the Lord’s fierce anger comes upon you, before the day of the Lord’s wrath comes upon you. **3Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger.**

**Zephaniah 2:8-11** (NIV) **8**“I have heard the insults of Moab and the taunts of the Ammonites,  
who insulted my people and made threats against their land. **9**Therefore, as surely as I live,”  
declares the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, “surely Moab will become like Sodom,  
the Ammonites like Gomorrah—a place of weeds and salt pits, a wasteland forever. The remnant of my people will plunder them; the survivors of my nation will inherit their land.”

**10This is what they will get in return for their pride, for insulting and mocking the people of the Lord Almighty. 11The Lord will be awesome to them when he destroys all the gods of the earth. Distant nations will bow down to him, all of them in their own lands.**

**Zephaniah 3:8-9** (NIV) **8**Therefore wait for me,” declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify.[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=zephaniah+3%3A8-9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22829a)] I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. The whole world will be consumed by the fire of my jealous anger. **9**“Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

**Haggai 2:5-9** (NIV) **5**‘This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.’ **6**“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. **7**I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. **8**‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. **9**‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.”

**Zechariah 1:3-6** (NIV) **3**Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘**Return to me,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘and I will return to you,**’ says the Lord Almighty. **4**Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘**Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.**’ But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. **5**Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? **6**But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors? “**Then they repented and said, ‘The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.’”**

**Zechariah 2:10-13** (NIV) **10**“Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the Lord. **11**“Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you. **12**The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. **13**Be still before the Lord, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

**Zechariah 3:1-8** (NIV) **3 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+3%3A1-8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-22914a)**] standing at his right side to accuse him. 2The Lord said to Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan!** The Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?” **3**Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. **4**The angel said to those who were standing before him, “Take off his filthy clothes.” **Then he said to Joshua, “See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you.”** **5**Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the Lord stood by. **6**The angel of the Lord gave this charge to Joshua: **7**“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘**If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then** you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here. **8**“‘Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch.

**Zechariah 7:5-14** (NLT) **5**“Say to all your people and your priests, ‘During these seventy years of exile, when you fasted and mourned in the summer and in early autumn,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+7%3A5-14&version=NLT#fen-NLT-22944a)] **was it really for me that you were fasting? 6And even now in your holy festivals, aren’t you eating and drinking just to please yourselves? 7**Isn’t this the same message the Lord proclaimed through the prophets in years past when Jerusalem and the towns of Judah were bustling with people, and the Negev and the foothills of Judah[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+7%3A5-14&version=NLT#fen-NLT-22946b)] were well populated?’” **8**Then this message came to Zechariah from the Lord: **9“This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. 10Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and the poor. And do not scheme against each other. 11“Your ancestors refused to listen to this message.** They stubbornly turned away and put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing. **12**They made their hearts as hard as stone, so they could not hear the instructions or the messages that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies had sent them by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. That is why the Lord of Heaven’s Armies was so angry with them. **13“Since they refused to listen when I called to them, I would not listen when they called to me, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.** **14**As with a whirlwind, I scattered them among the distant nations, where they lived as strangers. Their land became so desolate that no one even traveled through it. They turned their pleasant land into a desert.”

**Zechariah 8:16-17** (NLT) **16**But this is what you must do: Tell the truth to each other. Render verdicts in your courts that are just and that lead to peace. **17**Don’t scheme against each other. Stop your love of telling lies that you swear are the truth. I hate all these things, says the Lord.”

**Zechariah 8:22-23** (NIV) **22**And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to entreat him.” **23**This is what the Lord Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’”

**Zechariah 9:9-10** (NIV) **9**Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, **your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey**, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **10**I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. **He will proclaim peace to the nations.  His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+9%3A9-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23010a)**] to the ends of the earth.**

**Zechariah 10:2-6** (NIV) **2**The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep  
oppressed for lack of a shepherd. **3**“My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the Lord Almighty will care for his flock, the people of Judah, and make them like a proud horse in battle. **4**From Judah will come the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler. **5**Together they[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+10%3A2-6&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23022a)] will be like warriors in battle trampling their enemy into the mud of the streets. They will fight because the Lord is with them, and they will put the enemy horsemen to shame. **6**“I will strengthen Judah and save the tribes of Joseph. I will restore them because I have compassion on them. They will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.

**Zechariah 12:7-10** (NIV) **7**“The Lord will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem’s inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah. **8**On that day the Lord will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of the Lord going before them. **9On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. 10“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+12%3A7-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23056a)**] of grace and supplication.** They will look on[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+12%3A7-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23056b)] me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

**Zechariah 13:8-9** (NIV) **8**In the whole land,” declares the Lord, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. **9**This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them;  
I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

**Zechariah 14:1-19** (NIV) **14**A day of the Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls. **2**I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. **3**Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. **4**On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. **5**You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+14%3A1-9&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23074a)] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. **6**On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. **7**It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

**8**On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. **9The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name. 10**The whole land, from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become like the Arabah. But Jerusalem will be raised up high from the Benjamin Gate to the site of the First Gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the royal winepresses, and will remain in its place. **11It will be inhabited; never again will it be destroyed. Jerusalem will be secure. 12This is the plague with which the Lord will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem:** Their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. **13**On that day people will be stricken by the Lord with great panic. They will seize each other by the hand and attack one another. **14**Judah too will fight at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected—great quantities of gold and silver and clothing. **15**A similar plague will strike the horses and mules, the camels and donkeys, and all the animals in those camps. **16Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. 17If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, they will have no rain. 18**If the Egyptian people do not go up and take part, they will have no rain. The Lord[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+14%3A1-19&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23087b)] will bring on them the plague he inflicts on the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles. **19This will be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.**

**Malachi 1:11** (NIV) **11**My name will be great among the nations, from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord Almighty.

**Malachi 2:10** (NIV) **10**Do we not all have one Father[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=malachi+2%3A10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-23114a)]? Did not one God create us? Why do we profane the covenant of our ancestors by being unfaithful to one another?

**Malachi 3:5-10** (NIV) **5**“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty. **6“I the Lord do not change**. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. **7**Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.**  “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ **8**“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’ “In tithes and offerings. **9**You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. **10**Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

**Malachi 3:16-18** (NIV) **16**Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. **17“On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. 18And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.**

**Psalm 1:1-2** (NIV) **1**Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, **2**but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

**Psalm 7:17** (NIV) **17**I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

**Psalm 8:4-9** (NIV) **4**what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8%3A4-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14017a)] **5**You have made them[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8%3A4-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018b)] a little lower than the angels[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8%3A4-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018c)]  and crowned them[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8%3A4-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018d)] with glory and honor. **6**You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+8%3A4-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14019e)] feet: **7**all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, **8**the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. **9**Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Psalm 9:8-12** (NIV) **8**He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.  
**9**The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10**Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. **11**Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done. **12**For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

**Psalm 11:4-7** (NIV) **4**The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them. **5**The Lord examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, he hates with a passion. **6**On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot. **7**For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

**Psalm 14:1-2** (NIV) **1**The fool[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+14%3A1-2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14082a)] says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. **2**The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

**Psalm 18:1-7** (NIV**)  1I love you, Lord, my strength. 2The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+18%3A1-7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14121b)**] and the horn[**[**c**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+18%3A1-7&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14121c)**] of my salvation, my stronghold. 3I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise**, and I have been saved from my enemies. **4**The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. **5**The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. **6In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help.** From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. **7**The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry.

**Psalm 18:50** (NIV) **50**He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing love to his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever.

**Psalm 19:8-14** (NIV) **8**The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **9**The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. **10**They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. **11By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. 12But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14**May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**Keep praying & pleading: Psalm 22:1-10** (NIV) **1My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? 2My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22%3A1-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14207b)] **3**Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+22%3A1-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14208c)] **4**In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. **5**To you they cried out and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. **6**But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. **7**All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. **8**“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” **9**Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast. **10**From birth I was cast on you; from my mother’s womb you have been my God.

**Psalm 23:1-6** (NIV) **1**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. **2**    He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,    he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. **4**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+23%3A1-6&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-14240a" \o "See footnote a)] I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **5**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6**Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Psalm 25:4-11** (NIV) **4Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. 5Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long**. **6**Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. **7Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.** **8**Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. **9**He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. **10**All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. **11For the sake of your name, Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.**

**Psalm 26** (NIV) **1**Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the Lord  
and have not faltered. **2**Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; **3**for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

**4**I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites. **5**I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked. **6**I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, Lord, **7**proclaiming aloud your praise  and telling of all your wonderful deeds. **8**Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells. **9**Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty, **10**in whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes. **11**I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me. **12**My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.

**Psalm 27:7-14** (NIV) **7**Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.  
**8**My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek. **9**Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. **10**Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. **11**Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. **12**Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. **13**I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. **14**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

**Psalm 29:1-2** (NIV) **1**Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. **2**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+29%3A1-2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14311a)] holiness.

**Confess & Repent, Pray: Psalm 32:5-6** (NIV) **5**Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin. **6**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

**Psalm 32:10-11** (NIV) **10**Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love  
 surrounds the one who trusts in him. **11**Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
 sing, all you who are upright in heart!

**Psalm 33:8-22** (NIV) **8**Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. **9**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. **10**The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. **11**But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. **12**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. **13**From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind; **14**from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—**15**he who forms the hearts of all,  who considers everything they do. **16**No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. **17**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save. **18**But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,  on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, **19**to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. **20**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. **21**In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. **22**May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

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To designate March 26, 1991, as `Education Day, U.S.A.'. Whereas Congress recognizes ***the historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation was founded; Whereas these ethical values and principles have been the bedrock of society from the dawn of civilization, when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws***; Whereas without these ethical values and principles the edifice of civilization stands in serious peril of returning to chaos; Whereas society is profoundly concerned with the recent weakening of these principles that has resulted in crises that beleaguer and threaten the fabric of civilized society; Whereas the justified preoccupation with these crises must not let the citizens of this Nation lose sight of their responsibility to transmit these historical ethical values from our distinguished past to the generations of the future; Whereas the Lubavitch movement has fostered and promoted these ethical values and principles throughout the world; Whereas Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement, is universally respected and revered and his eighty-ninth birthday falls on March 26, 1991; Whereas in tribute to this great spiritual leader, `the rebbe', this, his ninetieth year will be seen as one of `education and giving', the year in which we turn to education and charity to return the world to the ***moral and ethical values contained in the Seven Noahide Laws***; and Whereas this will be reflected in an international scroll of honor signed by the President of the United States and other heads of state..

**The 66 subdivisions of the 7 Noachide commandments**

Although there are only Seven Noachide Commandments, it is possible to subdivide them into 66 subdivisions according to Dr. Aaron Lichtenstein in his book 'The Seven Laws of Noah'. He bases these subdivisions on Rabbi Moses Maimonides' 613 commandments for Jews. Of these subdivisions there are 52 Negative and 14 Positive.

**For further explanation of this you should consult your Local Orthodox Rabbi or the new Shulchan Aruch for Bnei Noach: ‘**[**The Divine Code**](http://asknoah.org/books/the-divine-code)**’.**

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What should a former Christian do when he discovers that the Almighty’s salvation program has never changed, and the path to express His eternal truth is still uniquely realized within the Jewish faith? This is a dilemma which confronts so many seeking souls who have emerged from the Church and have embarked on the very same spiritual journey you have.

According to Jewish law, non-Jews are not obligated to convert to Judaism, but they are required to observe the Seven Laws of Noah. Those who devote their lives to the observance of these laws are referred to as B’nai Noach , Children of Noah.

This Torah-based code is a set of moral imperatives that, according to the Talmud,[1](https://outreachjudaism.org/former-christian-minister-convert/#fn1-2853) were given by God as a binding set of laws for the “children of Noah”—that is, all of humankind. According to Judaism, any non-Jew who lives according to these laws is regarded as a righteous gentile, and is assured of a place in the World to Come (Olam Haba), the final reward of the righteous.[2](https://outreachjudaism.org/former-christian-minister-convert/#fn2-2853)

Judaism does not promote conversion to Judaism but does, on the other hand, believe that the Jewish people have a duty to provide information to those interested in fulfilling the Noahide Laws. Some Jewish groups, in fact, have been particularly active in promoting the Seven Laws.

Technically, the Hebrew term B’nai Noach applies to all non-Jews as descendants of Noah. However, nowadays it is also used to refer specifically to those non-Jews who observe the Noahide Laws.

Remember that you were created in the image of God, and called to walk in the path of the righteous gentile. This journey is realized by your commitment to observe the seven Laws of Noah. While their numbers are uncertain, there are many thousands of men and women with your religious background who have come to proudly identify as a Noachide, or B’nai Noah. They diligently remain on this sacred path of observance of the Seven Noachide Laws, which will ultimately bring each of them into the presence of God for all eternity.

Be mindful that as you observe these seven mitzvoth, do not say in your heart, “I am performing these commandments because they make sense to my intellect and understanding.” Rather, proclaim that you are fulfilling them because the God of Israel commanded you to keep them.

**The seven Noachide Laws are:**

1. The prohibition of idolatry
2. The prohibition of blasphemy
3. The prohibition of murder
4. The prohibition of theft
5. The prohibition of immoral sexual relations
6. The prohibition of eating the limb of a living animal
7. The commandment to establish courts to enforce the commandments

It is a mistake to suppose that since the children of Israel have 613 commandments and the children of Noah have seven commandments, that the ratio of spiritual worth of a gentile to a Jew is proportionally 7 to 613. In reality, the seven Noachide Laws are general categories of commandments, each containing many components and details, whereas the 613 commandments of the Torah are precise, each relating to one basic detail of the law of the Torah. Therefore, the numerical disparity in no way reflects the relative spiritual worth of the two systems of commandments. **It may be said that the Noachide movement is the oldest religion in the world.**