

THE 613 LAWS OF YAHWEH

As Enumerated by Maimonides (Rambam)

Based on the Mishneh Torah

Miqdash Bethel

INTRODUCTION

The Sages and Elders record that there are 613 commandments (mitzvot) in the Torah — the Five Books of Moses. These consist of 248 positive commandments (things one must do) and 365 negative commandments (things one must not do). The most widely accepted enumeration was compiled by Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon, known as Maimonides or the Rambam, in his monumental work the Mishneh Torah (12th century CE).

These laws were given by Yahweh to Israel through Moshe (Moses) and cover every aspect of life: worship, ethics, civil law, family, agriculture, commerce, and the covenant relationship between Yahweh and His people.

Note: Many of these commandments relate specifically to Temple worship, priestly duties, or the agricultural land of Israel, and cannot be practiced in their original form today. They are presented here for study, remembrance, and the knowledge of Yahweh's complete covenant instruction (Torah).

In this document, [+] denotes a positive commandment (do this) and [-] denotes a negative commandment (do not do this).

GOD — Knowledge, Love, and Reverence

1. **[+]** To know that Yahweh exists (*Exodus 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6*)
2. **[+]** To know that Yahweh is One, a complete Unity (*Deuteronomy 6:4*)
3. **[+]** To love Yahweh with all your heart, soul, and might (*Deuteronomy 6:5*)
4. **[+]** To fear Yahweh reverently (*Deuteronomy 6:13; 10:20*)
5. **[+]** To sanctify Yahweh's Name (*Leviticus 22:32*)
6. **[+]** To imitate His good and upright ways (*Deuteronomy 28:9*)
7. **[-]** Not to entertain the idea that there is any god but Yahweh (*Exodus 20:3*)
8. **[-]** Not to blaspheme His Name; penalty for this is death (*Exodus 22:28; Leviticus 24:16*)
9. **[-]** Not to profane Yahweh's Name (*Leviticus 22:32*)
10. **[-]** Not to put the word of Yahweh to the test (*Deuteronomy 6:16*)
11. **[-]** Not to destroy objects associated with Yahweh's Name (*Deuteronomy 12:4*)

TORAH — Study, Teaching, and the Written Word

12. **[+]** To learn Torah and to teach it *(Deuteronomy 6:7)*
13. **[+]** To honor the old and the wise *(Leviticus 19:32)*
14. **[+]** To cleave to those who know Yahweh *(Deuteronomy 10:20)*
15. **[+]** Every person shall write a scroll of the Torah for himself *(Deuteronomy 31:19)*
16. **[-]** Not to add to the commandments of the Torah *(Deuteronomy 13:1)*
17. **[-]** Not to take away from the commandments of the Torah *(Deuteronomy 13:1)*
18. **[-]** Not to add to the Torah commandments or their oral explanations *(Deuteronomy 13:1)*
19. **[-]** Not to diminish from the Torah any commandments, in whole or in part *(Deuteronomy 13:1)*

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS — Mezuzah, Tefillin, Tzitzit

20. **[+]** To recite the Shema twice daily *(Deuteronomy 6:7)*
21. **[+]** To bind tefillin on the head *(Deuteronomy 6:8)*
22. **[+]** To bind tefillin on the arm *(Deuteronomy 6:8)*
23. **[+]** To affix a mezuzah to doorposts of your house *(Deuteronomy 6:9; 11:20)*
24. **[+]** To attach tzitzit (fringes) to the corners of garments *(Numbers 15:38)*
25. **[-]** Not to make a covenant with the seven Canaanite nations *(Exodus 23:32)*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

26. **[+]** To pray to Yahweh *(Exodus 23:25; Deuteronomy 6:13)*
27. **[+]** To say grace after meals *(Deuteronomy 8:10)*
28. **[+]** To listen to the prophet speaking in Yahweh's Name *(Deuteronomy 18:15)*
29. **[-]** Not to prophesy falsely *(Deuteronomy 18:20)*
30. **[-]** Not to refrain from heeding the true prophet *(Deuteronomy 18:19)*

IDOLATRY — Prohibition and Destruction

31. **[-]** Not to worship idols in the manner they are worshipped *(Exodus 20:5)*
32. **[-]** Not to bow down to idols *(Exodus 20:5)*
33. **[-]** Not to make an idol for yourself *(Exodus 20:4)*
34. **[-]** Not to make idols even for others *(Exodus 34:17; Leviticus 19:4)*
35. **[-]** Not to make figures of human beings even for decorative purposes *(Exodus 20:20)*
36. **[-]** Not to use the ornaments of idols *(Deuteronomy 7:25)*
37. **[-]** Not to go after the practices of idolaters or practice their customs *(Leviticus 18:3; 20:23)*
38. **[-]** Not to pass your child through fire to Molech *(Leviticus 18:21)*
39. **[-]** Not to allow witchcraft to be practiced *(Exodus 22:17)*
40. **[-]** Not to practice divination or soothsaying *(Leviticus 19:26)*
41. **[-]** Not to practice enchanting *(Leviticus 19:26)*
42. **[-]** Not to consult a medium *(Leviticus 19:31)*
43. **[-]** Not to consult a wizard *(Leviticus 19:31)*
44. **[-]** Not to practice necromancy (seeking the dead) *(Deuteronomy 18:11)*
45. **[+]** To destroy idols and their accessories *(Deuteronomy 12:2)*
46. **[-]** Not to rebuild an idolatrous city *(Deuteronomy 13:17)*
47. **[-]** Not to derive benefit from an idolatrous city *(Deuteronomy 13:18)*

SABBATH — Rest and Sanctification

- 48. [+] To keep the Sabbath holy (*Exodus 20:8*)
- 49. [+] To rest on the Sabbath (*Exodus 23:12; 34:21*)
- 50. [-] Not to do work on the Sabbath (*Exodus 20:10*)
- 51. [-] Not to walk beyond the Sabbath boundary (*Exodus 16:29*)
- 52. [-] Not to inflict punishment on the Sabbath (*Exodus 35:3*)

FEASTS AND HOLY DAYS

- 53. [+] To sanctify the New Month (Rosh Chodesh) (*Exodus 12:2*)
- 54. [+] To rest on the first day of Passover (*Exodus 12:16; Leviticus 23:7*)
- 55. [+] To rest on the seventh day of Passover (*Leviticus 23:8*)
- 56. [+] To celebrate Passover and offer the Passover lamb (*Exodus 12:6; Numbers 9:2*)
- 57. [+] To eat matzah (unleavened bread) on Passover (*Exodus 12:18*)
- 58. [+] To remove leaven from your home before Passover (*Exodus 12:15*)
- 59. [-] Not to eat leavened bread during Passover (*Exodus 13:3*)
- 60. [-] Not to allow leaven to be seen in your home during Passover (*Exodus 13:7*)
- 61. [+] To count the Omer — 49 days from Passover to Shavuot (*Leviticus 23:15*)
- 62. [+] To rest on Shavuot (Feast of Weeks/Pentecost) (*Leviticus 23:21*)
- 63. [+] To rest on Rosh Hashanah (the first day of the seventh month) (*Leviticus 23:24*)
- 64. [+] To fast on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) (*Leviticus 23:27*)
- 65. [+] To rest on Yom Kippur (*Leviticus 23:28*)
- 66. [-] Not to do work on Yom Kippur (*Leviticus 23:31*)
- 67. [+] To rest on the first day of Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) (*Leviticus 23:35*)
- 68. [+] To rest on Shemini Atzeret (the eighth day assembly) (*Leviticus 23:36*)
- 69. [+] To dwell in a sukkah (booth) for seven days during Sukkot (*Leviticus 23:42*)
- 70. [+] To take up the four species (palm, myrtle, willow, citron) on Sukkot (*Leviticus 23:40*)
- 71. [+] To hear the shofar blown on Rosh Hashanah (*Numbers 29:1*)
- 72. [+] To rejoice before Yahweh on the pilgrimage festivals (*Deuteronomy 16:14*)
- 73. [+] To appear before Yahweh at the Temple three times a year (*Deuteronomy 16:16*)
- 74. [-] Not to appear before Yahweh empty-handed at festivals (*Deuteronomy 16:16*)

CIRCUMCISION

- 75. [+] To circumcise every male on the eighth day (*Genesis 17:12; Leviticus 12:3*)

DIETARY LAWS — Kashrut

- 76. [+] To examine the marks distinguishing clean from unclean animals (*Leviticus 11:2; Deuteronomy 14:4*)
- 77. [+] To examine the signs distinguishing clean from unclean fowl (*Deuteronomy 14:11*)
- 78. [+] To examine the signs distinguishing clean from unclean fish (*Leviticus 11:9*)
- 79. [-] Not to eat the flesh of a beast that died of itself (neveilah) (*Deuteronomy 14:21*)
- 80. [-] Not to eat flesh torn by a wild animal (terefah) (*Exodus 22:30*)
- 81. [-] Not to eat swine (pig) or its flesh (*Leviticus 11:7*)

- 82. [-] Not to eat creeping things that swarm on the earth *(Leviticus 11:41-42)*
- 83. [-] Not to eat worms found in fruit or produce *(Leviticus 11:42)*
- 84. [-] Not to eat insects *(Leviticus 11:43)*
- 85. [-] Not to eat the limb of a living animal *(Deuteronomy 12:23)*
- 86. [-] Not to eat blood *(Leviticus 3:17; 7:26)*
- 87. [-] Not to eat forbidden fat (chelev) *(Leviticus 7:23)*
- 88. [-] Not to boil meat with milk *(Exodus 23:19; 34:26)*
- 89. [-] Not to eat flesh with milk *(Exodus 34:26)*
- 90. [+] To slaughter cattle, deer, and fowl according to the laws of shechitah *(Deuteronomy 12:21)*
- 91. [+] To cover the blood of a slaughtered beast or fowl with earth *(Leviticus 17:13)*
- 92. [-] Not to slaughter an animal and its young on the same day *(Leviticus 22:28)*
- 93. [+] To set the mother bird free when taking the nest *(Deuteronomy 22:6-7)*
- 94. [-] Not to take the mother bird together with the young *(Deuteronomy 22:6)*

AGRICULTURE AND THE LAND

- 95. [+] To let the land rest during the Sabbatical year (Shemitah) *(Exodus 23:11; Leviticus 25:2)*
- 96. [-] Not to work the land during the Sabbatical year *(Leviticus 25:4)*
- 97. [-] Not to work the land during the Jubilee year *(Leviticus 25:11)*
- 98. [+] To proclaim the Jubilee year (every 50 years) *(Leviticus 25:10)*
- 99. [+] To leave the corner of the field (peah) uncut for the poor *(Leviticus 19:10)*
- 100. [-] Not to reap the corner of the field *(Leviticus 19:9)*
- 101. [+] To leave gleanings for the poor *(Leviticus 19:9)*
- 102. [-] Not to collect gleanings from the field *(Leviticus 19:9)*
- 103. [+] To leave the forgotten sheaves for the poor *(Deuteronomy 24:19)*
- 104. [-] Not to return to take the forgotten sheaves *(Deuteronomy 24:19)*
- 105. [+] To leave gleanings of the vineyard for the poor *(Leviticus 19:10)*
- 106. [-] Not to gather fallen grapes of the vineyard *(Leviticus 19:10)*
- 107. [+] To set apart the first tithe for the Levites *(Numbers 18:24)*
- 108. [+] To set apart a second tithe to be eaten in Jerusalem *(Deuteronomy 14:22)*
- 109. [+] To set apart the tithe for the poor every third year *(Deuteronomy 14:28)*
- 110. [+] To set apart firstfruits (Bikkurim) and bring them to the Temple *(Exodus 23:19; Deuteronomy 26:2)*
- 111. [-] Not to plant diverse seeds together (kilayim) *(Leviticus 19:19)*
- 112. [-] Not to plant grains or greens in a vineyard *(Deuteronomy 22:9)*
- 113. [-] Not to crossbreed animals *(Leviticus 19:19)*
- 114. [-] Not to work different species of animals together *(Deuteronomy 22:10)*
- 115. [-] Not to eat of a newly planted tree during its first three years (orlah) *(Leviticus 19:23)*
- 116. [+] To redeem the firstborn son and give the redemption money to the kohein *(Numbers 18:15)*
- 117. [+] To redeem the firstborn of a donkey by giving a lamb to the kohein *(Exodus 13:13)*
- 118. [+] To give the first of the fleece to the kohein *(Deuteronomy 18:4)*

TEMPLE, PRIESTS, AND SACRIFICES

- 119. [+] To build a Sanctuary (Temple) to Yahweh *(Exodus 25:8)*

- 120. **[+]** To reverence the Sanctuary (*Leviticus 19:30*)
- 121. **[+]** To guard the Sanctuary always (*Numbers 18:2*)
- 122. **[-]** Not to leave the Sanctuary unguarded (*Numbers 18:5*)
- 123. **[+]** To prepare the anointing oil exactly as prescribed (*Exodus 30:31*)
- 124. **[-]** Not to reproduce the anointing oil for common use (*Exodus 30:32*)
- 125. **[-]** Not to anoint a stranger with the anointing oil (*Exodus 30:32*)
- 126. **[+]** To kindle fire on the altar every day (*Leviticus 6:13*)
- 127. **[-]** Not to extinguish the fire on the altar (*Leviticus 6:13*)
- 128. **[+]** The kohein must wash his hands and feet before serving in the Temple (*Exodus 30:19*)
- 129. **[+]** To offer the daily (tamid) burnt offering morning and evening (*Numbers 28:3*)
- 130. **[+]** To offer the musaf (additional offering) on the Sabbath (*Numbers 28:9*)
- 131. **[+]** To offer the musaf on Rosh Chodesh (*Numbers 28:11*)
- 132. **[+]** To bring a sin offering for unintentional transgression (*Leviticus 4:2*)
- 133. **[+]** To bring a guilt offering for intentional sins (*Leviticus 5:15*)
- 134. **[+]** The kohein who performs the Yom Kippur service must follow all prescribed laws (*Leviticus 16:3*)
- 135. **[+]** To show honor to the kohein and give him precedence in all sacred matters (*Leviticus 21:8*)
- 136. **[-]** A kohein shall not serve in the Sanctuary when ritually unclean (*Leviticus 22:2*)
- 137. **[-]** The High Kohein shall not enter the Sanctuary at all times (only on Yom Kippur) (*Leviticus 16:2*)
- 138. **[-]** Not to offer sacrifices or anything outside the designated site (*Deuteronomy 12:13*)
- 139. **[-]** Not to slaughter animals with a blemish as an offering (*Leviticus 22:22*)
- 140. **[-]** Not to offer leaven or honey on the altar (*Leviticus 2:11*)

VOWS AND OATHS

- 141. **[+]** To fulfill all vows and oaths made to Yahweh (*Deuteronomy 23:24; Numbers 30:3*)
- 142. **[-]** Not to swear vainly or falsely (*Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12*)
- 143. **[-]** Not to violate an oath or vow (*Numbers 30:3*)
- 144. **[+]** To annul vows according to the laws of the Torah (*Numbers 30:2*)

RITUAL PURITY AND IMPURITY

- 145. **[+]** To observe the laws of impurity of the dead (*Numbers 19:14*)
- 146. **[+]** To observe the laws of impurity from a corpse (*Numbers 19:11*)
- 147. **[+]** To observe the laws of ritual impurity of a woman during menstruation (niddah) (*Leviticus 15:19*)
- 148. **[+]** A woman with an unclean issue shall bring an offering when she becomes clean (*Leviticus 15:29*)
- 149. **[+]** A woman after childbirth shall bring an offering when she becomes clean (*Leviticus 12:6*)
- 150. **[+]** A man with an unclean issue shall bring an offering when he becomes clean (*Leviticus 15:13-15*)
- 151. **[+]** To observe the purification laws for a leper (*Leviticus 14:2*)
- 152. **[+]** To observe the laws of leprosy of garments (*Leviticus 13:47*)
- 153. **[+]** To observe the laws of leprosy of houses (*Leviticus 14:34*)
- 154. **[+]** To immerse in a mikveh (ritual bath) to become clean (*Leviticus 15:16*)

MARRIAGE, SEXUAL RELATIONS, AND FAMILY

155. **[+]** To be fruitful and multiply (*Genesis 1:28*)
156. **[+]** To marry a wife by means of a proper covenant (*Deuteronomy 24:1*)
157. **[+]** To write a bill of divorce when divorcing a wife (*Deuteronomy 24:1*)
158. **[+]** To fulfill the duty of a husband to his wife (*Exodus 21:10*)
159. **[-]** Not to commit adultery (*Exodus 20:13*)
160. **[-]** Not to commit incest with one's mother (*Leviticus 18:7*)
161. **[-]** Not to commit incest with one's father's wife (*Leviticus 18:8*)
162. **[-]** Not to commit incest with one's sister (*Leviticus 18:9*)
163. **[-]** Not to commit incest with one's daughter (*Leviticus 18:10 (inferred)*)
164. **[-]** Not to commit incest with a granddaughter (*Leviticus 18:10*)
165. **[-]** Not to commit incest with an aunt (*Leviticus 18:12-14*)
166. **[-]** Not to commit incest with a daughter-in-law (*Leviticus 18:15*)
167. **[-]** Not to commit incest with a sister-in-law (*Leviticus 18:16*)
168. **[-]** Not to have sexual relations with a woman and her daughter (*Leviticus 18:17*)
169. **[-]** Not to take a wife and her sister as rivals (*Leviticus 18:18*)
170. **[-]** Not to approach a woman in her menstrual period (*Leviticus 18:19*)
171. **[-]** Not to commit homosexual acts (*Leviticus 18:22*)
172. **[-]** Not to have sexual relations with an animal (*Leviticus 18:23*)
173. **[-]** Not to remarry a woman you have divorced if she has remarried another (*Deuteronomy 24:4*)
174. **[-]** A man must not wear women's clothing (*Deuteronomy 22:5*)
175. **[-]** A woman must not wear men's clothing (*Deuteronomy 22:5*)
176. **[+]** To honor father and mother (*Exodus 20:12*)
177. **[+]** To fear father and mother (*Leviticus 19:3*)
178. **[-]** Not to curse your father or mother (*Exodus 21:17*)
179. **[-]** Not to strike your father or mother (*Exodus 21:15*)
180. **[+]** To mourn for close relatives (*Leviticus 10:19*)

KINGS AND GOVERNANCE

181. **[+]** To appoint a king from among Israel (*Deuteronomy 17:15*)
182. **[-]** Not to appoint a convert as king over Israel (*Deuteronomy 17:15*)
183. **[-]** The king must not have too many wives (*Deuteronomy 17:17*)
184. **[-]** The king must not have too many horses (*Deuteronomy 17:16*)
185. **[-]** The king must not accumulate excessive silver and gold (*Deuteronomy 17:17*)
186. **[+]** The king shall write a Torah scroll for himself (*Deuteronomy 17:18*)

COURTS AND JUSTICE

187. **[+]** To set up courts of justice in every city (*Deuteronomy 16:18*)
188. **[+]** To judge cases of civil law (*Exodus 21:1*)
189. **[+]** To act according to the ruling of the Sanhedrin (*Deuteronomy 17:11*)
190. **[-]** Not to rebel against the rulings of the Sanhedrin (*Deuteronomy 17:11*)
191. **[+]** To judge with righteousness (*Leviticus 19:15*)

- 192. [-] Not to take a bribe (*Exodus 23:8*)
- 193. [-] Not to respect the person of the great in judgment (*Leviticus 19:15*)
- 194. [-] Not to favor the poor in judgment (*Leviticus 19:15*)
- 195. [-] Not to pervert the judgment of the poor (*Exodus 23:6*)
- 196. [-] Not to render a decision on personal opinion alone; only on evidence of two witnesses (*Exodus 23:7*)
- 197. [+] Anyone who knows evidence must testify in court (*Leviticus 5:1*)
- 198. [-] Not to testify falsely (*Exodus 20:13*)
- 199. [-] Not to accept testimony from a lone witness (*Deuteronomy 19:15*)
- 200. [-] Transgressors must not testify (*Exodus 23:1*)
- 201. [-] Relatives of the litigants must not testify (*Deuteronomy 24:16*)
- 202. [+] To punish false witnesses as they attempted to punish the defendant (*Deuteronomy 19:19*)
- 203. [+] To carefully interrogate witnesses (*Deuteronomy 13:15*)
- 204. [+] To decapitate the heifer in the case of an unsolved murder (eglah arufah) (*Deuteronomy 21:4*)
- 205. [+] To save the pursued even at the cost of the pursuer's life (*Deuteronomy 25:12*)
- 206. [-] Not to spare a pursuer who would slay the pursued (*Deuteronomy 25:12*)

MURDER, INJURY, AND RESTITUTION

- 207. [-] Not to murder (*Exodus 20:13*)
- 208. [+] To establish cities of refuge for accidental killers (*Deuteronomy 19:3*)
- 209. [-] Not to accept a ransom for a murderer; he must be put to death (*Numbers 35:31*)
- 210. [+] To execute the murderer after proper trial and judgment (*Numbers 35:30*)
- 211. [+] To exile an accidental killer to a city of refuge (*Numbers 35:25*)
- 212. [-] Not to kill indirectly (i.e., not to cause the death of another even through negligence) (*Leviticus 19:16*)
- 213. [+] To make a parapet (protective fence) for your roof (*Deuteronomy 22:8*)
- 214. [-] Not to leave something that might cause harm to others (*Deuteronomy 22:8*)

THEFT, PROPERTY, AND BUSINESS ETHICS

- 215. [-] Not to steal (*Exodus 20:13; Leviticus 19:11*)
- 216. [-] Not to rob openly (*Leviticus 19:13*)
- 217. [-] Not to covet what belongs to your neighbor (*Exodus 20:14*)
- 218. [-] Not to desire another's possessions (*Deuteronomy 5:18*)
- 219. [+] To restore a stolen object to its owner (*Leviticus 5:23*)
- 220. [+] To return lost property to its owner (*Deuteronomy 22:1*)
- 221. [-] Not to ignore a lost article (*Deuteronomy 22:3*)
- 222. [-] Not to use false measures or weights (*Leviticus 19:35*)
- 223. [+] To use accurate and just weights and measures (*Leviticus 19:36; Deuteronomy 25:15*)
- 224. [-] Not to wrong your neighbor in business (*Leviticus 25:14*)
- 225. [-] Not to take usury (interest) from a fellow Israelite (*Leviticus 25:37; Deuteronomy 23:20*)
- 226. [-] Not to oppress the hired servant (*Deuteronomy 24:14*)
- 227. [+] To pay a hired worker on time — the same day (*Leviticus 19:13; Deuteronomy 24:15*)
- 228. [+] To allow a worker to eat from the produce he is harvesting (*Deuteronomy 23:25*)
- 229. [-] A worker must not take more than he eats on the job (*Deuteronomy 23:25*)

TREATMENT OF SLAVES AND SERVANTS

- 230. **[+]** To observe the laws of the Hebrew bondsman (*Exodus 21:2*)
- 231. **[+]** To redeem the Hebrew bondsman after six years (*Exodus 21:2; Deuteronomy 15:12*)
- 232. **[+]** To provide the freed servant with gifts when he goes free (*Deuteronomy 15:14*)
- 233. **[-]** Not to sell a Hebrew bondsman as a slave (*Leviticus 25:42*)
- 234. **[-]** Not to send away a Hebrew maidservant without proper arrangements (*Exodus 21:11*)
- 235. **[-]** Not to oppress a Canaanite slave who has fled to Israel from abroad (*Deuteronomy 23:16*)

TREATMENT OF STRANGERS AND THE POOR

- 236. **[-]** Not to wrong a stranger in speech (*Exodus 22:20*)
- 237. **[-]** Not to wrong a stranger in business dealings (*Exodus 22:20*)
- 238. **[+]** To love the stranger who dwells among you (*Deuteronomy 10:19*)
- 239. **[+]** To give charity to the poor (*Deuteronomy 15:8; Leviticus 25:35*)
- 240. **[-]** Not to oppress the widow and orphan (*Exodus 22:21*)
- 241. **[-]** Not to harden your heart against the poor (*Deuteronomy 15:7*)
- 242. **[+]** To lend to the poor man and not refuse him (*Deuteronomy 15:8*)
- 243. **[-]** Not to demand repayment of a loan during the Sabbatical year (*Deuteronomy 15:2*)

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR — General Ethics

- 244. **[+]** To love your neighbor as yourself (*Leviticus 19:18*)
- 245. **[+]** To rebuke your neighbor when he sins (*Leviticus 19:17*)
- 246. **[-]** Not to hate your brother in your heart (*Leviticus 19:17*)
- 247. **[-]** Not to take revenge against your neighbor (*Leviticus 19:18*)
- 248. **[-]** Not to bear a grudge (*Leviticus 19:18*)
- 249. **[-]** Not to embarrass others in public (*Leviticus 19:17*)
- 250. **[-]** Not to stand idly by while your neighbor's life is in danger (*Leviticus 19:16*)
- 251. **[-]** Not to go about as a tale-bearer (gossip) among your people (*Leviticus 19:16*)
- 252. **[-]** Not to curse any upstanding fellow Israelite (*Leviticus 19:14*)
- 253. **[+]** To help a neighbor load or unload his animal (*Exodus 23:5; Deuteronomy 22:4*)
- 254. **[+]** To wear sha'atnez-free clothing (not mixing wool and linen) (*Deuteronomy 22:11*)
- 255. **[-]** Not to wear sha'atnez — cloth woven of wool and linen together (*Leviticus 19:19*)

WAR AND NATIONAL DEFENSE

- 256. **[+]** To anoint a special kohein (priest) to speak to the soldiers in war (*Deuteronomy 20:2*)
- 257. **[-]** Those engaged in warfare shall not fear their enemies during battle (*Deuteronomy 3:22; 20:3*)
- 258. **[+]** To offer terms of peace before waging war (*Deuteronomy 20:10*)
- 259. **[-]** Not to destroy fruit trees during warfare or sieges (*Deuteronomy 20:19-20*)
- 260. **[+]** To destroy the seven Canaanite nations from the land of Israel (*Deuteronomy 20:17*)
- 261. **[+]** To blot out the memory of Amalek (*Deuteronomy 25:19*)
- 262. **[+]** To remember what Amalek did to Israel (*Deuteronomy 25:17*)

TITHES, FIRSTBORN, AND PRIESTLY PORTIONS

- 263. [+]** To give the kohein the appropriate portions of the slaughtered animal (zerot, jaw, stomach) *(Deuteronomy 18:3)*
- 264. [+]** To give the kohein the first of the shearing of your flock *(Deuteronomy 18:4)*
- 265. [+]** To redeem the firstborn son *(Numbers 18:15)*
- 266. [+]** To redeem the firstborn of a donkey by giving a lamb to the kohein *(Exodus 13:13)*
- 267. [+]** To give tithes of cattle and flocks to the Levites *(Leviticus 27:32)*
- 268. [+]** To bring firstfruits (bikkurim) to the Temple and recite the prescribed passage *(Deuteronomy 26:5-10)*
- 269. [-]** Not to eat the second tithe of grain outside of Jerusalem *(Deuteronomy 12:17)*
- 270. [+]** To make a declaration when removing tithes in the proper year *(Deuteronomy 26:13)*

NAZARITE VOWS

- 271. [+]** The Nazarite shall let his hair grow long during his vow *(Numbers 6:5)*
- 272. [-]** The Nazarite shall not cut his hair during the days of his vow *(Numbers 6:5)*
- 273. [-]** The Nazarite shall not drink wine or any grape product *(Numbers 6:3)*
- 274. [-]** The Nazarite shall not eat fresh grapes *(Numbers 6:3)*
- 275. [-]** The Nazarite shall not eat raisins *(Numbers 6:3)*
- 276. [-]** The Nazarite shall not eat grape seeds *(Numbers 6:4)*
- 277. [-]** The Nazarite shall not eat grape skins *(Numbers 6:4)*
- 278. [-]** The Nazarite shall not become defiled by a corpse *(Numbers 6:7)*
- 279. [+]** The Nazarite shall shave his hair when completing his vow or when defiled *(Numbers 6:9)*

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS — Oaths, Weights, Remembrance

- 280. [+]** To remember the Exodus from Egypt always *(Deuteronomy 16:3)*
- 281. [+]** To tell your children about the Exodus on Passover night *(Exodus 13:8)*
- 282. [+]** To affix a mezuzah to doorposts and gates *(Deuteronomy 6:9)*
- 283. [+]** To gather the whole nation to hear the Torah read in the Sabbatical year (Hakhel) *(Deuteronomy 31:12)*
- 284. [+]** Each person should constantly remember that Yahweh watches all actions *(Deuteronomy 11:12)*
- 285. [-]** Not to follow the majority to do evil *(Exodus 23:2)*
- 286. [+]** To follow the majority in legal decisions *(Exodus 23:2)*
- 287. [-]** Not to lend money at interest to a fellow Israelite *(Exodus 22:24)*
- 288. [-]** Not to delay payment of wages overnight *(Leviticus 19:13)*
- 289. [+]** To leave behind a Get (bill of divorce) in the proper manner when divorcing *(Deuteronomy 24:1)*
- 290. [+]** To perform the ceremony of levirate marriage (yibbum) or release (chalitzah) *(Deuteronomy 25:5-9)*

A NOTE ON THIS LIST

This listing follows the system of Maimonides, which is the most widely accepted enumeration. Other scholars, including Rabbi Saadia Gaon, the Sefer HaChinuch, and the Vilna Gaon, have compiled their

own lists with some variations. All agree on the overwhelming majority of the commandments; differences are primarily in whether certain laws are counted as independent commandments or as sub-categories of larger ones.

Some commandments apply only to kohanim (priests), some only to kings, some only in the Land of Israel, some only to men, and some only to women. Many related to Temple sacrifice cannot be observed while the Temple in Jerusalem does not stand. Approximately 271 commandments are considered applicable in our present time and place.

All scripture references are drawn from the Hebrew Tanakh (Torah, Nevi'im, Ketuvim).

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