

Introduction to the Decalogue

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A. Designations for the Decalogue

1. The Words of the Lord
2. The Ten Words
3. The Torah
4. Covenantal Expressions
 - a. “words of the covenant” (Exod 34:28)
 - b. “tablets of the covenant” (Deut 9:9)
 - c. “ark of the covenant” (Deut 10:1-8)
 - d. “tablets of the pact” [testimony?] (Exod 31:18)

B. The Covenantal Structure

1. Preamble
2. Historical Prologue
3. Stipulations
4. Blessings and Curses

A Problem: How should we number the Commands of the Decalogue

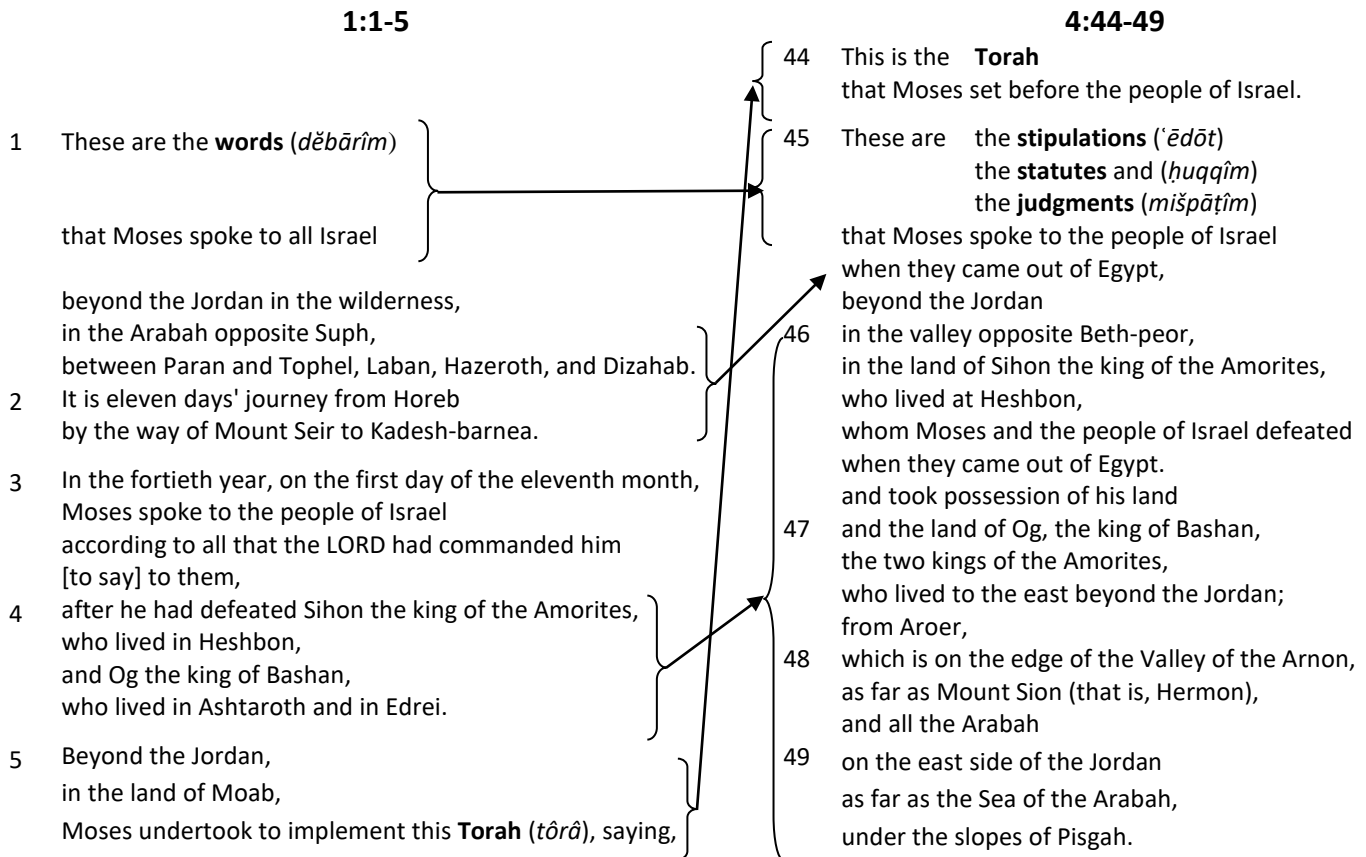
C. The Covenantal Goal

1. Who is the Addressee?
2. What is the Objective of the Document?
3. The Covenant as a Bill of Rights
4. Jesus’ Summary of the Decalogue

A Synopsis of the Preambles to Moses' First Two Addresses

Deuteronomy 1:1-5 and 4:44-49

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A. Features of this Introduction:

1. An Unusual Double Introduction
2. The Nature of the Address: Torah
3. The Content of the Address: Stipulations, Ordinances, Judgments
4. The Context of the Address
 - a. The Chronological Context
 - b. The Geographic Context

B. The Structure of the Second Address

- A. 1. The Narrative Preamble (4:44–5:1a)
- B. The Essence of Moses' Second Address: The Grace of Covenant (5:1b-26:19)
[Parenthesis: 27:1-26]
- C. The Blessings and Curses (28:1-68)
- D. The Narrative Conclusion (29:1)