# Introduction to the Decalogue

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A.	Design	ations	for	the	Decal	logue

- 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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1:1-5 4:44-49 This is the **Torah** that Moses set before the people of Israel. 45 These are the **stipulations** (' $\bar{e}d\bar{o}t$ ) These are the **words** (*dĕbārîm*) the **statutes** and (hugqîm) the **judgments** (*mišpāţîm*) that Moses spoke to all Israel that Moses spoke to the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt, beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, beyond the Jordan in the Arabah opposite Suph, in the valley opposite Beth-peor, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab. in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, It is eleven days' journey from Horeb who lived at Heshbon, by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh-barnea. whom Moses and the people of Israel defeated when they came out of Egypt. In the fortieth year, on the first day of the eleventh month, and took possession of his land Moses spoke to the people of Israel 47 and the land of Og, the king of Bashan, according to all that the LORD had commanded him the two kings of the Amorites, [to say] to them, who lived to the east beyond the Jordan; after he had defeated Sihon the king of the Amorites, from Aroer. who lived in Heshbon, 48 which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and Og the king of Bashan, as far as Mount Sion (that is, Hermon), who lived in Ashtaroth and in Edrei. and all the Arabah Beyond the Jordan, 49 on the east side of the Jordan in the land of Moab, as far as the Sea of the Arabah, Moses undertook to implement this Torah (tôrâ), saying, under the slopes of Pisgah.

#### 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)