Text of the Ten Commandments:

There are three versions of the *Ten Commandment*s in the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). They are at Exodus 20:2-17, Exodus 34:12-26, and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Exodus 20 is the most commonly used excerpt. In the *King James' Version*, the first text of the second set of commandments read:

Exodus 20:

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES CALLED  
EXODUS

CHAPTER 20

*The Lord reveals the Ten Commandments—Israel is to bear witness that the Lord has spoken from heaven—They are forbidden to make gods of silver and gold—They are to make altars of unhewn stones, and to sacrifice to the Lord thereon.*

  1 And God a[spake](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/1a) all these b[words](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/1b), saying,

  2 a[I](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/2a) *am* the b[Lord](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/2b) thy c[God](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/2c), which have brought thee out of the land of d[Egypt](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/2d), out of the house of e[bondage](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/2e).

  3 Thou shalt have a[no](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/3a) other b[gods](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/3b) before me.

  4 Thou shalt a[not](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/4a) make unto thee any b[graven](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/4b) c[image](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/4c), or any likeness *of any* *thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

  5 Thou shalt not a[bow](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5a) down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God *am* a b[jealous](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5b) God, c[visiting](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5c) the d[iniquity](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5d) of the e[fathers](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5e) upon the f[children](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5f) unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that g[hate](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/5g) me;

  6 And shewing a[mercy](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/6a) unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my b[commandments](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/6b).

  7 Thou shalt not take the a[name](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/7a) of the Lord thy God in b[vain](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/7b); for the Lord will not hold him c[guiltless](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/7c) that d[taketh](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/7d) his name in vain.

  8 Remember the a[sabbath](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/8a" \o "HEB stopping, cessation, rest (from labor); Ex. 31: 17; TG Sabbath.) day, to keep it b[holy](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/8b).

  9 a[Six](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/9a) days shalt thou b[labour](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/9b), and do all thy work:

  10 But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the Lord thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy a[stranger](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/10a) that *is* within thy gates:

  11 For *in* a[six](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/11a) days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is,* and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord b[blessed](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/11b) the sabbath day, and c[hallowed](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/11c) it.

  12 ¶ a[Honour](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12a) thy b[father](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12b) and thy c[mother](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12c): that thy d[days](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12d) may be e[long](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12e) upon the f[land](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/12f) which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

  13 Thou shalt not a[kill](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/13a).

  14 Thou shalt not commit a[adultery](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/14a" \o "TG Adultery; TG Chastity; TG Fornication; TG Sensuality; TG Sexual Immorality.).

  15 Thou shalt not a[steal](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/15a).

  16 Thou shalt not bear a[false](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/16a) witness against thy b[neighbour](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/16b).

  17 Thou shalt not a[covet](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/17a) thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s b[wife](http://scriptures.lds.org/en/ex/20/17b), nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour’s.