

# The 10 Commands

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I AM,

THE SUSTAINER of the First-Born Chosen Nation Your Source,  
Who brought You from the Egypt-land,  
from the House of Slavery.  
Except for I,  
there are not to exist for You any other sources ('Gods').

You are not to cause to be made to You any sculptured statue,  
or any likeness of anything that is in the skies (heaven) above,  
or that is in the land (earth) below,  
or that is in the water under the land (earth).  
Don't bow down Your-self to them,  
And don't make them divinities  
Those who hate I to the third and to the fourth generation  
I will bring the sin of the fathers upon the children  
For those who love I,  
And for those who keep I commands  
I will cause Mercy till the 1,000th generation  
For I THE SUSTAINER Your source  
Am a zealous source.

Don't call on the name of THE SUSTAINER Your source in uselessness  
for THE SUSTAINER will not clean him from hurt that calls on His name in uselessness.

Think the Senbet (sabbath) day to keep it holy (separated).  
Six days You will work and do all Your occupation  
However the seventh day is for THE SUSTAINER Your source  
You, and Your male child, and Your female child, and Your man servant,  
and Your maidservant, and Your cattle, and the guest which is within Your gates  
Don't do any work in It;  
For THE SUSTAINER rested the seventh day having created the skies (heaven)  
and the land (earth), the sea, and all that is in them in six days  
Because of this, THE SUSTAINER blessed the Senbet day and made it holy (separate).

Honor Your father and Your mother  
so that Your Age may be long upon the land (earth)  
which THE SUSTAINER Your source gives You.

Do not kill.

Do not commit adulteration.

Do not steal.

Do not bear lying witness against Your neighbor.

Do not covet Your neighbor's house,  
Your neighbor's wife,  
And his man servant,  
And his maid servant,  
And his ox,  
And his donkey (ass),  
And do not covet anything that is Your neighbor's.