

Deuteronomy 10 New American Standard Bible

The Tablets Rewritten

At that time the Lord said to me, ‘Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the first *two*, and come up to Me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood for yourself. ² Then I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you smashed to pieces, and you shall put them in the ark.’ ³ So I made an ark of acacia wood and cut out two tablets of stone like the first *two*, and I went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand.

⁴ Then He wrote on the tablets, like the first writing, the Ten Commandments which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them to me. ⁵ Then I turned and came down from the mountain, and I put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and they are there, just as the Lord commanded me.”

⁶ (Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and there he was buried, and his son Eleazar served as priest in his place. ⁷ From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of streams of water. ⁸ At that time the Lord singled out the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to serve Him and to bless in His name, until this day. ⁹ Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the Lord is his inheritance, just as the Lord your God spoke to him.)

¹⁰ “I, moreover, stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the Lord listened to me that time also; the Lord was not willing to destroy you. ¹¹ Then the Lord said to me, ‘Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, so that they may go in and take possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ *and* to keep the Lord’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.

¹⁵ Yet the Lord set His affection on your fathers, to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, you over all the *other* peoples, as *it is* this day. ¹⁶ So circumcise your heart, and do not stiffen your neck any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the

mighty, and the awesome God, who does not show partiality, nor take a bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the stranger by giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ So show your love for the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²⁰ You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. ²¹ He is your glory and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons *in all*, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

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We will use five tools on our expedition that are built around five questions

What questions were provoked within you?

Did anything confuse you?

Did anything move you emotionally?

Did God instruct you to do something?

Did you gain any insight into God's character?

Pauls Observations and insights

1. God instructed Moses to do some preparation.
2. He says 'come on up to me' because God is always up not down.
3. God said to Moses 'make the ark of wood', but it was God who would be doing the writing on the tablets for the second time.
4. Notice God points out to Moses 'the tablets that you shattered'.
5. Did Moses have a bit of a temper?
6. Having written on the tablets they are to go into the ark, so Moses makes the ark out of acacia wood, he prepares the tablets from stone, he carries the unwritten tablets up to God.
7. It says 'He wrote' that is God wrote, the words on the tablets again, the ten commandments.
8. The first revelation of the ten commandments comes as a ramah word, but they are about to become logos,
9. when the glory of God comes into the camp of Israel.
10. Moses comes down from the mountain with the word for the people.
11. What is the significance of the forty days and forty nights that Moses spends up the mountain on both occasions?
12. So Aaron was buried at Masarh, where he died.
13. It was God who chose Israel to represent Him.

14. Eliazah is now the new high priest of Israel.
15. The tribe of Levi is delegated the responsibility of taking care of the tent of meeting and setting up camp each time it moves.
16. The tribe of Levi were given no inheritance.
17. God was not willing to destroy Israel despite her constant rebellion because Moses brokered and saved Israel from destruction.
18. Moses is instructed to continue on the journey ahead of the people.
19. A good leader goes first and the people follow behind.
20. Taking possession of anything is something we do not God, if we don't take possession we don't get it.
21. What is it that God requires of His people that they would fear Him with reverence and respect.
22. To walk in His ways and to love Him through serving Him.
23. What is it to serve with all of your heart and soul?
24. What is it to keep God's commands?
25. If we keep His commands it will go well with us.
26. Keeping God's ways is a way of showing God how much you love Him.
27. Ever since God has loved Israel, He has never stopped loving him, because He made a promise and He used His name to seal the promise.
28. Why is it important to have a sensitive heart and to not have a stiff neck?
29. God placed His affection upon Israel.
30. What is it to be the God of Gods and Lord of Lords?
31. What is it to be an awesome God?
32. You can't bribe God, but why would anybody even try?
33. God brings justice to all, especially the most vulnerable.
34. The alien is the outcast who comes alongside God's people under the shadow of God's wing.
35. God is the provider of all of our needs.
36. How can we show love to the outcast?
37. God fulfils His promise to Abraham and He meets Israel when they are at their lowest.
38. What is it to fear, serve and cling to God?
39. Why would anyone swear by God's name?
40. Is God the focus of your praise?
41. Is God your God, at the centre of all you are and all you had and all you ever hope to be?
42. Do you appreciate all that God has done for you?
43. Have you seen how God has blessed your life?

44. Only seventy Jews went down to Egypt but over a million came out in the Exodus with Moses.