

Prologue to Second Mosaic Speech (February 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 4:44–49

44 Now this *is* the law that Moses set before the Israelites;
 45 these are the legal provisions and the rules and the regulations that Moses spoke to the Israelites when they left Egypt,
 46 beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth Peor in the land of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who *was* reigning in Heshbon
and whom Moses and the Israelites defeated when they came out of Egypt.
 47 And so they took possession of his land and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the
 Jordan, eastward,
 48 from Aroer, which *is* on the bank of the wadi of Arnon and as far as Mount Sirion; that *is*, Hermon,
 49 and all *of* the Arabah beyond the Jordan, eastward, and as far as the Sea of the Arabah under the slopes of Pisgah.

Second Mosaic Speech: General Covenant Stipulations – Part 1 (February 1406 BC)

Deuteronomy 5–6

Opening Exhortation

5:1 And *then* Moses summoned all *of* Israel and said to them, “Hear, Israel, the rules and the regulations that I *am* speaking in your ears today, and you shall learn them, and you must observe them diligently.
 2 Yahweh our God made a covenant with us at Horeb.
 3 *It was* not with our ancestors *that* Yahweh made this covenant, *but with* these *of* us *who are* here alive today.
 4 Face to face Yahweh spoke with you at the mountain from the midst of the fire.
 5 I was standing between Yahweh and you at that time to report to you the word of Yahweh, for you were afraid because of the presence of the fire, and so you *did* not go up the mountain. He said,

The Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:1–17)

6 ‘I *am* Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.
 7 *There* shall not be for you other gods besides me.
 8 ‘You shall not make for yourself a divine image of any *type* of form that *is* in the heaven above or that *is* on the earth beneath or that *is* in the water under the earth.
 9 ‘You shall not bow down to them, and you shall not serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, *am* a jealous God, punishing the guilt of fathers upon *their* children and upon *the* third and upon *the* fourth generation of *those* hating me,
 10 but showing loyal love to thousands of *those who* love me and of *those who* keep my commandments.
 11 ‘You shall not take up the name of Yahweh your God for *a* worthless purpose, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished *anyone* who uses his name for *a* worthless purpose.
 12 ‘Observe the Sabbath day to make it holy, *just* as Yahweh your God has commanded you.
 13 Six days you shall work, and you shall do all *of* your work,
 14 but the seventh day *is* a Sabbath unto Yahweh your God; you shall not do any work, or your son, or your daughter, or your slave, or your slave woman, or your ox, or your donkey, or any of your domestic animals, or your *resident* alien who *is* in your towns, so that your slave and your slave woman may rest as you *rest*.
 15 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm; therefore, Yahweh your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath.
 16 ‘Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God commanded you, so that it will be good for you in the land that Yahweh your God *is* giving to you.
 17 ‘You shall not murder.
 18 ‘And you shall not commit adultery.
 19 ‘And you shall not steal.
 20 ‘And you shall not falsely bear evidence against your neighbor.
 21 ‘And you shall not covet the wife of your neighbor, and you shall not crave the house of your neighbor, his field or his slave or his slave woman or his ox and his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.’

Israel Requests Moses to Mediate Yahweh’s Covenant (see Exodus 20:18–21)

22 “These words Yahweh spoke to your whole assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire and the very thick cloud *with* a loud voice, and he did not add anything, and *then* he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.
 23 And then when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, and *as* the mountain *was* burning with fire, *and* all the heads of your tribes and your elders approached me,
 24 you said, ‘Look, Yahweh our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice from the midst of the fire; this day we have seen that God can speak with a human being, yet he remains alive.
 25 And so then why shall we die, for this great fire will consume us if we continue to hear the voice of Yahweh our God *any* longer, and so we shall die?’

26 For who *is there* of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire as we *have heard it* and remained alive?

27 *You go near and hear everything that Yahweh our God will say; and then you tell us all that Yahweh our God tells you, and we will listen, and we will do it.*'

Yahweh Approves

28 "And Yahweh heard the sound of your words when you spoke to me, and Yahweh said to me, 'I have heard the sound of the words of this people that they have spoken to you; *they are right with respect to* all that they have spoken.

29 If only they had such a mind'; *that is*, to fear me and to keep all my commandments at all times, so that it will go well for them and for their children forever.

30 Go! Say to them, "Return to your tents."

31 But you stand here with me, and let me tell you all *of* the commandments and the rules and the regulations that you shall teach them, so that they may do *them* in the land that I *am* giving to them to take possession of it.'

32 "So you must be careful to do *just* as Yahweh your God commanded you; you shall not turn *to the right* or *to the left*.

33 In exactly the path that Yahweh your God has commanded, you must go, so that you may live and it will go well for you and you may live long in the land that you will take possession of."

Exhortation to Obey Yahweh

6:1 "Now this *is* the commandment, the rules and the regulations, that Yahweh your God charged to teach *to you for you* to observe in the land that you *are* about to cross *over* into to take possession of it,

2 so that you may revere Yahweh your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments that I *am* commanding you, you and your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life and so you may live long *lives*.

3 And you shall hear, Israel, and be careful to observe *these instructions*, so that it may go well for you and that you may multiply greatly, *just* as Yahweh, the God of your ancestors, promised you, *in* a land with milk and honey.

The Shema

4 "Hear, Israel, Yahweh our God, Yahweh is unique.

5 And you shall love Yahweh your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might. [\[Matt 22:34-38\]](#)

Exhortation to Teach Yahweh's Words

6 And these words that I am commanding you today shall be on your heart.

7 And you shall recite them to your children, and you shall talk about them at *the time of* your living in your house and at *the time of* your going on the road and at *the time of* your lying down and at *the time of* your rising up.

8 And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as an emblem between your eyes.

9 And you shall write them on the doorframe of your house and on your gates.

Worship Only Yahweh

10 "And then it will happen *that* when Yahweh your God will bring you to the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to you large and fine cities that you did not build,

11 and houses full of all *sorts* of good things that you did not fill, and hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant, and you have eaten your fill,

12 then take care for yourself, so that you *do* not forget Yahweh, who brought you out from the land of Egypt from the house of slavery.

13 "You shall fear Yahweh your God, and you shall serve him, and by his name you shall swear. [\[Matt 4:8-10\]](#)

14 You shall not go after other gods from the gods of the peoples who *are* all around you,

15 for Yahweh your God *is* a jealous god in your midst, so that the anger of Yahweh your God would be kindled, and he would destroy you from the face of the earth.

16 You shall not put Yahweh your God to *the* test, as you tested *him* at Massah. [\[Matt 4:5-7\]](#)

17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of Yahweh your God and his legal provisions and his rules that he has commanded you.

18 And you shall do *what is* right and good in the eyes of Yahweh, so that it shall go well for you and *so that* you may go and you may take possession of the good land that Yahweh swore for your ancestors,

19 by driving out all *of* your enemies before you, *just* as Yahweh has promised.

How to Teach Your Children

20 "When your child asks you in the future, saying, 'What *is the meaning of* the legal provisions and the rules and the regulations that Yahweh our God commanded for you?'

21 Then you shall say to your child, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and Yahweh brought us out from Egypt with a strong hand.'

22 And Yahweh gave great and awesome signs and wonders in Egypt against Pharaoh and against his entire household in our presence.

23 But *he* brought us out from there in order to bring us *here* to give us the land that he swore to our ancestors.

24 And *so* Yahweh commanded us to observe all *of* these rules *and* to revere Yahweh our God for our benefit all the days that we live, as it is today.

25 And it shall be righteousness for us if we diligently observe *and* do all *of* this commandment before Yahweh our God, as he has commanded us.'

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