

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery;
3 you shall have
no other gods before me.

4 You shall not
make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything
that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.

5 You shall not
bow down to them
or worship them;
for I the LORD your God
am a jealous God,
punishing children
for the iniquity of parents,
to the third and the fourth generation
of those who reject me,
6 but showing steadfast love
to the thousandth generation
of those who love me
and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not
make wrongful use of the name
of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not acquit anyone
who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day,
and keep it holy.

9 For six days you shall labour
and do all your work.

10 But the seventh day is a sabbath
to the LORD your God;
you shall not do any work—
you, your son or your daughter,
your male or female slave,
your livestock,
or the alien resident in your towns.

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
but rested the seventh day;
therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day
and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother,
so that your days may be long
in the land
that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house;
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Mark John 2:13-22

¹³ The Passover
of the Judeans
was near,
and Jesus went up
to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple
he found people
selling cattle, sheep, and doves,
and the money-changers
seated at their tables.

¹⁵ Making a whip of cords,
he drove all of them
out of the temple,
both the sheep and the cattle.

He also poured out
the coins
of the money-changers
and overturned
their tables.

¹⁶ He told those
who were selling the doves,

'Take these things
out of here!
Stop making my Father's house
a market-place!'

¹⁷ His disciples remembered
that it was written,

'Zeal for your house
will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Judeans then said to him,

'What sign can you show us
for doing this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them,

'Destroy this temple,
and in three days
I will raise it up.'

²⁰ The Judeans then said,

'This temple
has been under construction
for forty-six years,
and will you raise it up
in three days?'

²¹ But he was speaking
of the temple of his body.

²² After he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered
that he had said this;
and they believed the scripture
and the word that Jesus had spoken

Reading the Torah This Week

Year B Lent covenants: L1 Noah, L2 Abraham, L3 Moses/Sinai

Within Exodus 19-24 which "Ten Words" in Ex 34:28?

(Try 2022 audio and notes sometime:

<http://www.hereticslikeus.com/2022/03/take-two-tablets-exodus-20.html>

For a clearer layout, audio/notes on Deuteronomy 5 version:

<http://www.hereticslikeus.com/2022/07/ten-words-deuteronomy-05.html>

If you buy my mnemonic of 1st tablet God, 2nd tablet people,
which do people loosely mean by 'we all agree on 10 C's'?

Which 1 or 5 will get most of our hour of conversation,
or get focus in preaching this week, '10 words or fewer',
'teach me Torah standing on one foot'?

The Sabbath rationale here is from the 'P voice' creation –

In Deut 5, it leans on our release from serf-dom in Egypt

What other differences can you spot in the rationales?

How about coveting property – and neighbour

Compare the 'decatalogue' lists of parallel traditions:

| Talmudic Traditions | Late BCE, Early CE | Roman/Lutheran |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| I am God | Other Gods | Other Gods/Images |
| Other gods or idols | Images | False Oaths |
| False Oaths | False Oath | Sabbath |
| Sabbath | Sabbath | Parents |
| Honour Parents | Parents | Murder |
| Murder | Murder | Adultery |
| Adultery | Adultery | Theft |
| Theft | Theft | False Witness |
| False Witness | False Witness | Coveting Wife |
| Coveting | Coveting | Coveting Property |

Reading the Gospel This Week

Lent 3, Year B – we leap to John 2 from Mark

John's Jesus goes up to Jerusalem repeatedly

Part of a structure of a 'book of signs',

A polemic of gospel matching Torah

Too easily and too long read in lazy antisemitic tropes

Yes, we can revisit my practice of rendering *Ioudaios*

And you can argue for 'Jews' or 'religious leaders'

How did this 'wedge issue' work in late 1st C CE?

We've still got violence in the temple precinct,

written well after the temple was levelled in 70CE

What practices is Jesus shown as opposing, to matter later?

Compare Matt 21:12-13, Mk 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-46

Second Temple dates back to Persian empire 500's BCE

Desecrated and sanctified in mid 100's BCE (Hanukkah)

Doubled in size under Herod's sponsorship

The latter is the project named as '46 years'

If the Temple's sacrificial purity cult is lost,

What will replace it as a ritual, moral, religious centre?

One trajectory, not yet clearly distinguishable in John,

Will become Talmudic synagogue Judaism

Another trajectory will emerge as Christianity

When John is written, who is mad at whom, for what?

Is the story factual? It has an agenda.

What's our centre to be, after the Temple is lost?

How does Christ's resurrection body fill that space?

What are the alternatives?