

Table 3: Kadesh to Crossing of Jordan (1 year)

This covers a year and a month starting from the departure from Kadesh Barnea on the first day of the first month of the fortieth year after the Exodus, as far as entry into the Promised Land under Joshua.

Years and months after leaving Egypt:

Year	Month	
40	1	Kadesh - water from rock (Num 20:1) - (40 th year, 1 st month, 1 st day)
	2	Kadesh - Edom refuses passage (Num 20:14)
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	5	Mt. Hor - Death of Aaron (Num 20:22) - (40 th year, 5 th month, 1 st day - Num 33:38)
	6	Mourned for Aaron 30 days (Num 20:29)
		Defeat of Arad of Canaan, Journey to Red Sea (Num 21:1)
	7	Fiery serpents (Num 21:4)
		Defeat of Sihon of Amorites (Num 21:21)
	8	Defeat of Og of Bashan (Num 21:33)
		Arrival at the Plains of Moab (Num 22:1)
	9	Balaam (Num 23-24), Sin of Peor (Num 25)
		Second census (Num 26), Midianites destroyed (Num 31)
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		2½ tribes - east of Jordan (Num 32)
	11	Renewal of Covenant (Deuteronomy), Death of Moses on Mt Nebo (Deut 34) - (40 th year, 11 th month, 1 st day - Deut 1:3)
	12	Mourned for Moses 30 days (Deut 34:8)
41	1	
		Cross Jordan (Josh 4:19) - (41 st year, 1 st month, 10 th day)
		First Passover (Josh 5:10) - (41 st year, 1 st month, 14 th day)

Chronology at Mount Sinai

Reference	Yr/Mo/Day	Description
Ex. 19:1	1/3/1 ¹	Israel comes to the wilderness of Sinai and encamps before the mount.
Ex. 19:3	1/3/2 ²	Moses' first ascension into the mount. Receives God's promise to take Israel as his people.
Ex. 19:7		Moses descends and tells the people the words of the Lord.
Ex. 19:8	1/3/3	Moses' second ascension. Returns the words of the people to the Lord. Instructions to prepare people for meeting God on the mount.
Ex. 19:14		Moses descends and prepares the people for the third day (cp. v. 10-11)
Ex. 19:16	1/3/6	In the morning, the people come before the mount to meet with God
Ex. 19:20		Moses' third ascension. God instructs to make sure people do not come up.
Ex. 19:25		Moses descends, speaks to the people, God speaks the 10 commandments (20:1-17). People respond in fear.
Ex. 20:21		Moses' fourth ascension. Receives various commandments (20:22-24:2)
Ex. 24:3		Moses descends and recounts all the commandments God gave him
Ex. 24:4	1/3/7	Early in the morning Moses builds an altar and sanctifies the people. People vow obedience.
Ex. 24:9		Moses' fifth ascension with Aaron and others. The nobles see God. Moses ascends higher to be with Yahweh (v. 12-13,15,18).
Ex. 24:16	1/3/12	Cloud covers the mount for six days
Ex. 24:16-18	1/3/13	On the seventh day God calls to Moses out of the cloud and Moses goes into the midst of the cloud. Moses in the mount 40 days and nights receiving instructions for the Tabernacle.
Ex. 32:15	1/4/23 ³	Moses descends after 40 days, breaks the tablets upon seeing the people worshipping the golden calf.
Ex. 32:30-31	1/4/24	Moses' sixth ascension to seek forgiveness for the people.
Ex. 33:4		Moses returns the Lord's words to the people. Moves tabernacle outside the camp. Pleads with God to go with him and to see his glory.
Ex. 34:4	1/4/25	Moses' seventh ascension with new tablets. Given revelation of Yahweh's name. In the mount for another 40 days and night (34:28)
Ex. 34:29	1/6/5	Moses comes down after 40 days and his face shines. Instructs people to build tabernacle.
Ex. 40:17	2/1/1	Tabernacle is reared up. Aaron and his sons consecrated for 7 days (Lev. 8:33-35)
Lev. 9:1	2/1/8	Sin and burnt offering for Aaron and the people. Nadab and Abihu offer strange fire (10:1,19)
Nu. 10:11	2/2/20	Israel departs from Mt. Sinai

¹ We have adopted the view that "the same day" (Ex. 19:1) is the first day of the month.

² The second and third day are not designated in Scripture but are from a common Jewish interpretation used to put the 50th day of Pentecost on Sivan 6th.

³ I have calculated the 40 days as excluding the 6 days the cloud covers the mount.

9 DO NOT LIE

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR.

GOD IS TRUTH AND HE VALUES HONESTY.

Be trustworthy and maintain integrity by being honest. Lying can take the form of gossip, false accusations, blame, and self-deceit. It is important to keep promises and be responsible to the commitments we make. Liars cannot be trusted, and even when a liar tells the truth, he or she may not be believed. The Bible forbids attempting to deceive God.

- The Bible says that the wise keep all falsehoods and lies far from them (Proverbs 30:8).
- The Bible says that God hates a lying tongue, and delights in those who tell the truth (Proverbs 12:12).
- Those who speak the truth are valued by kings (Proverbs 16:13).
- In the early church, a man named Ananias and his wife Sapphira sold some property and claimed to donate the entire amount to the church. Instead, they kept some of the money for themselves. The Apostle Peter said they were free to keep some of the money, but since they claimed to bring the entire amount, they lied to the Holy Spirit. Their lie resulted in immediate death by the hand of God (Acts 5:1-11).

Jesus said, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:35-37).

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Before Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land, he sent spies into the city of Jericho. The prostitute Rahab housed the spies and helped them escape. When the authorities asked about the spies, Rahab deceived them and thereby saved the spies. Later, Rahab was saved because she honored God by preserving the lives of the spies. She knew God's will and His plans for the people of Israel; therefore she chose to obey the principles that honor God's will. Her decision to mislead and deceive her leaders as to the whereabouts of the Israelite spies was honored by God (Joshua 2:1-6; 6:17-25).

Truth-telling makes for a functional and just society. People who tell the truth can be trusted. Sensitive application of honesty and truth nurtures relationships and helps foster communities that are functional and enriching.

10 DO NOT COVET

THOU SHALT NOT COVET THY NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE... NOR ANY THING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOUR'S.

GOD VALUES HUMILITY, CONTENTMENT, AND PEACE.

Be content with what we have. Don't long for things that belong to others. Avoid the pursuit of happiness and joy through the accumulation of material wealth, possessions, someone else's spouse, and other's friends. Don't allow earthly things to fill a void that only God can fill. Ask God to provide what we need. God promises that He will take care of our needs if we seek Him first and not money, popularity, or possessions.

- King Saul was jealous of David's success and coveted the respect and praise David received from the women in all the towns (1 Samuel 18:6-9).
- King David coveted his neighbor Uriah's wife Bathsheba and he committed adultery with her. David then murdered Uriah to cover up his treachery (2 Samuel 11:1-27).
- The Apostle Paul encouraged the early church to be content with what they had and warned them about loving money and possessions. Paul said that the love of money is the root of all evil; it causes greed, envy, and pride (Philippians 4:11, 12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5).
- The Apostle John warned believers about loving the world and the things of the world. He said that anyone who loves the world does not have the love of God in him (1 John 2:15).

Jesus said, "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Jesus said, "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

A rich young man with a lifelong commitment to keeping all the commandments came to Jesus and asked what more he needed to do. Jesus's response to the man's request for eternal life went right to the heart of the tenth commandment: "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me" (Mark 10:17-23).

Generally, the purpose of advertising and marketing is to feed on their customers' discontent by appealing to a person's selfish nature. These advertisers promise people fulfillment if they buy their product. Their ads seem to suggest that when you purchase a particular item, you will be surrounded by friends, a beautiful spouse, and a really great, enjoyable life. These advertisers know that people covet and that people have the tendency to be dissatisfied with what they have.

God wants us to be content with what we have and to keep our eyes focused on Him; not on things of this world (Philippians 4:11,12).

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

COMMANDMENT	PASSAGE	RELATED OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES	RELATED NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES	JESUS' TEACHINGS
You shall have no other gods before me	Exod 20:3; Deut 5:7	Exod 34:14; Deut 6:4, 13-14; 2 Kgs 17:35; Ps 81:9; Jer 25:6; 35:15	Acts 5:29	Matt 4:10; 6:33; 22:37-40
You shall not make for yourself an idol	Exod 20:4-6; Deut 5:8-10	Exod 20:23; 32:8; 34:17; Lev 19:4; Lev 26:1; Deut 4:15-20; 7:25; 32:21; Ps 115:4-7; Isa 44:12-20	Acts 17:29; 1 Cor 8:4-6; 10-14; 1 John 5:21	Matt 6:24; Luke 16:13
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord	Exod 20:7; Deut 5:11	Exod 22:28; Lev 18:21; 19:12; 22:2; 24:16; Ezek 39:7	Rom 2:23-24; Jas 5:12	Matt 5:33-37; 6:9; 23:16-22
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy	Exod 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-15	Gen 2:3; Exod 16:23-30; 31:13-16; 35:2-3; Lev 19:30; Isa 56:2; Jer 17:21-27	Acts 20:7; Heb 10:25	Matt 12:1-13; Mark 2:23-27; 3:1-6; Luke 6:1-11; John 5:1-18
Honor your father and your mother	Exod 20:12; Deut 5:16	Exod 21:17; Lev 19:3; Deut 21:18-21; 27:16; Prov 6:20	Eph 6:1-3; Col 3:20	Matt 15:4-6; 19:19; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 2:51; 18:20; John 19:26-27
You shall not murder	Exod 20:13; Deut 5:17	Gen 9:6; Lev 24:17; Num 35:33	Rom 13:9-10; 1 Pet 4:15	Matt 5:21-24; 19:18; 26:52; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20
You shall not commit adultery	Exod 20:14; Deut 5:18	Lev 18:20; 20:10; Deut 22:22; Num 5:12-31; Prov 6:29, 32	Rom 13:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9; Heb 13:4; Jas 2:11	Matt 5:27-30; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; John 8:1-11
You shall not steal	Exod 20:15; Deut 5:19	Lev 19:11, 13; Exek 18:7	Rom 13:9-10; Eph 4:28; Jas 5:4	Matt 19:18; Mark 10:19; 12:40; Luke 18:20
You shall not give false testimony	Exod 20:16; Deut 5:20	Exod 23:1, 7; Lev 19:11; Pss 15:2; 101:5; Prov 10:18; Jer 9:3-5; Zech 8:16	Eph 4:25, 31; Col 3:9; Titus 3:2	Matt 5:37; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20
You shall not covet	Exod 20:17; Deut 5:21	Deut 7:25; Job 31:24-28; Ps 62:10	Rom 7:7; 13:9; Eph 5:3-5; Heb 13:5; Jas 4:1-2	Luke 12:15-34

The Ten Commandments—Exodus 20:3–17

	COMMANDMENT	BIBLE EXAMPLE	MODERN EXAMPLE
RESPECT FOR GOD You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.	1. You shall have no other gods before me.	The Exodus Ex. 34:11-14	Put God first. A "god" may be anything a person allows to rule his daily life: deities of other religions, superstitions, horoscopes, bad habits or addictions, friends, heroes, desire for money, fame or power.
	2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.	The Golden Calf Ex. 32:1-8	Put your faith in God only. Worshiping or serving any man-made thing that is thought to have supernatural power: statues of gods of other religions, crystals, pictures, jewelry, amulets, charms, rabbit's foot, or objects thought to have power or "good luck."
	3. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.	Don't use God's name in a false oath. Lev. 19:12	Treat God's name with respect. Don't use God's name lightly in making promises or in any other way. This is the name that raised people from the dead, caused blind to see, and made the paralyzed to walk. It is a powerful name and needs to be used with the right attitude.
	4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	God provides enough on the sixth day for the seventh. Ex. 16:23-30	In Jesus' time, very religious people obeyed this commandment by refusing to do any kind of work—even to the point of not helping people in need. Jesus said that Sabbath was made for our benefit. People should rest from their normal work, but also be available to do good to others. Today Christians set aside the day to worship God and meet with other Christians.
RESPECT FOR PEOPLE Love your neighbor as yourself.	5. Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.	Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Luke 2:51	Treat your parents with respect no matter what. Your parents have made many sacrifices to raise you. They have changed diapers, lost sleep, bought food, toys and clothes, paid doctor bills and changed their schedules to help you. Even if you don't get along with your parents, they deserve your gratitude. If your parents ask you to do something wrong, respectfully tell them no and suggest a good alternative that they might consider.
	6. You shall not murder.	Each person is made in God's image. Gen. 9:6	Personal revenge belongs to God. God will make things right in the end. God has set up governments and rules to deal with murders. Life and death are in God's hands. Examples: no revenge killing, murder, suicide, abortion or euthanasia ("mercy killing"). Jesus said we should love our enemies and pray for them.
	7. You shall not commit adultery.	Joseph runs from temptation. Gen. 39:1-13	Stay true to your husband or wife. Marriage vows made before God should be kept in spite of difficulties. Sex is only within the marriage relationship. No rape or incest. Avoid sexual temptation: provocative movies, television, websites, magazines, video games, pictures and books. Jesus said that even thinking about another person lustfully is wrong.
	8. You shall not steal.	Achan steals. Josh. 6:17-19; 7:1-5	Respect other's possessions. Don't take things that don't belong to you. Examples: shoplifting (taking candy, toys, or anything from a store), taking money or valuables from others, cheating on tests and taxes, reproducing or distributing music, photos, or any material without permission.
	9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	Honesty toward neighbors. Lev. 19:13	Be trustworthy. Don't falsely accuse or blame someone else. Don't lie about them or to them. Don't gossip. Don't lie to God and to yourself by believing you are perfect. Keep your promises.
	10. You shall not covet ... anything that belongs to your neighbor.	Life is more than possessions. Ecc. 5:9-18; 6:12	Be content with what you have. Don't long for things that belong to others. Example: their house, car, job, bike, toys, jewelry, clothing, or friends. Ask God to give you what you need. He promises that he will take care of your needs. Seek wisdom and good character, not riches.

Laws of the Old Testament

	EXODUS	LEVITICUS	NUMBERS	DEUT
Whom to worship	20:3, 23; 22:20; 23:13, 24; 34:13-17	19:4; 20:2		5:7; 13:1-18
How to treat God				
<i>Sacrifices</i>	20:24-26; 22:29-30; 23:18-19; 29:10-41; 34:19-20, 25-26	chs 1-7; 17; 19:4-8; 20:21-22; 22:18-30	15:2-31; 28:2-8	12:13-14; 17:1
<i>Holy Days</i>	20:8-11; 23:12; 23:14-17; 1:13-17; 34:18, 21-24; 35:2-3	16:1-34; 19:3b, 30; 23:3-34; 26:2	9:10-14; 28:9-29:38	5:13-15; 16:1-17
<i>Vows</i>		ch 27	6:2-21; 30:2-15	23:18, 21-23
<i>Temple ritual</i>	27:20-21; 30:7-10, 19-21	10:9; 24:2-9		
<i>Purity issues and ritual</i>		19:19; 21:1-22:16	5:6-31; 15:38-40; 19:1-22	21:1-9; 22:11-12; 23:1-3
<i>Tithes and offerings</i>	30:12-16		18:8-32	12:17-19; 14:22-29; 15:19-23; 18:1-5; 26:1-15
<i>Sabbatical years</i>		25:8-34		15:1-18
<i>Idolatry</i>	20:4-6	26:1		5:8-10; 7:25-26; 12:2-4; 16:21-22
<i>Blasphemy and Curses</i>	20:7; 22:28	24:14-16		5:11
Social Structure and Ethics				
<i>Leaders</i>				17:14-20
<i>Family</i>	20:12, 14; 21:15, 17; 22:16-17	19:3a, 29, 32; 20:9	27:7-11	5:16, 18; 21:10-21; 22:13-30; 23:17; 24:1-4; 25:5-12
<i>Slaves</i>	21:1-11	19:20; 25:39-55		23:15-16
<i>Land ownership and use</i>	23:10-11	19:9-10; 25:1-7	36:7-9	19:14; 22:9
<i>Personal property</i>	20:15, 17; 21:33-36; 22:1-15	19:11		5:19, 21; 22:1-4; 23:24-25
<i>Respect of person</i>	20:13; 21:12-14, 16, 18-32	19:17-18; 24:17-22		5:17; 24:7
<i>Justice</i>	20:16; 22:21-22, 25-26; 23:1-9	19:11-16, 33-36; 25:35-37	35:11-34	5:20; 16:18-20; 17:2-13; 19:4-13, 15-21; 21:22-23; 22:6-8, 10; 23:19-20; 24:6, 10-22; 25:1-4, 13-15
<i>Sexual and Bodily Purity</i>	22:19	chs 12-15; 18; 20:10-21	5:2-3	22:5; 23:9-14
<i>Warfare</i>				20:1-20; 24:5
<i>Divination</i>	22:18	19:26-28, 31; 20:27		18:9-14
<i>Food Laws</i>	22:31	11:1-47; 20:25		12:15-16, 20-27; 14:3-21

