

## The COMMANDMENTS



## The COMMANDMENTS and HOLYDAYS are CONNECTED and IN EFFECT!

Is there a definite **link** between the Ten Commandments of Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 and the Holyday Statutes of Leviticus 23?

If there is, and it can be proven that the **Holydays** are still in effect during this New Testament period, then will this also prove that the **Commandments** as well are still in effect, and must likewise be observed to **properly worship** the true God in spirit and truth?

This article will help prove that such a link exists, and that the Commandments and Holydays are **BOTH** still in effect **TODAY**,

that they were NOT annulled by the New Testament, and that they must be obeyed TODAY, NOT for justification, but rather for showing God and ourselves that we truly want to live that pattern and way of life **for an eternity**.

First, where is the LINK between the Commandments and Holydays?

Which one of the commandments has the same **subject matter** as the Holydays?

The Holydays are focused on how to worship God. Leviticus 23 specifies gathering together for “holy convocations” at “appointed times” at which certain rituals and ceremonies are to be performed as the proper worship service required by God. So the **HOLYDAYS** are focused on the **PROPER WORSHIP** of the true God.

Now, which one of the Commandments deals with this same subject matter of **PROPER WORSHIP**?

Doesn't the Second Commandment deal with PROPER WORSHIP, by specifying what is NOT to be done in worshiping the true God? Doesn't it prohibit using “graven images” as tools to assist in worshiping God?

But notice that the Second Commandment does NOT specify exactly what is allowed or supposed to be used in the PROPER WORSHIP of God.

WHY NOT?

Is it because somewhere else in the Scriptures the Second Commandment is linked to these PROPER WORSHIP instructions, that is, the Holyday Statutes contained in Leviticus 23?

Is there a chapter in the Scriptures that **explicitly links** the PROPER WORSHIP of the Holyday Statutes with the Second Commandment?

Yes, there is! Read Deuteronomy 4, specifically verses 12-19.

**Deut 4:12-19**

12 “Then **the LORD spoke to you** from the midst of the fire; you heard the sound of words, but you saw no form – only a voice. 13 “So He declared to you His **covenant** which He commanded you to perform, that is, **the Ten Commandments**; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 “The LORD commanded me at that time to teach you **statutes** and judgments, that you might perform them in the land where you are going over to possess it. 15 “So watch yourselves carefully, **since you did not see any form** on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, 16 so that you **do not act corruptly and make a graven image** for yourselves in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, 17 the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the sky, 18 the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water below the earth. 19 “And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, **and be drawn away and worship them** and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

The above verses explicitly cite the **Second Commandment** in the context of keeping the “**Statutes**”!

Deuteronomy 4 is all about **keeping the Statutes!** See how many times the word “statutes” is mentioned. The first mention is in verse 1, and the last mention is in verse 40.

The Holyday Statutes are these specific instructions on how to properly worship God, and the Second Commandment was aimed to protect that **PROPER WORSHIP** by explicitly prohibiting the **IMPROPER WORSHIP** that was very prevalent at that time, and which still is **TODAY**, by the very fact that the Holydays are **NOT** being observed today because of that **very same idolatry**, except the “graven images” today are more mental than physical, namely the ideas and concepts “engraven” into our minds from infancy that cause us to worship nature and human-devised constructs (big bang, evolution, heliocentrism, gaianism, gnosticism).

These Holydays are also mentioned in **Exodus 23:14-17**, **Exodus 34:18-23** and in **Deuteronomy 16:1-17** because **these days are very important to God.**

These Holydays are **how** man-kind can establish and maintain contact with the true Creator God, then and now, so that His WAY to eternal life can be communicated, learned and internalized.

So, given that the Commandments are linked to the Holydays via the Second Commandment, can we now establish that Holyday-keeping is **still in effect** in this New Testament period?

Yes, we can! Read Zechariah 14:16-19

### [Zech 14:16-19](#)

*16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year **to worship the King**, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate **the Feast of Booths**. 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate **the Feast of Booths**. 19 This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate **the Feast of Booths**.*

Clearly, the **Feast of Booths** (Holyday 6) will be enforced upon all nations when Christ returns to rule the world **during the Millennium**.

**Holyday-keeping** will be ENFORCED during the Millennium BECAUSE the Law and Statutes are **still in effect** during the New Testament period! Christ's life and teaching did NOT annul any part of the Law or the Prophets.

### [Mt 5:17-19](#)

*17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these **commandments**, and teaches others to do the same, **shall be called least** in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

Therefore, if the Holydays are still in effect during this New Testament period, including the Millennium, why wouldn't the Commandments also be in effect, especially since the Second Commandment is meant to protect and preserve PROPER WORSHIP of the true God which is the purpose of keeping the Holydays?

And many of the Scriptures support that the Commandments are still in effect.

### [Mt 19:17](#)

*17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, **keep the commandments.**"*

### [Rom 13:8-10](#)

*8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other **commandment**, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law.***

### [2 Jn 1.6](#)

*6 **And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.** This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.*

### [Rev 14:12](#)

*12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who **keep the commandments** of God and their faith in Jesus.*

The efforts to **diminish** the importance of the Second Commandment reveals just how important it truly is for PROPER WORSHIP of the true God.

Notice how some churches actually **merge** the first two Commandments in order to "hide" the importance of PROPER WORSHIP via Holyday-keeping. And then they split the Tenth Commandment into two parts in order to keep the total number at Ten Commandments.

See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten\\_Commandments\\_in\\_Catholic\\_theology](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ten_Commandments_in_Catholic_theology)

Another claim is that the Second Commandment is just a “regulation”, grouping it under the First Commandment, instead of it being on a separate and equal basis with the other nine Commandments. Then, in order to keep the total number at ten, a new Tenth Commandment is seen as the words that Moses spoke in [Exodus 20:20](#) about not fearing God, even though Moses had not received chain of title to the office of “spokesman” for God until Exodus 20:22 in order to make those words a commandment, and even though [Deuteronomy 5:6-21](#) lists exactly the complete Ten Commandments, and the very next verse [Deuteronomy 5:22](#) does not mention the words “do not be afraid” in Exodus 20:20 as a commandment. In fact, it says “**and He added no more**” to “**these words**” that He commanded in [Deuteronomy 5:6-21](#), in which verse 21 is the last and tenth commandment, namely “You shall not covet...”.

### [Deuteronomy 5:22](#)

*22 “**These words the LORD spoke** to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, **and He added no more**. He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.*

Also notice that making “Do not be afraid” of God a commandment makes that command in direct conflict with what Jesus Christ Himself said in [Luke 12:4-5](#), that **we ought to fear God** because He is the One who “has authority to cast into hell”!

### [Lk 12:4-5](#)

*4 “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But **I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!***

So the merging or grouping of the first and second commandment is NOT supported by the Scriptures when Deuteronomy 5 is seen on an **equal footing** with the Scriptures in Exodus 20, even as the Messiah declares in [Matthew 4:4](#). “Man shall... live on EVERY word that proceeds out of the mouth

of God”, and [2 Timothy 3:16](#) states that “**All** Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.” Also notice that Christ cited **Deuteronomy**, NOT Exodus, three times during His temptation in wilderness with Satan (Mt 4:4,7,10), and again cited **Deuteronomy** when explaining what is the greatest Commandment (Mt 22:37). So **Deuteronomy is a very important book!**

Now, the only **grouping** of the Ten Commandments that is supported by the Scriptures is located in Matthew 22:35-40, where Christ groups them into two commandments – 1) **Love of God** being the “great and foremost commandment”, and 2) **Love of neighbor** as yourself.

### [Mt 22:35-40](#)

*35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And He said to him, ” **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.**’ 38 “This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 “The second is like it, **‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’** 40 **“On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”***

So it appears that the efforts to diminish the importance and independence of the Second Commandment is really an attack on the **PROPER WORSHIP** of the true God.

It is an attack on **KEEPING THE HOLYDAYS!**

Now, given the above **LINK** in Deuteronomy 4:12-19 connecting the Commandments and Holydays, and that these both are in effect **TODAY**, **what is the implication of our NOT obeying these clear commands and days?**

### [Deut 28:15](#)

*15 “But it shall come about, if you do not obey \* the LORD your God, to observe to do all His **commandments** and His **statutes** with which I charge you today, that all these **curses** will come upon you and overtake you:*

Read the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 28. Are we experiencing any of these curses today?

In fact, isn't our current captivity the direct result of NOT keeping the Holyday Statutes?

**Ezek 20:23-24**

*23 "Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would **scatter them among the nations** and disperse them among the lands, 24 **because they** had not observed My ordinances, but **had rejected My statutes** and had profaned My sabbaths, and their eyes were on the **idols** of their fathers.*

Notice again the connection of "**idols**" (Second Commandment) with the "**statutes**" (Holydays). These Israelites committed idolatry by The FORSAKING of the Holydays! (Read the article entitled "**The FORSAKING**".)

These Israelites were taken captive by the Assyrian Empire into the area near the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus Mountains as a direct result of rejecting the observance of the Second Commandment and the Holyday Statutes. These people became known as "Caucasians". We in America used to mark "Caucasian" as our race on various registration forms, but now that category has been removed because it is a clue to our true identity and heritage, and our continuing responsibility and mission to uphold the **bilateral social compact agreement** (the covenant) that our ancestors made with the Most High at Mount Sinai, the terms of which included keeping the Commandments and the Holydays, with each Holyday being "**a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places**" (Lev 23:14).

What we need today is another "King Josiah" who upon being presented with the Book of the Law during his reign as king over the House of Judah, realized that they were breaking the terms of this covenant their people had made with the Most High, and quickly restored the observance of the Commandments and the Holydays. Read 1 Chronicles 34-35 to see the example that was set by him in causing "the sons of Israel" to keep the Holydays (Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread – Holydays 1 & 2).

## **We need that same Restoration today!**

And the **GOOD NEWS** is that this Restoration is going to be accomplished by the **NEXT TWO HOLYDAYS!**

That is the primary Mission of this website – to proclaim the **GOOD NEWS**, in accord with Isa 41:27, of the fulfillment of the Second and Third Annual Holydays to occur “in Jacob” (Ps 98:1-3; 99:4; 87:2) where most of the “Caucasians” live – The United States of America! Read the article entitled “[The REVIVAL](#)” to see how this will happen.

That GOOD NEWS means that many from ALL NATIONS will gather to America after the Desert Miracle occurs **because they will realize that the Commandments and the Holydays ARE STILL IN EFFECT** – BECAUSE HOLYDAY TWO has just been fulfilled, and that they are thereby convicted about their mission to fulfill HOLYDAY THREE as the Bride and Wife of the Messiah whose Marriage will produce the First Fruits Spring Harvest of the Kingdom-Family of God, the **HOLY PENTECOST NATION!**

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We still have time to choose.

**[Rev 22:14](#)**

*14 Blessed are they that **do his commandments,***

*that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*

## The Ten Commandments – MAGNIFIED

The Ten Commandments are truly the Terms and Conditions of a Bilateral Social Compact Agreement with the Creator that upon acknowledgement, acceptance and performance will produce peace and happiness for all in eternity.

[Mt 5:17-19;Mt 19:16-19;James 2:17-24;1 Jn 2:3-6;1 Jn 5:3;2 Jn 1:6;Rev 12:17](#)

So, let us analyze each of these ten points of agreement more closely to see exactly what each one is intended to accomplish and why each one is distinctly important.

### **COMMANDMENT #1:**

The most important “matter of consequence” having “eternal relevance” is to know that there is a Creator that lives above the blue-sky firmament dome enclosing the earth. This truth is the focal reference point for all other knowledge. Dismissing or ignoring this truth is the ultimate form of the idolatry that this commandment is warning us about. This Being made us, and is the only source of eternal life. This is why our Father in heaven must be our primary focus and master.

### **COMMANDMENT #2:**

Our Father in heaven wants to have a direct personal relationship with us. That takes spending time together. He has set certain special days for us to communicate with him. Besides reserving the last day of the week for this “worship” in spirit and truth, certain “appointed times” during the year were set aside for special “holy convocations” as “commanded assemblies” that were designed to teach us [His Plan](#) to help us all become like Him, autonomous eternal beings of love. For us to love Him, we have to know Him. And He forbids us from using any third party objects or persons from interfering in that intimate knowing.

### **COMMANDMENT #3:**

Our Father in heaven does not want us to misrepresent Him by claiming to know Him and then proceed to teach ideas or do things that He does not condone.

**COMMANDMENT #4:**

Our Father in heaven wants us to know that we are interacting with Him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth by resting on the last day of the week as He did “in the beginning”.

**COMMANDMENT #5:**

Our Father in heaven has created the family experience of marriage between a man and woman producing children as a TYPE for what He is doing in reproducing Himself into a divine Family of autonomous spiritual eternal beings having His loving attitudes and righteous holy character. So honoring our physical parents is preparing us to honor our spiritual Father in heaven for an eternity.

**COMMANDMENT #6:**

Our Father in heaven grants us a temporary physical life as a period of time and experiences that enable us to decide whether or not to live His way of life for an eternity. To deliberately murder someone cuts that period short before the Father’s working with that person is finished. No one has the authority to violate another person’s opportunity to choose to live with God forever.

**COMMANDMENT #7:**

Our Father in heaven created the marriage relationship as a TYPE of the relationship between His Son and the First Fruits that the Father has called and chosen to be a Bride for His Son. The Father demands that this relationship remain sacred and pure to prepare these First Fruits to marry His Son and bear holy children in both the Spring and Fall Harvests of Divine Family Kingdom of God.

**COMMANDMENT #8:**

Our Father in heaven maintains His ownership rights over all He creates. Being made in His image and likeness, we also maintain ownership rights over all we create or inherit. No one has the authority to violate either of these ownership rights.

**COMMANDMENT #9:**

Our Father in heaven maintains His integrity and autonomy by making decisions based on the truth. Lies violate the integrity and autonomy of those making decisions based thereon.

**COMMANDMENT #10:**

Our Father in heaven is completely capable of providing for the needs of all that He creates. It is an insult to the Father’s caretaking and love to inordinately desire more than He provides at any moment in time, or to usurp His position as caretaker of creation.

[www.biblestudytools.com/kjv/isaiah/42-21.html](http://www.biblestudytools.com/kjv/isaiah/42-21.html)

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will **magnify the law**, and make it **honourable**.