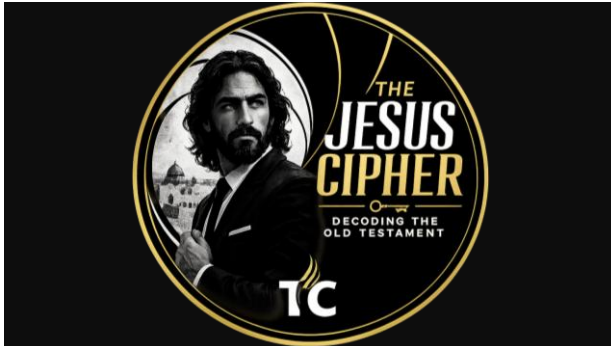




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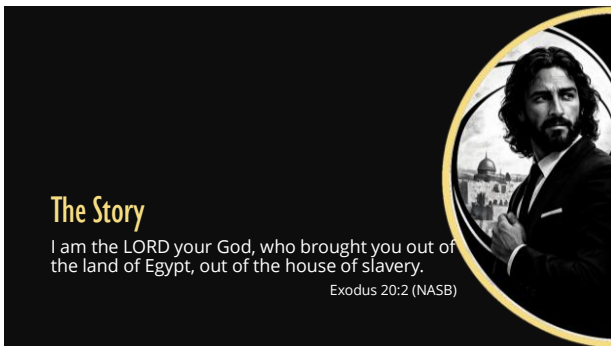
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## 10 Commandments "for the Covenant Community"



- New Living Translation – Chapter Heading
- "Ten Commandments for the Covenant Community"
- So Much MORE is happening!
  - Verses 3-17 are the "Commandments"
  - Verses 1-2 and 18-21 are the STORY
- "Proper Use of Altars" – (NLT)

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## Discussion



- Why?
  - 10 Commandments - we usually focus on the WHAT rather than the WHY
  - Israel's fear – why now?
- Moses Response (Exodus 20:20):  
 "Don't be afraid," Moses answered them, "for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!"

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## Key Take Aways

"I will walk among you; I will be your God, and you will be my people."

Leviticus 26:12 (NLT)



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## Established Religion



- Israel rejected the identity and relationship God offered first

"You will be my kingdom of priests. My holy nation."  
(Exodus 19:6)

- God offers a representational religion they WILL accept

"And they said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!'"  
(Exodus 20:19)

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## Hermeneutical Applications

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.

John 14:7



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## Interpretive Methods and Tools



- What hermeneutical methods did we use as we read this entire passage (Exodus 19-20)?
- What are some tools we used to aid in our interpretation and understanding of the passage?
- How can you apply those methods in your own devotions, reading plans, and bible studies?

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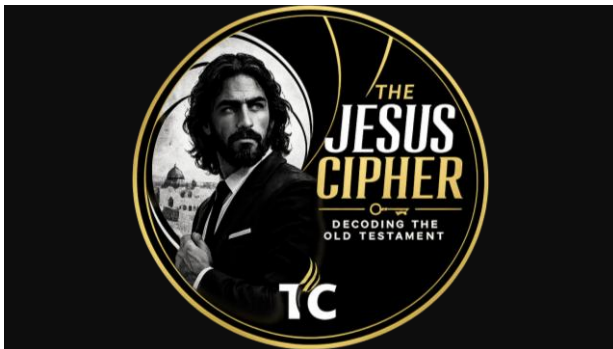
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