



# Deuteronomy 10

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

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**INTRODUCTION:** this is a continuation of the previous chapter, Israel is soon to cross over the River Jordan and enter into the Promised Land. The primary focus of all the following chapters is upon Moses re-telling to the new generation about to cross the River Jordan all the covenant laws the LORD originally gave to Israel at Mount Sinai so that the new generation would renew the covenant with the LORD before they enter the Promised Land. The final chapter finishes with the LORD burying Moses and Joshua being ready to lead Israel over the River Jordan and into the Promised Land (see also the introduction to chapter one).

**NOTE:** for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

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### DEUTERONOMY 10 (ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION)

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- **Deuteronomy 10:1-22** <sup>1</sup> “At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain and make an ark of wood. <sup>2</sup> And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you shall put them in the ark.’ <sup>3</sup> So I made an ark of acacia wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the first, and went up the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. <sup>4</sup> And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the Ten Commandments that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. <sup>5</sup> Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark that I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me.” <sup>6</sup> (The people of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And his son Eleazar ministered as priest in his place. <sup>7</sup> From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land with brooks of water. <sup>8</sup> At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD to stand before the LORD to minister to him and to bless in his name, to this day. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Levi has no portion or inheritance with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance, as the LORD your God said to him.) <sup>10</sup> “I myself stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD listened to me that time also. The LORD was unwilling to destroy you. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, go on your journey at the head of the people, so that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore to their fathers to give them.’ <sup>12</sup> “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup> Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. <sup>16</sup> Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. <sup>17</sup> For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. <sup>18</sup> He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup> You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup> He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. <sup>22</sup> Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

This chapter begins with the LORD telling Moses to cut two more tablets of stone like the first two, and go up the mountain and make an ark of wood and the LORD will write on the new tablets of stone the words that were on the first tablets that Moses broke and told Moses to put them in the wooden ark that he had made. So after he had cut two Tablets of Stone like the first ones and made an Ark of wood, he went up to Mount Horeb (Sinai) and the LORD wrote on the Tablets the Ten Commandments that were on the first Tablets that he had broken, and afterwards came

down and put the Tablets in the Ark he had made. Moses then points to the Ark and tells the generation of Israel on the wilderness side of the (the east side) Jordan River that the Ten Commandments are in the Ark as the LORD had commanded him.

**Israel is standing at the edge of the River Jordan:** the generation that is standing with Moses at the River Jordan is about cross over and enter the Promised Land. This is the generation that has been travelling from Mount Horeb (also called Mount Sinai) and have now finally arrived at the River Jordan.

**Aaron died:** Aaron never entered the Promised Land he died on the journey and was buried in Moserah, his son Eleazar ministered as priest in Aaron's place.

**The tribe of Levi;** when Israel stood at Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai) the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi, to carry the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD and to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and bless His name. They were to have no portion or inheritance with their brothers because the LORD would be Levi's inheritance. Moses tells Israel the LORD requires them to fear the LORD their God, hold fast to Him and swear by His name, they are to love and serve Him with all their heart and soul and walk in all His ways. Keep His commandments, statutes and circumcise the foreskin of their heart so they will no longer be stubborn and remember to love the sojourner, because they were sojourners in the land of Egypt. Moses tells Israel that he is commanding them to keep these rules for their good.

**God's Love for Israel:** Moses tells Israel that the sky, the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it belongs to the LORD their God and that:

- They are a people above all people of the earth
- The LORD has set His heart in love on Israel's fathers and chosen their offspring after them.
- Their fathers and the present generation of Israel that is about to cross the Jordan River are above all peoples of the earth.
- The LORD is Israel's praise and their God.
- The LORD has done for Israel great and terrifying things and they have seen it with their own eyes.
- Their fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, but now the LORD has made them as numerous as the stars of heaven.
- The LORD Israel's God is the God of gods and LORD of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God. He is not partial in judgment, takes no bribe, executes justice for the fatherless and the widow and loves the sojourner and gives them food and clothing.

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