God's First Written Law

TEXT: Exodus 20:1-26; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

KEY VERSE: This day the Lᴏʀᴅ thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. — Deuteronomy 26:16

God's chosen people were the Children of Israel. His first written Law was given to them through the prophet Moses. It began with the Ten Commandments, which were later written on tables of stone by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). All of these laws and ordinances were specific, and the people were required to know them and to teach them to their children. See Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

1. When and where did God give Moses and the Children of Israel the Ten Commandments? See Exodus 19:1, 20-25.

2. Briefly write down each of the Ten Commandments.

3. Which of these commandments covered the people's relationship with God? with their fellow man?

4. What was God's promise to the Children of Israel if they kept all His commandments? See Exodus 19:5-6 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14

5. What did Paul the Apostle say was the first commandment with promise (Ephesians 6:2-3)? What does the phrase "with promise" signify?

6. What was Jesus' reply when He was asked, "which is the great commandment in the law?" See Matthew 22:36-40.

7. What did Jesus mean, in Matthew 22:40, when He said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets"?

8. What was the reply of the rich young ruler when Jesus told him he would have eternal life if he would "keep the commandments"? How did Jesus answer him? See Matthew 19:16-22.

9. Today we live under the New Testament covenant through Jesus Christ, and not under the Old Testament Law of Moses. Under this new covenant, where does God tell us He will put His laws? See Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 10:16-18.