

Context

- 1] Moses, having received Law at Mt Sinai on 2 tablets, broken when he came down and found Israelites worshipping a Golden calf (Ex 32). God then replaced them (Ex 34)
- 2] The Israelites rebelled, and that generation died in 40 yrs in the wilderness (Nu 14)
- 3] Return to edge of promised land but different place – up east side of Dead Sea (Dt1:1-8)

The 2nd tablets on Sinai (1-5)

- 1] At that time (1a)
- 2] Two stone tablets, an ark (ie a box) (1b)
- 3] like the first (Ex 24:12; 31:18) on mountain {fire and smoke} (Ex 19:18) broken (32:19)
(Cf Moses -water form the rock = temper / unbelief?)
- 4] I (God) will write on tablets YOU broke! (2)
The Lord will not accept responsibility for our choices.
Accept the blame from God
- 5] God wrote (4)
 - a) Same writing
 - b) The ten commandments**The Lord's commandments do not change**
- 6] Then I came down ... as the Lord commanded me (5)
Do as the Lord commands you

The custody of the Ark (containing tablets) (6-9)

- 1] Journey – Aaron died. Son Eleazar priest in his place
Nb Moses brother (Ex 4:14-16)
- 2] Journey – Levites – carry the ark, stand before the Lord, to minister to Him, bless His name
Cf appointed over tabernacle & furnishings 12:19; 14:27-29; 16:11; 18:1-18 Levites set apart (Nu 3:5ff)
Nb journey (Nu 20:22-29; 33:31-33)
- 3] The Lord is their inheritance (no inheritance with brothers)
Nb no portion or inheritance (Deut 12:12; 14:27,29; 18:1)
The Lord is our inheritance

The commissioning of Moses (10,11)

- 1] 40 nights (Ex 24:18)
- 2] The Lord listened to me – not to destroy you (Ex 32:10)
Cf the Lord was unwilling to destroy you (9:14,26?!) The Lord listen don't him and did not consume them
- 3] Go – take possession of promised land
Nb Swore to their fathers (Gen 15:5-7; 26:2,3; 28:13-15)

And now...(40 yrs later) (12-22)

- 1] And now = on edge of promised land. (12a)
Ie Now – ie in the fortieth year (Deut 1:3)
- 2] What does the Lord require of you (12b,13) (cf Micah 6:8)
The Lord has requirements of us
Know what the Lord requires of you
 - a) fear the Lord your God
 - b) walk in all his ways cf Dt 6:6
 - c) serve the Lord with all your heart and soul
 - d) keep the commandments and statutes... for your good

cf Love the Lord with all you heart and with all your soul (Deut 6:5)

nb Commandments 'for your good' – he will bless you (cf 7:13)

The Lord commands us for our good

Acknowledge that the Lord's commandments are for our good

3] The commitment (14-16)

a) The Lord

1) To our God belong heaven, Heaven of Heaven, earth and all that is in it
cf 1 Kings 8:27; Ps 24:1; 115:16 cf Matt 28:18)

2) The Lord set his heart in Love on your fathers ... chose their offspring (14,15)
This is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and gave his son as the propitiation for our sin (1Jn 4:10)
Nb the Lord loves you ... chose ... above all peoples (Deut 7:6-8)

b) His people - Circumcise the foreskin of your heart (16)

cf 30:6; Jeremiah 4:4; 9:26; Ezekiel 44:7,9

nb outward sign of the covenant (Genesis 17:9-14).

Ie commit yourself / mind to Him and The covenant with Him

Do not stubbornly resist his covenant

4] For (ie because God....)(17,18)

a) The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of Lords (17a)

cf Lord of Lords (Ps 136:3; 1Tim 6:15; Rev 17:14; 19:16)

JESUS is the King of kings and Lord of Lords

b) the great the mighty and the awesome God (17b)

cf the Lord mighty and awesome (Dt 7:21)

c) not partial and takes no bribes (17c)

The rules over all things – justly

d) executes justice for (the weak) (18)

cf Orphans, widows, strangers (24:17)

nb Fatherless and widow (Deut 14:29; 16:11,14; 24:19,20,21; 26:12,13; 27:19)

The Lord is disposed towards the weak

5] Our response (19-22)

a) Love the sojourner (cf you in Egypt) (19)

cf forgive as you have been forgiven (Matt 18:22-25)

b) Fear the Lord your God (20a)

nb Fear the Lord (6:2,24; 10:12,20; 14:23; 17:19; 31:12,13)

c) serve Him and hold fast to Him (20b)

d) swear by His name (20c)

Submit wholeheartedly to God

Conclusion (21,22)

1] He is your praise

2] He is your God – great and terrifying things

Cf (Deut 1:19; 8:15; 10:21)

God is to be feared

3] Fathers, - 70 to 'His people - stars in heaven' --- Faithful to promises

GRACE - God made us numerous according to his promise

MP *The Lord wants you to wholeheartedly be his people.*

KV *Now Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep his commandments.*