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**CHOSEN BIBLICAL Old Testament SCRIPTURE-**

This month's coloured attachment scripture is Exodus 20: 1-17

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

These instructions given to Israel by God through the prophet Moses, are brief statements of God's own moral character. **They are holy principles that He values in His holiness.** These decrees are about humankind relationship with The Loving God and of interaction between persons.

The Ten Commandments are prohibitions (except for Commandments 4 and 5). The first four Commandments are related

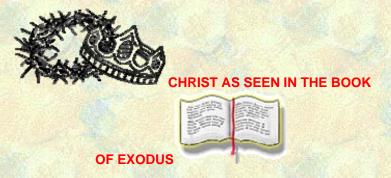
to one's relationship with God. The following six Commandments have to do with human relationships. Correct relationships with others ensue after first having an appropriate relationship with God. They lay the moral foundation for a holy community set apart from all others. These Moral Laws state God's enduring standards of conduct. They are relevant for individuals and communities today. These requirements He expects of His people.

The Ten Commandments are part of The Law Covenant, The Priestly Code and the Statute of Holiness. The Ten Commandments reveal God's unique nature, His Name and His demands. The number Ten was, itself significant. It represents, then and at all times, completeness, and that the Law of God was of perfection. Being one finished whole, to which nothing was to be added, and from which nothing was to be taken away.

These ten directives were not only for the Hebrew people but are abiding laws for all persons. They have universal soundness, they are truly significant only when persons are committed to the God behind them.

Jesus upheld the commandments given by God. Jesus said the entire law could be summed up in Love for God and for neighbour. Though The Law was given through Moses, God's servant, His unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ His Son.

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Christ is portrayed in Moses, The Deliverer, The Mediator, The Passover Lamb, The Religious Feasts, The Exodus, The Manna and Water, The Rock, The Tabernacle, The Mercy Seat, The High Priest and The Tent with men.



\*\*BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE- Did you know that Moses was a symbolic representation for Jesus? Moses was saved after a king ordered the Jewish babies to be killed; the same is true of Jesus. Moses parted the water, Jesus walked upon the water Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness; Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Moses went up a mountain and gave an address, Jesus also gave a sermon on the mount. Moses administered the Old Covenant and Jesus administered the New Covenant.

Colouring In page of the building of the ark and the tabernacle in the Sinai desert which was to house the tablets of the Old Testament Covenant is at

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AN AUGUST EVENT-Between 1830 and 1949, China became the largest Protestant mission field in the world, occupying up to 8,000 missionaries at any one time. It also became the scene of Protestant mission's largest massacre in 1900, when a rabidly anti-Christian group known as the Society of Harmonious Fists (the Boxers), waged an effective war against believers. Nearly 200 missionary adults and children and 30,000 national Chinese Christians perished. Among them was missionary Lizzie Atwater who wrote to her family on August 3, 1900 as she prepared for her ending of life in this world very quietly and calmly. She knew that The Lord was wonderfully near, and that He would not fail her in giving added peace which passets all earthly understanding. She kept calm during her last hours and never regretted going to China, but regretted she had done so little. Twelve days later August 15 1900, the Atwaters perished. She had been married for two years and had a child, all died together. When the pressure subsided the missionary multitude returned, remaining until expelled by the Communists in 1949. The number of Chinese believers continued to grow to about 5 to 7 million by 1980, and has since increased rapidly to an estimated 50 million—and still mounting.

## Have A Beautiful Day



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Heavenly Father, We acknowledge that You make Straight our path before us, we who are willing to be led by Your Word and Your Spirit, through any obstacles, opposition and temptations, so that no enemy can take from us the pleasure of praising You, or give us grounds for not worshipping You In Jesus' Name, Amen. +

