



Introduction

God gives the ten commandments.



Questions

1. Why does God say the children of Israel should have no other idols?
2. What does God show to those who love him and keep his commandments?
3. Why does God frighten the people with the thundering, lightning and smoke on Mount Sinai?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 17** God gives the Israelites the ten commandments (see information)
 - v 1 to 3 (1) Don't have any other gods
 - v 4 to 6 (2) Don't make or bow down to idols. Although God is a jealous God bringing punishment on those who hate him, he is loving towards those who love him and keep his commandments
 - v 7 (3) Don't misuse God's name
 - v 8 to 11 (4) Keep the seventh day of each week holy. No work is to be done
 - v 12 (5) Honour your parents
 - v 13 (6) Don't murder
 - v 14 (7) Don't commit adultery
 - v 15 (8) Don't steal
 - v 16 (9) Don't tell lies
 - v 17 (10) Don't covet
- **v 18 to 21** The Israelites stay at a distance from mount Sinai, because they are afraid of hearing God speak
- **v 22 to 26** Moses gives instructions from the LORD about not making other gods and about making altars for sacrifices

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)



Information

The ten commandments

The ten commandments are the basic laws of the Jews which tell them how they should live. Many countries base their laws on these commandments.

With the exception of the Sabbath law, they are all repeated by Jesus Christ and the apostles. Examples are:

You shall have no other gods before me:

1 Corinthians 8 verse 6

You shall not make for yourself any idol:

1 Corinthians 8 verse 4

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God:

Matthew 5 verses 33 - 34

Honour your father and mother:

Colossians 3 verse 20

You shall not commit adultery, murder, steal or covet:

Romans 13 verse 9

You shall not lie:

Colossians 3 verse 9

Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 6, Q 3: v 20



Bible timeline

