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### Genesis Chapter I, Verse 26

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ וַיְרִדוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַרְמֵשׁ הַרְמֵשׁ עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

And God said, "let us make man in our image, after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth."

### Genesis Chapter I, Verse 27

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים ׀ אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:

And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

### Genesis Chapter 13, Verses 14-17

יָד וַיְהִי־וָה אָמַר אֱלֹהִים אַחֲרַי הַפָּרְדֵּי־לוֹט מֵעַמּוֹ שְׂאֵנָא עֵינֶיךָ וּרְאֵה מִן־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה שָׂם צַפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְקִדְמָה וַיִּמָּה: כִּי כִי אֶת־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־אַתָּה רָאִה לְךָ אֶתְנַנְּה וּלְזָרְעֶךָ עַד־עוֹלָם: טוֹ וְשָׁמְתִי אֶת־זָרְעֶךָ בְּעַפְרֵי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר ׀ אֲבִיּוֹכֵל אִישׁ לְמִנּוֹת אֶת־עַפְרֵי הָאָרֶץ גַּם־זָרְעֶךָ יִמְנָה: ׀ קוֹם הִתְהַלֵּךְ בָּאָרֶץ לְאַרְכָּה וּלְרֹחְבָּה כִּי לְךָ אֶתְנַנְּה:

And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had parted from him, "Raise your eyes and look out from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west, for I give all the land that you see to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, then your offspring too can be counted. Up, walk about the land, through its length and its breadth, for I give it to you."

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## The Ten Commandments Exodus Chapter 20, Verses 1-14

א וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְאָמֹר: ס ב אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבְּיַת עַבְדִּים: ג לֹא־יְהִיֶּה לְךָ  
אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנָי: ד לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם  
מִמַּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ: ה לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה  
לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַנָּא פֹקֵד עֲוֹן אָבֹת  
עַל־בְּנֵיָם עַל־שְׁלֹשִׁים וְעַל־רְבַעִים לְשָׁנָאִי: ו וַעֲשֵׂה חֶסֶד לְאֻלְפִים לְאֹהֲבֵי  
וְלִשְׁמֵרֵי מִצְוֹתַי: ז לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׁוּא כִּי לֹא  
יִנְקָה יְהוָה אֶת אִשְׁרֵי־יִשְׂא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ לְשׁוּא: פ וְזָכֹר אֶת־יוֹם  
הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ: ט שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וַעֲשִׂיתָ כָּל־מְלַאכְתֶּךָ: י וְיוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי  
שַׁבַּת לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה כָּל־מְלַאכָּה אַתָּה | וּבִנְךָ וּבִתְּךָ עַבְדְּךָ  
וְאִמְתֶּךָ וּבְהֵמְתֶךָ וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ: יא כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת־יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה  
אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֶת־הַיָּם וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־בָּם וַיִּנּוּחַ בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי  
עַל־כֵּן בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשֶׁהוּ: יב כִּבֵּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ  
וְאֶת־אִמְךָ לְמַעַן יֵאָרְכּוֹן יְמֵיךָ עַל הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ: ס  
יג לֹא תִרְצֹוּ ס לֹא תִנְאָף ס לֹא תִגְנוֹב ס לֹא־תַעֲנֶה  
בְּרַעַךְ עַד שִׁקְרָ: ס יד לֹא תַחְמֹד בֵּית רֵעֶךָ ס לֹא־תַחְמֹד  
אִשֶׁת רֵעֶךָ וְעַבְדוֹ וְאִמְתּוֹ וְשׁוֹרוֹ וְחֹמְרוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר לְרֵעֶךָ:

God spoke all these words saying: I the Lord am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: You shall have no other gods besides Me. You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I the Lord your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and fourth generations of those who reject Me, but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not swear falsely by the name of the Lord your God; for the Lord will not clear one who swears falsely by His name. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord your God: you shall not do any work — you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the stranger who is within your settlements. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them and He rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the Lord your God is assigning to you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

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### Exodus Chapter 22, Verses 24-26

כֹּד אִם־כֶּסֶף | תִּלְוֶה אֶת־עַמִּי אֶת־הָעֲנִי עִמָּךְ לֹא־תִהְיֶה לוֹ כְּנֶשֶׁה לֹא־תִשְׁיָמוֹן  
עָלָיו נֶשֶׁךְ: כֹּה אִם־חֶבֶל תַּחְבֹּל שְׁלֵמַת רַעֲךָ עַד־בֹּא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ תִּשְׁיָבֵנוּ לוֹ: כּוּ כִּי  
הָיָה כְּסוּתָהּ לְבַדָּה הִיא שְׁמֹלְתוֹ לְעָרוּ בְּמָה יִשְׁכַּב וְהָיָה כִּי־יִצְעַק אֵלַי וְשָׁמַעְתִּי  
כִּי־חֲנוּן אֲנִי:

If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor; exact no interest from them. If you take your neighbor's garment in pledge, you must return it to him before the sun sets' it is his only clothing, the sole covering for his skin. In what else shall he sleep? Therefore, if he cries out to Me, I will pay heed, for I am compassionate.

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### Exodus Chapter 23, Verse 9

ט וְגַר לֹא תִלְחָץ וְאַתֶּם יִדְעֶתֶם אֶת־נַפְשׁ הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הֵייתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם:

You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the feelings of the stranger, having yourselves been stranger in the land of Egypt.

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### Exodus Chapter 23, Verse 12

יב שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲשֶׂה מְעֻשְׁיֶךָ וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי תִשְׁבֹּת לְמַעַן יָנוּחַ שׁוֹרְךָ וְחֲמֹרְךָ  
וַיִּנְפֹּשׁ בֶּן־אִמְתְּךָ וְהַגֵּר:

Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor, in order that your ox and your donkey may rest, and that your bondman and the stranger .may be refreshed.

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### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verses 1-2

א וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: ב דַּבֵּר אֶל־כָּל־עַדְת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם  
קְדוּשִׁים תִּהְיוּ כִּי קָדוֹשׁ אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

The Lord spoke to Moses saying: Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verses 9-10

ט וּבִקְצֹרְכֶם אֶת־קְצִיר אֲרָצְכֶם לֹא תִכְלֶה פְּאֵת שְׂדֵךְ  
לְקַצֵּר וּלְקַט קְצִירְךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט: י וְכִרְמֶךָ לֹא תַעֲוִלֵל  
וּפְרֹט כִּרְמֶךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט לְעָנִי וְלִגֵּר תַּעֲזֹב אֹתָם אֲנִי יְהוָה  
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not pick your vineyard bare, or gather the the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I the Lord am your God.

### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 14

יד לֹא־תִקְלַל חֵרֶשׁ וְלִפְנֵי עוֹר לֹא תִתֵּן מְכַשָּׁל וַיִּרְאֵתָ  
מֵאַלְהֵיךָ אֲנִי יְהוָה:

You shall not insult the deaf, or place a stumbling block before the blind. You shall fear your God; I am the Lord.

### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 15

טו לֹא־תַעֲשׂוּ עוֹל בַּמִּשְׁפָּט לֹא־תִשָּׂא פְּנֵי־דָל וְלֹא תִהְדָּר  
פְּנֵי גָדוֹל בְּצִדְקָה תִשְׁפֹּט עַמִּיתְךָ:

You shall not render an unfair decision; do not favor the poor or show deference to the rich; judge your kinsman fairly.

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### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 18

יִוָּז לְאַתְקָם וְלֹא־תִטּוֹר אֶת־בְּנֵי עַמֶּךָ וְאַהֲבַת לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ  
אֲנִי יְהוָה:

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your countrymen. Love your fellow as yourself: I am the Lord.

### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 32

לֹב מִפְּנֵי שִׁיבָה תִקּוּם וְהִדַּרְתָּ פָנֶי זָקֵן וְיִרְאתָ מֵאֱלֹהֶיךָ  
אֲנִי יְהוָה:

You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

### Leviticus Chapter 19, Verse 33

לֹג וְכִי־יָגוּר אֶתְךָ גֵר בְּאַרְצְכֶם לֹא תוֹנוּ אֹתוֹ:

When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him.

### Leviticus Chapter 25, Verse 10

י וְקִדְשְׁתֶּם אֶת שְׁנַת הַחֲמִשִּׁים שָׁנָה וְקִרְאתֶם דְּרוֹר  
בְּאַרְץ לְכָל־יֹשְׁבֵיהָ יוֹבֵל הוּא תְהִי־לָכֶם וְשַׁבְתֶּם אִישׁ  
אֶל־אֲחֻזָּתוֹ וְאִישׁ אֶל־מִשְׁפַּחְתּוֹ תָּשֻׁבוּ:

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year. You shall proclaim release throughout the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: each of you shall return to his holding and each of you shall return to his family.

### Numbers Chapter 30, Verse 3

ג אִישׁ כִּי־יָדַר נֶדֶר לַיהוָה אֹי־הִשָּׁבַע שְׁבַע־הָ שְׁבַע־הָ לְאִסָּר אִסָּר  
עַל־נַפְשׁוֹ לֹא יִחַל דְּבָרוֹ כְּכֹל־הִיְצָא מִפִּי יַעֲשֶׂה:

If a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath imposing an obligation on himself, he shall not break his pledge; he must carry out all that has crossed his lips.

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### Deuteronomy Chapter 6, Verses 4-9

ד שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה | אֶחָד: ה' וְאַהֲבַת  
אֵת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ: ו'  
וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ הַיּוֹם עַל־לִבְבְּךָ: ז'  
וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתְךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ  
וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וז' וְקִשַּׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל־יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ  
לְטֹטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: ט' וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל־מַזְזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### Deuteronomy Chapter 8, Verses 7-10

ז כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מְבִיאֲךָ אֶל־אֶרֶץ טוֹבָה אֶרֶץ נַחֲלֵי  
מַיִם עֵינַת וְתַהֲמַת יִצְאִים בַּבִּקְעָה וּבְהָרִ: וז' אֶרֶץ חֹטָה  
וְשַׁעֲרָה וְגִפְזָה וְתַאֲנָה וְרִמּוֹן אֶרֶץ־זֵית שָׁמֶן וְדַבְּשׁ: ט' אֶרֶץ  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא בְּמַסְפַּנְתָּ תֹאכַל־בָּהּ לֶחֶם לֹא־תַחְסֹר כָּל־בָּהּ  
אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֲבַנְיָהּ בְּרֹזָל וּמְהַרְרִיהָ תַחְצַב נְוֹזֶשֶׁת: י'  
וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשָׂבַעְתָּ וּבְרַכַּתָּ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל־הָאֶרֶץ הַטֹּבָה  
אֲשֶׁר נָתַן־לְךָ:

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains issuing from plan and hill; a land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey; a land where you may eat food without stint, where you will lack nothing; a land whose rocks are iron and from whose hills you can mine copper. When you have eaten your fill, give thanks to the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

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### Deuteronomy Chapter 10, Verses 17-20

יז כִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֲדָנִי הָאֲדָנִים  
הָאֵל הַגָּדֹל הַגִּבֹּר וְהַנּוֹרָא אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יִשָּׂא פָנָיִם וְלֹא יִקְוֹז  
שָׁחַד: יוז עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם וְאִלְמָנָה וְאָהֵב גֵּר לְתַת לוֹ  
לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה: יט וְאָהַבְתָּם אֶת־הַגֵּר כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם  
בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: כ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִירָא אֹתוֹ תַעֲבֹד וּבֹ  
תִדְבַק וּבְשֵׁמוֹ תִשָּׁבַע:

For the Lord your God is God supreme and Lord supreme, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who shows no favor and takes no bribe, but upholds the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and befriends the stranger, providing him with food and clothing. — You too must befriend the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You must revere the Lord your God: only Him shall you worship, to Him shall you hold fast, and by His name shall you swear.

### Deuteronomy Chapter 15, Verses 7-11

ז כִּי־יְהִיֶּה בְךָ אֶבְיֹן מֵאַחַד אַחֶיךָ בְּאַחַד שְׁעָרֶיךָ  
בְּאֶרֶץךָ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לְךָ לֹא תֹאמֵץ אֶת־לִבְּךָ  
וְלֹא תִקְפֹּץ אֶת־יָדְךָ מֵאֲחִיךָ הָאֶבְיֹן: וז כִּי־פָתַח תִּפְתּוֹז  
אֶת־יָדְךָ לוֹ וְהֶעֱבַט תַעֲבִיטְנוּ דֵי מַחְסָרוֹ אֲשֶׁר יַחְסֵר לוֹ:  
ט הַשְׁמֵר לְךָ פְּנֵי־יְהוָה דְּבַר עַם־לִבְּךָ בְּלִיעַל לֵאמֹר  
קָרְבָה שְׁנַת־הַשְּׁבַע שְׁנַת הַשְּׁמִטָּה וְרָעָה עֵינֶךָ בְּאֲחִיךָ  
הָאֶבְיֹן וְלֹא תִתֵּן לוֹ וְקָרָא עָלֶיךָ אֶל־יְהוָה וְהָיָה בְךָ  
חָטָא: י נָתַן תִּתּוֹ לוֹ וְלֹא־יִרַע לִבְּךָ בְּתַתְּךָ לוֹ כִּי בַגְּלַל  
ו הַדְּבַר הַזֶּה יִבְרַכְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־מַעֲשֶׂךָ וּבְכָל  
מַשְׁלוֹז יָדְךָ: יא כִּי לֹא־יִחַדֵּל אֶבְיֹן מִקְרֹב הָאֶרֶץ עַל־פִּי  
אַנְכִי מִצְוֶךָ לֵאמֹר פָּתַח תִּפְתּוֹז אֶת־יָדְךָ לְאֲחִיךָ לְעַנְיֶךָ  
וּלְאֶבְיֹנְךָ בְּאֶרֶץךָ:

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If however, there is a needy person among you, one of your kinsmen in any of your settlements in the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not harden your heart and shut your hand against your needy kinsman. Rather, you must open your hand and lend him sufficient for whatever he needs. Beware lest you harbor the base thought, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is approaching," so that you are mean to your needy kinsman and give him nothing. He will cry out to the Lord against you, and you will incur guilt. Give to him readily and have no regrets when you do so, for in return the Lord your God will bless you in all your efforts and in all your undertakings. For there will never cease to be needy ones in your land, which is why I command you: open your hand to the poor and needy kinsman in your land.

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### Deuteronomy Chapter 16, Verse 20

כ צֶדֶק צֶדֶק תִּרְדֹּף לְמַעַן תַּחְיֶה וַיִּרְשֶׁתָּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ  
אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נֹתֵן לָךְ:

Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

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### Deuteronomy Chapter 20, Verse 19

ט כִּי־תִצְוֶה אֶל־עִיר וַיְמַיֵּם רַבִּים לְהִלָּחֵם עָלֶיהָ לְתַפְשָׁהּ  
לֹא־תִשְׁחִית אֶת־עֵצָהּ לְנִדְחָהּ עָלֶיהָ גְרוֹזָן כִּי מִמֶּנּוּ תֹאכְלוּ  
וְאֹתוֹ לֹא תִכְרֹת כִּי הָאָדָם עֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה לְבָא מִפְּנֵיךָ  
בַּמִּצּוֹר:

When in your war against a city you have to besiege it a long time in order to capture it, you must not destroy its trees, wielding the ax against them. You may eat of them, but you must not cut them down. Are trees of the field human to withdraw before you into the besieged city?