

A hiker wearing a green jacket, a hat, and a backpack is walking on a rocky trail. The background shows a rugged, mountainous landscape with large rock formations and a clear sky. The hiker is positioned in the center-right of the frame, moving away from the viewer.

A journey through

**IF**

**What you never knew about  
the 10 Commandments**

**2 Chronicles 7:14 – "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."**

**John 15:7 – "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."**

**Romans 10:9 – "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."**

**John 14:15 – "If you love Me, keep My commandments." aka Executive Orders**

# THE “IF” BEFORE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen **what I did to Egypt**, and **how I carried you on eagles’ wings** and **brought you to myself**.’

Now ***if you*** obey me fully and **keep my covenant**, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Exodus 19:3–6

Sent the ten plagues

Exodus 7-12

Goshen during plagues

Exodus 8:22

## Exodus 12:35-36

Before leaving, the Israelites took gold, silver, and clothing from the Egyptians





# What you never knew

1

**They Were Given Twice:** After Moses broke the first set of tablets in anger when he saw the Israelites worshiping the golden calf, God instructed him to carve a **second set of tablets** with the same commandments (**Exodus 34:1**). Found in Exodus 20, they are also listed in **Deuteronomy 5**, with slight variations in wording and emphasis, particularly regarding the Sabbath

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**The Commandments Reflect the Ten Plagues of Egypt**

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**Written by the Finger of God:** The Bible specifically states that the commandments were written by the "Finger of God" (**Exodus 31:18**), highlighting their divine origin

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**There's a Chiastic Structure**

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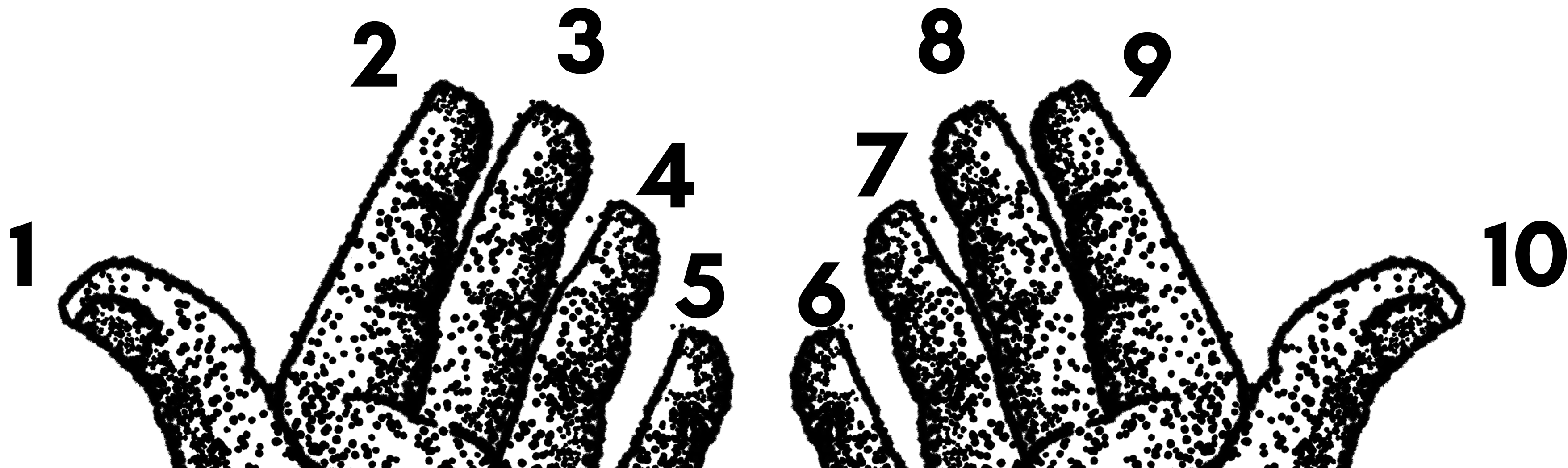
**Paleo-Hebrew is the language God likely wrote the commandments in with His Finger**



THE CHIASTIC STRUCTURE

# COMMANDMENTS

1&10 2&9 3&8 4&7 5&6



Exodus 20:1-17

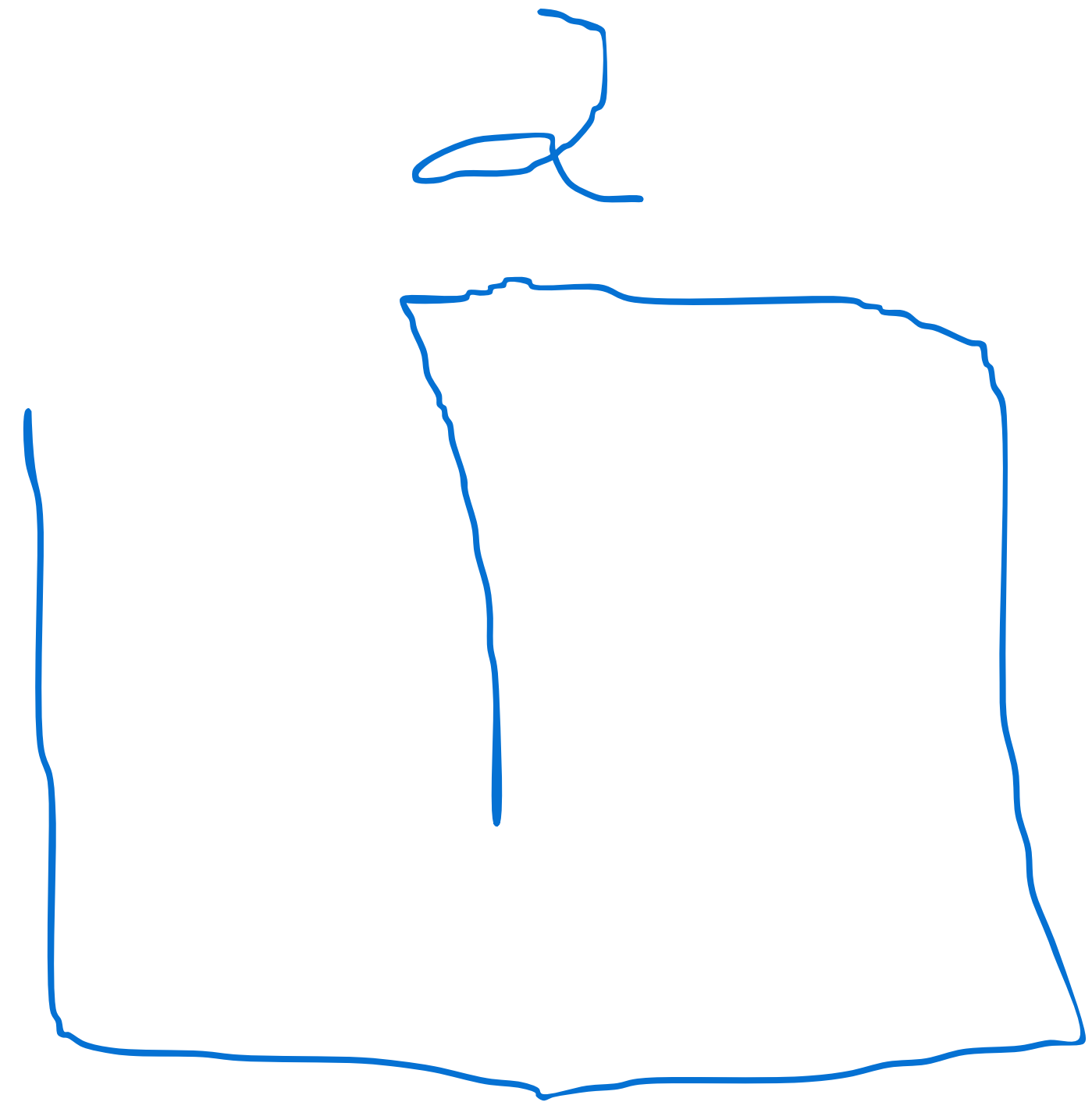
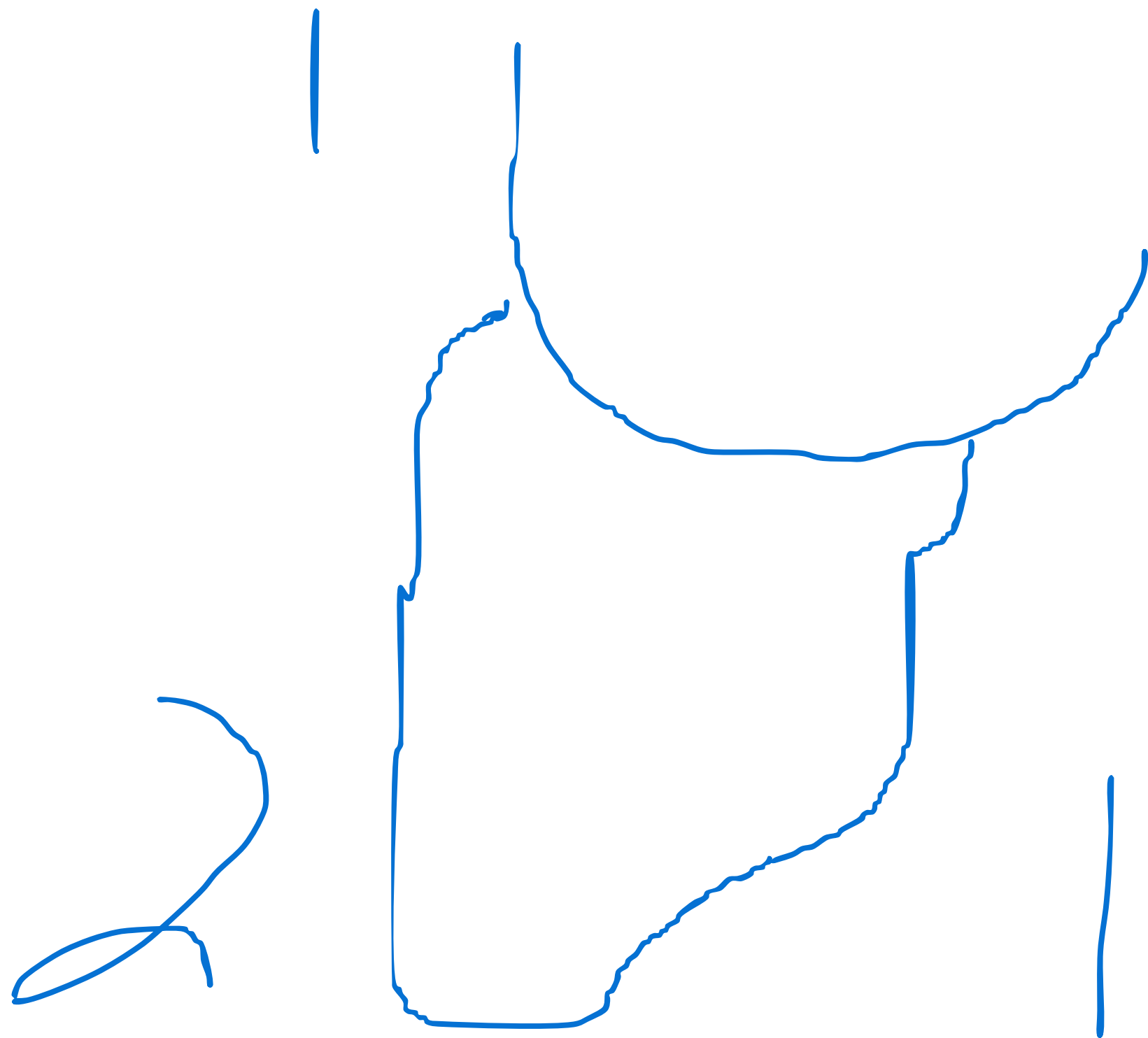
1. ***No other gods before God***
2. ***No idols or images***
3. ***Do not misuse God's name***
4. ***Keep the Sabbath day holy***
5. ***Honor your father and mother***
6. ***Do not murder***
7. ***Do not commit adultery***
8. ***Do not steal***
9. ***Do not give false testimony***
10. ***Do not covet***





Paleo-Hebrew, which was the writing system used by the Israelites at that time. God would have written in a heavenly language but in Paleo-Hebrew





👴 Grandfather Language: Egyptian Hieroglyphs (3000 BCE - 2000 BCE)

People in Egypt wrote with pictures 🏺👑 to tell stories and record history.

👦 Father Language: Proto-Sinaitic Script (1900 BCE - 1500 BCE)

Workers in Egypt and Sinai made simpler symbols that stood for sounds 🎨✨.

👶 Baby Language: Paleo-Hebrew (1000 BCE - 500 BCE)

Israelites used their own writing 📜🕍, which looked like Phoenician.

👦 Grown-up Language: Aramaic Script (500 BCE - 200 BCE)

Israelites switched 🏛️📖 to writing in Aramaic after Babylonian exile.

👴 Modern Hebrew (200 BCE - Today!)

The Aramaic script grew up 🖋️📖 and became today's Hebrew alphabet 🇮🇱.

# Let the 10 Commandments remind you

## Broken down into three categories

CREATOR

Community

Character

