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Some of God's Ways for All of God's People



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אנכי ה'  
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*God rescues his people before  
he regulates them.*



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*God's people are to worship  
God alone.*



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*God's people must accept no  
substitutes for God.*



אנכי ה' לא ירצה  
לא יהיה לא תואם







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# The TEXT of the Third Commandment

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לא תהמו

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The Meaning of the Word "Take"

The Meaning of the Word "Name"

The Meaning of the Word "Vain"



# The CONTEXT of the Third Commandment

אֱנֹכִי ה' (א)  
לֹא יְהִי־הָ (ב)  
לֹא תִשָּׂא (ג)  
זְכוֹר (ד)  
עֲבֹד (ה)  
לֹא תִרְצַח (ו)  
לֹא תִנְאֻף (ז)  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב (ח)  
לֹא תִתְּנוּ (ט)  
לֹא תִתְּנוּ (י)



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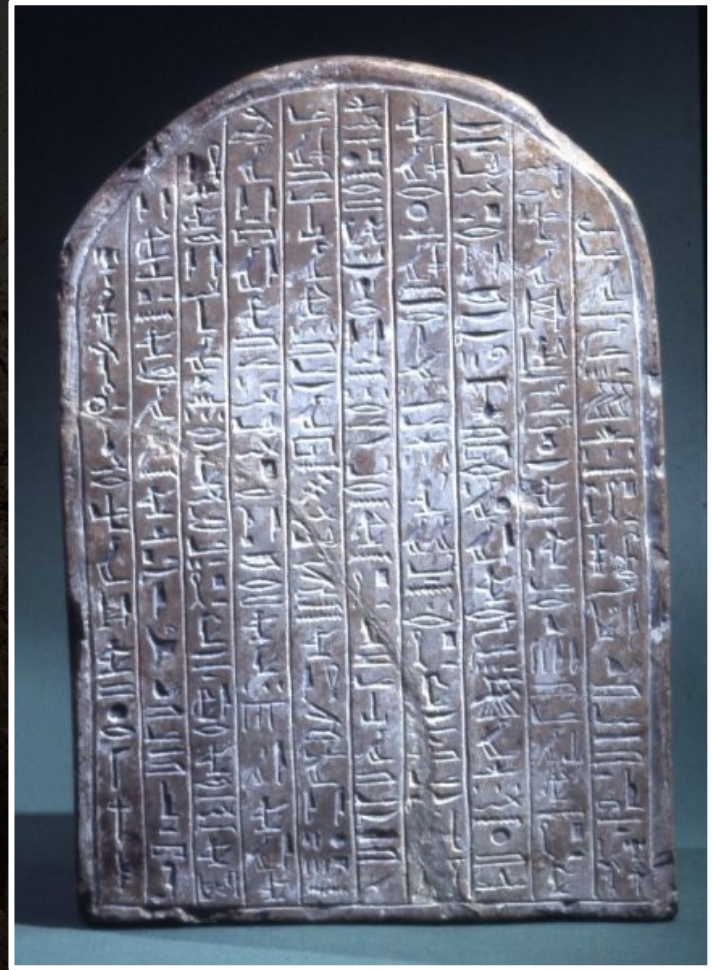
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The Problem of False Swearing  
"The Punishment of Neferabu"







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*God's people are to revere God's  
name and character.*



# The PUNISHMENT of the Third Commandment

אֱנֹכִי ה' (א)  
לֹא יְהִי־הָאֱלֹהִים  
לֹא תִשָּׂא  
זִכְרִי אֱלֹהִים  
לֹא תִרְצֶח  
לֹא תִנְאֹף  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב  
לֹא תִהְיוּ־עֲבָדִים  
לֹא תִשָּׂא  
זִכְרִי אֱלֹהִים



# The PUNISHMENT of the Third Commandment

An Open-Ended Warning



# The PUNISHMENT of the Third Commandment

An Open-Ended Warning

An Over-Reading of the Prohibition



# The THEOLOGY of the Third Commandment

אֱנֹכִי ה' (I am the Lord)  
לֹא יְהִי־עִם לֹא תִשָּׂא (There shall not be with you shall not bear)  
זָכָר לַעֲבוֹדָתִי (Remember to serve)  
עֲבָדָה אֲחֵרָה (another god)  
לֹא תִרְצַח (You shall not murder)  
לֹא תִנְאֻף (You shall not commit adultery)  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב (You shall not steal)  
לֹא תִתְּנוּ אֶת־שְׁמֵי הַיְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם לַעֲבוֹדָה אֲחֵרָה (You shall not give the names of the Lord your God to be used in service of another god)



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God does not want his name or authority to be applied to things that he has not sanctioned.



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God treasures his name and does not want it to be used lightly or frivolously.



# The APPLICATION of the Third Commandment

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לֹא תִנְאַף  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב  
לֹא תִהְיוּ  
עֲבָדֵי אֱלֹהִים  
אֲחֵרִים (ד)



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I should be aware at all times that I can drag God's name through the mud in a variety of ways.



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Where I have been guilty of misusing God's name, I need to confess and repent.



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