

# Numbering of the Ten Commandments

While the Bible says definitively that there are “Ten Commandments,” there is nowhere in Scripture that definitively states how the statements are divided. The main issue is whether one regards Exodus 20:4–6 as commentary on the First Commandment. Martin Luther’s catechisms, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Lutheran Church see Exodus 20:4–6 as commentary and not as a separate commandment. The Eastern Church and churches in the Reformed tradition, including the Anglican traditions, see Exodus 20:4–6 as a second, distinct, commandment.

	<b>Lutheran</b>	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Orthodox</b>	<b>Other Christian</b>	<b>Jewish</b>
I am the Lord your God...	close	1	1	preface	1
You shall have no other gods.	1			1	2
You shall not make for yourself an idol.			2	2	2
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.	2	2	3	3	3
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	3	3	4	4	4
Honor your father and your mother.	4	4	5	5	5
You shall not murder.	5	5	6	6	6
You shall not commit adultery.	6	6	7	7	7
You shall not steal.	7	7	8	8	8

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	8	8	9	9	9
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	9	9	10	10	10
You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor.	10	10			