

# Deuteronomy 5:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

## Analysis

The phrase 'These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly...out of the midst of the fire' emphasizes direct divine revelation. God spoke audibly to the entire congregation, not merely to Moses privately. The triad 'fire, cloud, and thick darkness' recalls the awesome Sinai theophany. The declaration 'he added no more' indicates the Ten Commandments' completeness as covenant summary—comprehensive moral law needing no addition. The inscription on 'two tables of stone' signifies permanence and divine authorship. This verse establishes Scripture's divine authority and sufficiency.

## Historical Context

At Sinai (Exodus 19-20), God descended in fire, cloud, and earthquake, speaking the Ten Commandments audibly to all Israel. The terrified people begged Moses to mediate further revelation (Exodus 20:18-21). God inscribed the commandments on stone tablets (Exodus 31:18), which Moses placed in the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:16). These tablets remained Israel's foundational covenant document throughout their history, discovered during Josiah's temple renovation centuries later (2 Kings 22:8).

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's direct, audible proclamation to all Israel establish the Ten Commandments' unique authority as foundational covenant law?
2. What does the phrase 'he added no more' teach about the completeness and sufficiency of God's moral law summarized in the Decalogue?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל אֶל יְהוָה בְּדָבָר יְמִינָה אֲתָּה בָּא לְהָדֹבֶר  
H853 These words H428 speak H1696 the LORD H413 H3605  
H1697 H3068

בְּאֵשׁ כְּעָנָן | כְּעָנָן מִתְּוֹךְ רַבְּכָלָךְ מִ  
unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire of the cloud  
H6951 H2022 H8432 H784 H6051

וְלֹא גָּדַד וְלֹא קָרַב לִפְנֵי וְלֹא וְלֹא וְלֹא  
and of the thick darkness voice with a great H3808 and he added no more  
H6205 H6963 H1419 H3254

אֲלֵיכֶם תְּכַתֵּב עַל שְׁנַי לְחֵת אֶתְנִים  
And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered H413  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 31:18** (Parallel theme): And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

**Exodus 24:12** (Word): And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

**Deuteronomy 5:4** (References Lord): The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,

**Deuteronomy 4:36** (Word): Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou hearest his words out of the midst of the fire.

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