

# Deuteronomy 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

## Analysis

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The tablets 'written with the finger of God' emphasizes divine authorship and authority. This wasn't human wisdom or religious philosophy but direct divine revelation. The phrase 'finger of God' appears only three times in Scripture: here, Exodus 31:18, and Luke 11:20 (Jesus casting out demons 'by the finger of God'). It signifies immediate divine action. The law's content—'according to all the words which the LORD spake with you'—confirms that written and spoken revelation were identical. God's written word perfectly preserves His spoken word. This establishes Scripture's authority: it is God's own word in written form, not merely human testimony about God.

## Historical Context

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The two tablets likely contained the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 4:13), possibly with both tables containing all ten (ancient treaty format) or divided 1-4 (duties to God) and 5-10 (duties to others). The 'finger of God' indicated supernatural writing, not human engraving. These tablets were placed in the ark of the covenant (Deuteronomy 10:2, 5) as covenant foundation. Jesus referenced these tablets when summarizing the law (Matthew 22:37-40). Paul distinguishes old covenant 'written... in stone' from new covenant 'written... in fleshy tables of the heart' (2 Corinthians 3:3).

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding Scripture as 'written with the finger of God' affect your approach to Bible reading and obedience?
2. What difference does it make that God's word is permanently written rather than only orally transmitted?
3. How should the law written on stone (external) versus Spirit-written on heart (internal) shape your understanding of new covenant transformation?

## Interlinear Text

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פָּאָבָן יְם לֹוחַ תְּשִׁנֵּי אֶת אֱלֹהִים יְהִי הָלֹת  
delivered And the LORD unto me two tables of stone  
H5414 H3068 H413 H853 H8147 H3871 H68

פְּכָל תְּעִלִּית מִן אֱלֹהִים בְּאַצְּבָע עֲמָתִים  
written with the finger of God  
H3789 H676 H430 H5921 H3605

דִּבֶּר יְם פְּדָבָר יְם אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהִי הָלֹת  
and on them was written according to all the words spake And the LORD  
H1697 H834 H1696 H3068

בְּיַמִּים עַמְּךָ מִן בְּבָבָר מִתְּמִימָן בְּיַמִּים  
H5973 with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day  
H2022 H8432 H784 H3117

בְּקָרְבָּן:  
of the assembly  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 31:18** (References God): 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.

**Hebrews 8:10** (Word): For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

**Deuteronomy 18:16** (References God): According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

**Deuteronomy 10:4** (Word): And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

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