

# Exodus 32:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

## Analysis

Moses descended (וַיֵּרֶד וַיֵּיכַד, vayyifan vayyered, turned and went down) carrying שְׁנֵי הַעֲדוּת (shnei luchot ha'edut, the two tablets of the testimony). The עֲדוּת (edut, testimony) emphasizes these were witness to God's covenant. Written מִשְׁנֵי עֲבְרֵיהֶם (mishney evreihem, on both sides), they were completely filled with God's law. The detail מִזֶּה וּמִזֶּה (mizeh umizeh, on one side and on the other) stresses the tablets' comprehensive divine revelation, wholly God's work with no human contribution.

## Historical Context

Moses spent 40 days on Sinai receiving the law (Ex 24:18). The tablets were written by God's finger (v16), making them utterly unique in biblical history. Their destruction (v19) would necessitate a second set (Ex 34:1).

## Related Passages

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the care given to preserving God's Word reflect its value?
2. What does the complete divine authorship of Scripture mean for its authority today?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּפֹּן      וַיֵּרָד      מֹשֶׁה      מִן      הַהָר      מִשְׁנֵי      לַחַת  
**turned      and went down      And Moses      H4480      from the mount      and the two      tables**  
H6437      H3381      H4872      H2022      H8147      H3871

הָעֵדוּת      בְּיַד      לַחַת  
**of the testimony      were in his hand      tables**  
H5715      H3027      H3871

כְּתוּבִים:      מִשְׁנֵי      עֲבֵרֵיהֶם      מִזֵּה  
**on the one side and on the other were they written      and the two      their sides      H2088**  
H3789      H8147      H5676

וּמִזֵּה      הֵם      כְּתוּבִים:  
**on the one side and on the other were they written**  
H2088      H1992      H3789

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 9:15** (Parallel theme): So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.