

# Exodus 34:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

## Analysis

God commands Moses to hew two tablets (שְׁנֵי לְחֹתֶן, shenei luchot) like the first, which Moses broke in righteous anger at Israel's idolatry (32:19). This second set demonstrates divine grace—God does not abandon His covenant despite Israel's sin. The phrase 'which thou brakest' carries no rebuke; God acknowledges Moses' appropriate response to apostasy while providing restoration.

## Historical Context

This occurs after the golden calf incident (Exodus 32-33), approximately 40 days after Moses descended with the first tablets. The new tablets will contain the same Decalogue, affirming covenant continuity.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's willingness to provide new tablets after Israel's sin reveal His character?
2. What does it mean that human failure does not nullify God's covenant promises?

## Interlinear Text

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יְיָ אֶחָר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֵשֶׁה	פָּסָל	לְבָנָה	שְׁנַי	תְּבִלָּה
<b>said</b>	<b>And the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Moses</b>	<b>Hew</b>	H0	<b>thee two</b>	<b>tables</b>
H559	H3068		H4872	H6458		H8147	H3871
פְּדָבֵר יְמִם	אֶת	פְּלִחָה	תְּבִלָּה	עַל	וְכִתְבָּתִי	בְּרָאשֵׁן יְמִם	אֶבֶן יְמִם
<b>of stone</b>	<b>like unto the first</b>		<b>and I will write</b>	H5921		<b>tables</b>	H853
H68	H7223		H3789			H3871	H1697
שְׁבִרְתָּה	אֶשׁ ר	בְּרָאשֵׁן יְמִם	פְּלִחָה	עַל	פְּנֵי	אֶשׁ ר	שְׁבִרְתָּה
H834	H1961	H5921	<b>tables</b>			H834	<b>which thou brakest</b>
			H3871		H7223		H7665

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 32:19** (References Moses): And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

**Psalms 119:89** (Word): For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

**Exodus 31:18** (References Moses): 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 32:16** (Parallel theme): And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

**Exodus 34:28** (Word): And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

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