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because this upholds everywhere the assumption of the redactor bringing the different sections into the necessary connection.

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If it now stands solid that Exod. 34 contains a second Decalogue, the attempt must now be made to retrieve it. The attempt is handicapped by the strong and ~~the~~ several stages of revision of the same chapter ① which is hardly as great as that in Exod. 20. ~~From~~ Exod. 34.14-26, the ~~the~~ following twelve commandments can very easily be separated to begin with: ^{2 - following page} 1) You should worship no foreign god, 2) You should not make images, 3) You should celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, 4) All the first-born are mine, (5) You should work six days and rest on the seventh, 6) You should observe the Feast of Weeks, 7) and the Feast of Gathering at the change of the year, (8) three times a year your men should appear before the LORD (Yahweh) God of Israel, 9) You shall not mix yeast with the blood of my offering, 10) The fat of my feast will not remain over until another day, ^{1 - following page} 11) the best of the first fruits of your field you will bring into the house of the LORD your God, 12) You will not cook the kid in its mother's milk. In order to reduce these twelve commandments to 10, one must remove #'s 5 and 8.

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The Sabbath command presses itself destructively between the Passover Feast and both the other feasts. #8 is a completely superfluous repetition of the previous special command in general form and cannot be counted next to it as another number. #5 as well as #8 could have been easily taken from elsewhere and inserted here.

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(① ~~previous page~~ cf. above pp 85f I am still, however, not convinced that in the original narrative there was mention of the making of a covenant. Because in vs.28 "the words of the covenant" and "the ten commandments" push each other; the latter are the more ancient, because they have no ~~57X~~ before them.)