

## Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (NLT)

### Paragraph 1 (Deuteronomy 4:1-4)

<sup>1</sup>“And now, Israel, listen carefully to these decrees and regulations that I am about to teach you. Obey them so that you may live, so you may enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you. Just obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you. <sup>3</sup>“You saw for yourself what the Lord did to you at Baal-peor. There the Lord your God destroyed everyone who had worshiped Baal, the god of Peor. <sup>4</sup>But all of you who were faithful to the Lord your God are still alive today—every one of you.

### Paragraph 2 (Deuteronomy 4:5-8)

<sup>5</sup>“Look, I now teach you these decrees and regulations just as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy. <sup>6</sup>Obey them completely, and you will display your wisdom and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, ‘How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation has a god as near to them as the Lord our God is near to us whenever we call on him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation has decrees and regulations as righteous and fair as this body of instructions that I am giving you today?

### Paragraph 3 (Deuteronomy 4:9-14)

<sup>9</sup>“But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. <sup>10</sup>Never forget the day when you stood before the Lord your God at Mount Sinai, <sup>11</sup>where he told me, ‘Summon the people before me, and I will personally instruct them. Then they will learn to fear me as long as they live, and they will teach their children to fear me also.’ <sup>12</sup>“You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while flames from the mountain shot into the sky. The mountain was shrouded in black clouds and deep darkness. <sup>13</sup>And the Lord spoke to you from the heart of the fire. You heard the sound of his words but didn’t see his form; there was only a voice. <sup>14</sup>He proclaimed his covenant—the Ten Commandments—which he commanded you to keep, and which he wrote on two stone tablets. <sup>15</sup>It was at that time that the Lord commanded me to teach you his decrees and regulations so you would obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

## Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (NLT)

### Paragraph 4 (Deuteronomy 4:32-34)

<sup>32</sup> “Now search all of history, from the time God created people on the earth until now, and search from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything as great as this ever been seen or heard before? <sup>33</sup> Has any nation ever heard the voice of God speaking from fire—as you did—and survived? <sup>34</sup> Has any other god dared to take a nation for himself out of another nation by means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, a strong hand, a powerful arm, and terrifying acts? Yet that is what the Lord your God did for you in Egypt, right before your eyes.

### Paragraph 5 (Deuteronomy 4:35-36)

<sup>35</sup> “He showed you these things so you would know that the Lord is God and there is no other. <sup>36</sup> He let you hear his voice from heaven so he could instruct you. He let you see his great fire here on earth so he could speak to you from it.

### Paragraph 6 (Deuteronomy 4:37-40)

<sup>37</sup> Because he loved your ancestors, he chose to bless their descendants, and he personally brought you out of Egypt with a great display of power. <sup>38</sup> He drove out nations far greater than you, so he could bring you in and give you their land as your special possession, as it is today.