

<b>People Group</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Israelite (family unit)</b>	<i>Fully responsible for obedience to Yahweh's law out of gratitude for His deliverance from Egypt; full inheritance title to tribal land; receiver of "contract" graces</i>
<b>Widow, orphan</b>	<i>Lacked inheritance title because of isolation from a family unit, but received some "contract" graces</i>
<b>Ger ("resident alien")</b>	<i>Gentile who voluntarily chose to join Israel and submit to Yahweh's rule; lacked inheritance title because not a descendant of the sons of Jacob, but received some "contract" graces</i>
<b>Nokree ("foreigner")</b>	<i>Gentile who lived temporarily in Israel—probably due to business—and did not receive "contract" blessings</i>

# ***The 10 Commandments spreading throughout the culture***

**12:1-31** 1st commandment – no cultural pluralism  
(religious polytheism)

**12:32-13:18** 2nd commandment – no graven images (false  
claims of revelation)

**14:1-21** 3rd commandment – maintaining the integrity of  
God's name (distinctive views of death and daily diet—  
unique culture associated with Yahweh)

**14:22-16:17** 4th commandment – Sabbath-keeping  
(expressing confidence in Yahweh's finished work)

## *Balance of Trade Equation*

**Goods + Services exported (\$) =**

**Goods + Services imported (\$) + accumulated savings (\$)**

<b>Interest Rate Component</b>	<b>Domestic (Israel)</b>	<b>Foreign (pagan nations)</b>
<b>risk of default</b>	<i>lower due to personal integrity (Ps 37:21)</i>	<i>higher due to lack of integrity</i>
<b>forfeiture of present use of money</b>	<i>optimistic about the future (God's linear progress)</i>	<i>pessimistic about the future (pagan cyclic view of history)</i>
<b>inflation premium</b>	<i>inflation forbidden by 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> commandments (Lev 19:35-36; Isa 1:22)</i>	<i>inflation ubiquitous in ancient pagan world (coin clipping, mixing base metals with silver and gold)</i>

**Israel (future oriented)**

**Pagan nation (present oriented)**

***Capital loaned at high interest rate***

***Borrowed to gain goods/services now***

***Sold goods & services at a profit***

***Bought goods & services with loan***