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## The Nine Commandments

**Directions:** Use the article to answer the questions below.

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1. What is the thesis that the author intends to argue for in this article?
2. List the nine books of the OT that he uses to prove it.
3. When does the author believe that these nine books were "compiled and promulgated"? (Give the date and the last event described)
4. What are the "superficial" links between the Primeval History in Genesis and the final chapters of Kings?
5. According to the author, scholars generally agree that the principal theme of the Primary History is what?
6. What does the author mean when he says that the Decalogue is at a "strategic point" in the literary structure of the Primary History?

7. In the space below, list each of the nine commandments, along with the book in which the violation of that commandment is found and a brief explanation of what happens in that book that violates the specific commandment.

8. What is "distinctive" about the tenth commandment? How does the author fit it into his overall theory?