Sotheby's to Auction Oldest Stone Tablet Inscribed With Ten Commandments

Sotheby's is set to auction off the world's oldest known stone tablet inscribed with the Ten Commandments.

The Tablet

The 155-pound (52-kilogram) marble slab, engraved with the Ten Commandments in Paleo-Hebrew script, is set to be auctioned on December 18.

Discovered in 1913 during railroad excavations along Israel's southern coast, the tablet initially went unrecognized as a historically significant artifact.

"The Ten Commandments: The earliest surviving inscribed tablet of the Ten Commandments, incised during the late Roman-Byzantine era, The Holy Land, (ca. 300–800 CE)," Sotheby's wrote in a description of the product. "The Only Complete Example Of A Ten Commandments Tablet From This Early Period."

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