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The Code of Hammurabi. Babylon. 1792-1750 BCE, Basalt. 7 feet tall.

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**Content:** By being given the scepter and ring, it means the God(s) have “destined” him to be king.

**Function:** Tells the people what the punishments are for doing something against the law.

**Function:** Keeps Hammurabi’s people in line for the most part by scaring/threatening them.



**Content:** Contains about 300 laws that Hammurabi set & although most are fair, punishments sometimes vary depending on class.

**Context:** He’s not saying he is a God, but is only in the presence of one.

**Context:** Tells and shows how he became king.

**Form:** Has movement because people read left to right, up to down.

**Form:** Code was inscribed on a 7-foot tall, basalt stele.

**Context:** Shows power of authority by what the “narrative” at the top represents.

**Content:** The laws inscribed on the lower part of the monument are written in cuneiform.