



GATEWAY EQUIP

The Ten Commandments and the Book of Revelation

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Revelation 15:1-16:2 (NKJV)

^{15:1} Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. ³ They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

“Great and marvelous *are* Your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true *are* Your ways,
O King of the saints!

⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?
For *You* alone *are* holy.
For all nations shall come and worship before You,
For Your judgments have been manifested.”

⁵ After these things I looked, and behold, **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.** ⁶ And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. ⁷ Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. ⁸ The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

^{16:1} Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

First Bowl: Loathsome Sores

² So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image....

Notes

1. The Ten Commandments are God's testimony.

“Tablets of the Testimony” – Exo. 31:18; 32:15; 34:29

Exo. 31:18 (NKJV) – And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses **two tablets of the Testimony**, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

“Ark of the Testimony” – Exo. 25:16, 21, 22, 33, 34; 30:6, 26; 31:7; 39:35; 40:3, 5, 20, 21; Num. 4:5; 7:89

Exo. 26:33 (NKJV) – Then you shall bring the **ark of the Testimony** in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy *place* and the Most Holy.

“The Testimony” – Exo. 16:34; 27:21; 30:36; 38:21; Lev. 16:13 & 24:3

Exo. 27:21 (NKJV) – In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before **the Testimony**, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the Lord.

The Construction of the Ark of the Covenant

- Old Testament: Covenant = בְּרִית, *bāriyth*
- New Testament: Covenant and Testament are same word, *diatheke*.

The Ten Commandments and the Ark of the Covenant are copies of the heavenly ones. (Exo. 25:40 & Heb. 8:5)

Exo. 25:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰“And they shall make an **ark** of **acacia wood**; two and a half cubits *shall be* its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. ¹¹ And you shall **overlay it with pure gold**, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around.

Exo. 25:17 & 21 (NKJV) – ¹⁷“You shall make a **mercy seat** of **pure gold**;...²¹ You shall put the **mercy seat on top of the ark**, and **in the ark you shall put the Testimony** that I will give you.

James 2:13 (NKJV) – Mercy triumphs over judgment.

2. The Ten Commandments are the Foundation of all worship

Day of Pentecost and The Commandments:

- Written on stone, Exo. 20.
- Written on people's hearts, Acts 2:1-4.
- This was prophesied by Jeremiah 31:31-36.

Passover is not the Day of Worship. Pentecost (Shavuot) is.

Exodus 5:1-3 (NKJV) – ¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, “Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘**Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.**’ ”

² And Pharaoh said, “Who *is* the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.”

³ So they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, **let us go three days’ journey into the desert and sacrifice** to the Lord our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.”

- “Let my people go” (Exo. 5:1; 7:16; 8:1; 8:20, 21; 9:1, 13; 10:3, 4)
- They were being set free to serve or worship the LORD.

Exo. 7:16 (NKJV) – And you shall say to him, ‘The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, “**Let My people go, that they may serve Me in the wilderness**”; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

Exo. 7:16 (NIV) – Then say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: **Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert.** But until now you have not listened.

Exo. 7:16 (TLV) – You are to say to him: *Adonai*, God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you, saying, ‘**Let My people go, so they may serve Me in the wilderness,**’ and behold, you have not listened.

‘*abad* – Serve / Worship

Other uses of the word ‘*abad*:

Exodus 1:13-14 (NKJV) – ¹³ So the Egyptians **made the children of Israel serve** with rigor. ¹⁴ And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they **made them serve** was with rigor.

Exodus 6:5 (NIV) – I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are **enslaving**, and I have remembered my covenant.

Exodus 3:12 (NKJV) – So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall **serve** God on this **mountain**.”

Genesis 2:5 (NKJV) – For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and *there was* no man to **till** the ground.

3. The Ten Commandments are God's rules for a healthy community. Exodus 20:1-18 (NKJV)

Two Tablets

Love God

Love People

Jesus: Our Sabbath (Eph. 2:8; Exo, 31:13)

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| 1. Honor one God, Israel's God | 5. Honor Father & Mother (Rom. 9:4-5) |
| 2. Honor God's image (No idols) | 6. Honor life (Gen. 9:6) |
| 3. Honor God's name | 7. Honor marriage (Heb. 11:6 & Hosea) |
| 4. Honor God's time (Sabbath) | 8. Honor ownership (Eph. 4:28-30) |
| | 9. Honor your word (Jn. 8:44; 10:10) |
| | 10. No Coveting; Maintain an honoring heart. |

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV) – Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Matthew 22:36-40 (NKJV) – ³⁶“Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*’³⁸ This is the **first and great** commandment. ³⁹And the **second** is like it: ‘*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*’⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

When Pharaoh stood between Israel and the reception of the Ten Commandments, he received the Ten Plagues. What is the result of violating the Ten Commandments in the Book of Revelation?

Revelation 16:8-11 (NKJV)

Fourth Bowl: Men are Scorched

⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and **they did not repent and give Him glory.**

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain

¹⁰ Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹ They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and **did not repent of their deeds.**

Repent: (μετανοέω, *metanoëo*) – primarily “to change your mind for the better”; (Rev. 2:5, 16, 21, 22; 3:3, 19; 9:20, 21; 16:9, 11)