PERSONAL REFLECTION

Attention | What caught my attention tonight?

Connection | How does this connect with my life right now?

Invitation | What is God inviting me to do in response?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tues, Nov 3 | *Understanding the Antichrist*
Wed, Nov 4 | *How to Escape the Mark of the Beast*
Fri, Nov 6 | *America in Bible Prophecy*
Sat, Nov 7 | *What the World Needs Now*



DISCOVER BIBLE SCHOOL

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DISCOVERY TIME

1. How many of the 10 Commandments can you remember without looking them up in the Bible?
2. Read **Exodus 20:1-17** and ask:
   a. To what kind of people was God declaring the 10 Commandments to (vv. 1-2)?
   b. Consider one of the 10 commandments of your choosing and brainstorm: how does this commandment contribute to a life of freedom?

Commandments and rules can get a bad wrap. We tend to chafe when we're instructed about what we can't or shouldn't do. But the Bible writers portray God's commandments as a blessing to humanity, not a burden (James 1:25; Ps. 119:165). We discovered last night that Revelation 12:17 describes the end-time remnant as those who keep God's commandments and have the testimony of Jesus. Revelation 14:12 also describes the endurance of God's faithful followers in similar terms. Clearly, entire obedience to Jesus that comes from personal trust in Jesus, takes center stage in the end-time conflict. And for that reason we must give more thoughtful consideration to the commandments of God.

WHICH COMMANDMENTS?

- ☐ Revelation 11:19 — The introductory scene to the vision of Revelation 12-14 highlights the "ark of the covenant," the symbol of God's throne that contained the Ten Commandments.

- ☐ Revelation 15:5 — The subsequent sanctuary scene centers around the tabernacle of the "testimony," a familiar Old Testament term that designates the Ten Commandments because they testified to God's covenant with Israel (Ex. 25:20, 21; 32:15, 16).

WHY SO ENRAGED?

- ☐ Isaiah 14:13 — From the very beginning, Lucifer's prideful ambition was to exalt his own throne above God's and establish his own law apart from God's.
- ☐ In his schemes to deceive humanity, Satan has sought to incite a departure from the plain commands of God from the beginning and will continue to do so til the end…
  - in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1-8)
  - in the days of Jesus (Mt 15:1-9)
  - in the last days (2 Thes. 2:8-9; Dan. 7:25)
- ☐ The two beast powers of Revelation 13 (*more next week*) directly challenge and violate God's commandments, especially the first _____ of them (Rev. 13:6, 8, 14; 14:7).
- ☐ According to Revelation 13 & 14, the central issue at the end of time hinges on worship. The question will not be whether or not we worship, but WHO it is we worship. And that worship will be demonstrated in whose commandments we keep.

WHY THE SHIFT?

- ☐ Why does Satan shift his angry attention from the woman in Revelation 12:13-16 to the woman's offspring in v. 17? Could it be because the woman eventually _____ to keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus?
- ☐ Revelation 17:1-6 — The next portrait of the woman is quite different than the first.
- ☐ Revelation 17:4 — The woman is arrayed in a unique color combination found in only one other context in Scripture — the sanctuary. But something is missing: _____
- ☐ Numbers 15:37-41 (see vv. 30-31) — This is a significant omission signifying that the majority of God's professed people will have forgotten to keep God's _____, especially those which are tied to a specific sense of _____ (see Dan. 7:25).

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BIBLE SABBATH?

- ☐ Genesis 2:1-3 — From the beginning, God blessed the seventh day and set it apart to be a weekly reminder that It's not what we accomplish for ourselves that defines our identity/significance, but our relationship with the God of love.
- ☐ Exodus 20:8-11 — It points us to God as our Creator and invites us to rest in what He does to provide for us.
- ☐ Deuteronomy 5:12-15 — It points us to God as our Redeemer and invites us to rest in what He does to deliver us from all that enslaves us.
- ☐ Ezekiel 20:12 — It's special sign that we trust in God as our Sanctifier, the One who alone makes us holy.