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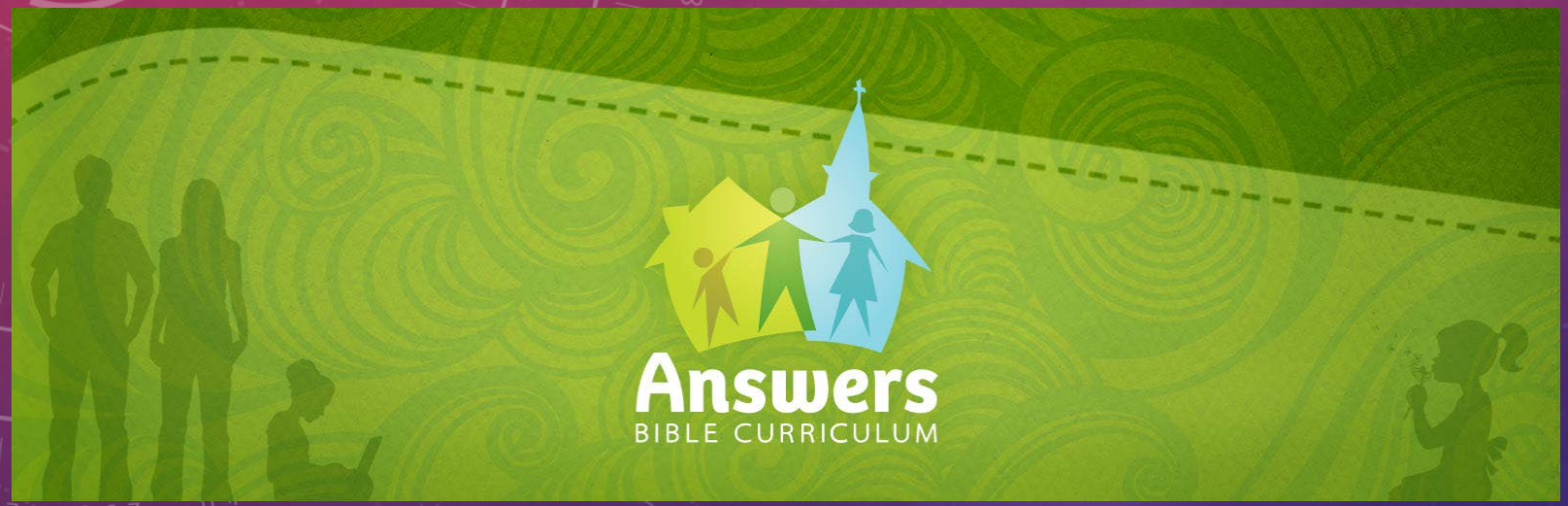
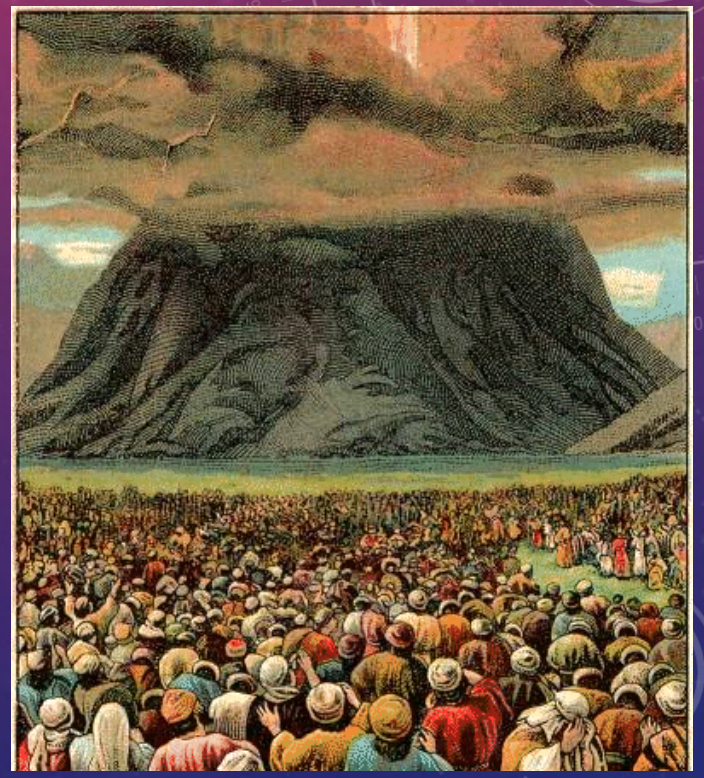
L7: GOD GIVES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



Exodus 20:1-3, And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (ESV)

EXODUS 17–34, CONTEXT OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- Victory Against Amalek, Jethro's Visit (17–18)
- Warnings and Preparation at Sinai (19:1–15)
- Mighty and Frightening Display (19:16–25)
- God Speaks Ten Commandments to All (20:1–17)
- Israel Pleads for Mediation (20:18–21)
- God Gives Moses Various Laws (20:22–23:33)
- Covenant Agreement, Meal before God (24)
- 40 Days, Instructions for Tabernacle (25–31)
- Meanwhile…Israel Breaks the Covenant! (32)
- Moses Mediates, God Shows Mercy (33–34)



EXODUS 17–34, INTERPRETATION

- **How much time had passed between the exodus and the receiving of the Law?**
- **Where did all these events take place?**
- **When the Israelites were worshipping the golden calf as the god that delivered them from Egypt, why should they have known it was wrong to worship an idol?**

EXODUS 20:1–17, OBSERVATION

1. **Love and Obey God Only**
2. **Do Not Make or Worship Idols**
3. **Do Not Dishonor God's Name**
4. **Rest on the Sabbath**
5. **Honor Your Parents**
6. **Do Not Murder**
7. **Do Not Commit Adultery**
8. **Do Not Steal**
9. **Do Not Give False Witness**
10. **Do Not Covet**



EXODUS 20:1–17, INTERPRETATION

- What are the two categories of commands?
- Why do commands 1–4 appear first?
- How do people worship idols today?
- Why would keeping the Sabbath be difficult?
- Do Christians still need to keep the Sabbath?
- Did God intend the Ten Commandments to be obeyed externally only or internally and externally?
- What is the relationship of the Ten Commandments to the rest of God's rules in the OT?
- What is the purpose/are the purposes of God's law?

WHY DID GOD GIVE US HIS LAW?

1. To do us good
2. To show us God’s great character
3. To show us the standard that God requires
4. To point us to God’s mercy in Christ

EXODUS 20:1–17, APPLICATION

1. How do you view the Ten Commandments in relation to yourself?
2. If you are in Christ, do you now delight to keep all God's commandments?
3. How might you use God's law in the preaching of the gospel?