


GOD COLLECTS THINGS TOO!





Some of the most important items in all of human history are also objects of God’s collection. Those items, to be identified and explained below, are even now kept in the Ark of the Covenant. No need to join those who are looking for the Ark because Scripture tells us it is in the Temple of God in heaven. (Revelation 11:19) Apparently Harrison Ford and all of the “Raiders of the Lost Ark” didn’t find the real one!

So what are the objects of His creation that He thought worthy to store in the Ark of the Covenant? Hebrews 9:4 (NKJV) tells us: “...the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the Tablets of the Covenant.” But why have these three things been placed in the ark? Perhaps to be an eternal exhibit in heaven for the untold generations of the redeemed who will be there.

Every believer who is present with the Lord would be full of joy to gaze upon these items and reflect upon God’s ability to provide for and rule His people of ancient days. Perhaps it would be helpful to summarize and explain this unique collection via the following chart:

| ITEM | WHAT IT MEANT | SCRIPTURE REFERENCE | COMMENTS |
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| <p>Manna</p>  | <p>Supernatural provision</p> | <p>Exodus 16:2-35 John 6:31 Hebrews 9:4</p> | <p>Manna was God’s remarkable provision of food for the Israelites for 40 years as they journeyed through uninhabited land and land belonging to hostile nations. It is equally remarkable that many thousands of Israelites died because of their many sins, but not one Israelite died of starvation.</p> |

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| Aaron's Rod that Budded  | Supernatural authority | Numbers 17:1-13 Hebrews 9:4 | This unusual incident was God's demonstration of His authority to choose His leadership without the people complaining about His choices. (Numbers 17:5,10) Aaron's rod not only budded, it also blossomed and produced ripe almonds. (Numbers 17:8) |
| Two Tablets of the Ten Commandments  | Supernatural Law | Exodus 24:12 Exodus 25:16 Exodus 31:18 Hebrews 9:4 | These stone tablets contain the written law of God for mankind that defines and governs man's individual relationship with God and with men. These tablets are engraved with God's Law "written with the finger of God." (Exodus 31:18 NKJV) |

We have seen in this short study of how God has "collected" precious items which have great significance to Him and should be to each of us as well. The Scriptures speak of us as a treasure of the Most High God (believers). As you meditate on this, what treasures should be stored within us? As you go on a search through the Scriptures, make note in the following chart those treasures which we should store (that God would have us "collect").

| TREASURE ITEM | WHAT IT SHOULD MEAN | SCRIPTURE REFERENCE(S) | COMMENTS |
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