

# KEYS TO BIBLE PROPHECY #6

## What Happened to Right and Wrong?

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### ***Society's Crumbling Moral Values***

- † Matthew 24:12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.
- † Hosea 8:7 “They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, Aliens would swallow it up.
- † Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.
- † 2 Timothy 4:3–4— “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”
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- † Just look at the news any day of the week. Society is in a moral meltdown.
- † Words like abuse, conflict, anger and hostility are commonplace when describing the home.
- † Through television and the internet excessive violence, sex and a total lack of decency and morals have invaded our homes.
- † What’s behind the collapse of our morals? Corporate Greed. A desire for money and/or pleasure no matter the cost.
- † School violence has exploded
- † Cohabiting outside of marriage is becoming commonplace when once it was forbidden. Gay-marriage is legal in the United States now.
- † On the one hand we condemn murder but on the other we popularize it in our movies. On the one hand we condemn immorality on the other hand we pack our movie theaters to watch it.
- † The average 18-year-old has witnessed 200,000 violent acts on television and movies, including 40,000 murders.
- † Research reveals the reality of the Biblical truth, “By beholding we become changed.”
- † When you watch 40,000 murders, your mind becomes anesthetized (desensitized) toward murder. When you see 200,000 violent acts on television, the message you receive is that violence is okay. When you fill your mind with immorality, the message is immorality is acceptable.
- † Without moral standards, without a moral compass we are thrown into a state of confusion, social chaos.
- † This society epitomizes Proverbs 28:26, “*He who trusts his in own heart is a fool.*”

### **Revelation Calls us back to Morality & God’s Standards**

- † Revelation 14:6 says, “*Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. . . “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”*
- The judgment calls us to accountability for our actions. Judgment implies responsibility and moral choices.
- † God’s law is the basis of morality and the standard of judgment.
- † James 2:12 says, “*So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.*”
- God’s law preserves the sanctity of life, the sanctity of the family; it protects our possessions and our property.
- † Revelation 11:19, “*Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.*”
- Inside the sanctuary God instructed Moses to build on earth, in the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant which contained the law of God. God’s law was placed in the sanctuary as the basis of all morality.
- The ark of God’s covenant contains His Law.
- God’s Law is the foundation of His throne.
- † Exodus 31:18- God’s wrote the Ten Commandments on two tables, written by His own finger!
- † Exodus 20:3-17- The passage containing the Ten Commandments
- † The Law was Known Before Mt. Sinai: See Gen 4:6-7; Rom 4:15; Gen 26:5; Gen 39:9; Ex 16:28-30

- † Judgment and Law are part of the Gospel.
  - Remember, Rev. 14:6 says the first angel's message going to the entire world is the everlasting gospel, and part of that gospel message is "Fear God & give glory to Him because the hour of His judgment has come."

### **Why Jesus Died**

- † When Christ was crucified on the cross, He was judged as a sinner dying to pardon our sins.
- † Judgment is part of the gospel.
- † Look, if God could have changed His law, Jesus would not have had to die. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." Jesus died because we broke God's law.
- † Why would God send His Son to suffer that cruel death, if all He had to do, with some stroke of magic was change His law.
- † 1 John 3:4, "*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.*"
  - Sin is breaking God's Law.
  - The Book of Revelation says, "The hour of God's judgment is come." It says you are responsible for your actions. It says the foundation of God's throne is God's law.
- † Think about This: If there is no law, there is no sin. If there is no sin, we do not need grace. If we don't need grace, we can do away with the cross. If there is no need for the cross, we don't need a Savior.
- † God's law is His eternal moral standard which defines sin and establishes our accountability to God. God's law is the pathway to freedom and genuine happiness.

### **Love always leads to obedience.**

- † Jesus said, "*If you love Me, keep My commandments*" (John 14:15).
  - The reason we obey is not because we are trying to earn God's favor. It's the response of our love for Him. I do not obey God to earn my salvation.
  - I obey God not in order to be saved, but because I am saved.
- † 1 John 2:3, 4, "*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*"

### **Grace and law are not contradictory ideas.**

- † What is the role of God's Law?
  - Romans 3:20, "*. . . by the law is the knowledge of sin.*" If you do away with the law, there is no sin.
  - Romans 7:7, "*I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, 'You shall not covet.'*"
- † What is the role of Grace?
  - Ephesians 2:8, 9, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*"
  - Grace is God's love reaching out to sinners.
- † Does Grace do away with God's Law?
  - Romans 3:31, "*Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.*"
  - Matthew 5:17, "*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*"
  - Romans 6:14, "*For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*"
- † What does it mean to be under the law?
  - It means to be under the law as a method of salvation.
- † What does it mean to be under grace?
  - To be under grace means that I accept Christ's pardon, receive Christ's forgiveness, and am filled with His power.

### **The Law reveals our need.**

- † Psalms 19:7, "*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul.*"
- † The entire Law can be summarized in one word —Love. Love God and your fellow man (see Matthew 22:36-40)
- † Keeping God's law doesn't put you in bondage; it takes you out of bondage. The Ten Commandments were not given to restrict our freedom. They were given so we could be truly free. Free from crime, free from immorality, free from murder, free from idols, free from lust & adultery & the family breakups that follow it.

### **God will have a last-day people whose law is written in their hearts and minds.**

- † Psalms 111:7-9, *"The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever. He has commanded His covenant forever."*
- † Hebrews 8:10, *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*
- † Revelation 14:12, *"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."*
- † Revelation 22:14, *"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."*
- † Psalm 40:8 says, "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."
- † It is God's will for us to keep His commandments. He's given them to us for our own good, to keep us free from all the trials & pain that follow breaking them.
- † Revelation says God's true followers will be commandment-keepers.
- † Don't you want to be among that list; don't you want to be a part of Revelation's true followers that keep God's commandments? I do. I hope and pray you do too.
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Additional Bible Texts: Luke 16:17; Proverbs 29:18; Deuteronomy 5:29; Galatians 3:21;