

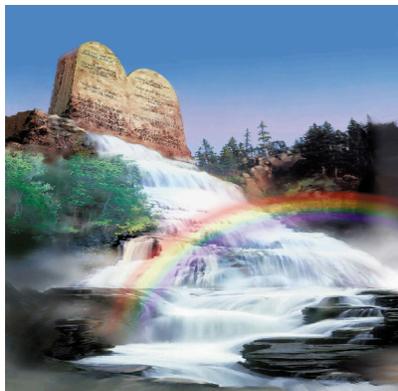
A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

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# *Revelation*

## *Promises Hope*

### End-Time Issues Becoming Clear



Introduction: This message lays the foundation for understanding the big end time issues of Revelation. Throughout history the devil has done all he can to discredit God and distort His reputation in this world. He does not want us to get a clear picture of who God is and what He has really done for us. One of the ways he has done this is through God's laws. He has attempted to make us think that either God is such an

exacting God that He is just waiting for us to mess up so He can zap us. Or he wants us to think that God's laws just don't matter. In this way he has attacked America. Have you ever wondered how we can be such a "Christianized" nation and yet have so much wickedness?

- I. This is an age of permissiveness.
  - A. All the standards we have believed and held are being shaken.
    1. You can go on the internet or read books that tell how to kill, how to steal, and how to cheat in every possible way.
    2. It's almost like our society doesn't have any code of morality anymore.
  - B. Many christians because they're not doing the "will of the Father" will be lost. Matt. 7:21-23
    1. Doing the will of the Father is obeying God's law. Psalm 40:8; Rom. 2:18
  - C. The reason we are seeing a great loss of morals is due to the attack being made on the law of God. Hosea 4:1-6 "forgotten the law of God"; Dan. 7:25
    1. The entire Bible was written by men inspired by God, except for the law of God. Exod. 31:18
    2. The law existed before the Jews with Abraham. Gen. 26:

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3. Lucifer sinned and broke God's law.
4. We will be judged by the "Law of liberty".  
James 2:10
5. The law of God is truth and righteousness.  
Psalm 119:142; 172
6. The law is "Holy, just and good". Rom. 7:12
7. Jesus up held the law of God by fulfilling it in  
His own life. Matt. 5:17-19
8. Sin is evidence that there is law. 1 Jn. 3:4;  
Rom. 4:15

D. Many that say the law has been done away with have never even read the 10 commandments for themselves – which ones should be nailed to the cross?

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me." Exod. 20:3 Today worship is being given to just about everything and anything, including Satan worship.
2. "You shall not make for yourself any carved image,..." Exod. 20:4 Image worship is still a major factor to reckoned with in the world. (Much of world is non-Christian)
3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,..." Exod. 20:7 Profanity has come to the place where women and children use it as freely as men.
4. "Remember the Sabbath day, ..." Exod. 20:8 Life is so busy these days, there's never enough time. We need a day to worship God in spirit and in truth a day to be refreshed.
5. "Honor your father and your mother,..." Exod. 20:12 The structure of the home is being torn apart.
6. "You shall not murder." Exod. 20:13
7. "You shall not commit adultery." Exod. 20:14
8. "You shall not steal." Exod. 20:15
9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exod. 20:16
10. "You shall not covet..." Exod. 20:17

Note: people are down on what there not up on!

II. The Purpose of God's Law.

- A. The purpose of the law was and is not to save but to point out sin. Rom. 3:20:4:15
  1. Paul said that is how he came to know sin.  
Rom. 7:7
  2. James gives us a perfect illustration of how the

law works. James 1:22-25

If a man works on his car and gets dirt on his face, then goes into the bathroom and looks into the mirror, he sees the dirt on his face. Does he take the mirror off the wall and begin to wash his face with it? Or can he throw the mirror away and say, "I don't have dirt on my face?" No, the mirror just points out the dirt and he knows that he is in need of soap and water. So, in the same way, God's law points out sin in our lives and shows us our need of a Savior.

3. The law shows our need of Jesus and His grace. Gal. 3:24
4. Just because were under grace doesn't give us the right to break God's law. Rom. 3:21

B. Because I am no longer under its condemnation, does this mean I no longer have to obey? Does the faith in Christ Jesus do away with the law? Romans 3:31 "God forbid!"

1. When a man gives his life to Jesus Christ, he is freed from the condemnation of the law, but not from obedience to the law.
2. Could I continue murdering, stealing, committing adultery?
3. We obey God's because of our love relationship with Jesus. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep My commandments." John 14:15
4. The Holy Spirit in the new covenant writes the law on our hearts and minds so we obey. Hebrews 10:16
5. We obey Christ through his power not in our own strength. Jude 24
6. The commandments are not hard to obey when you love Jesus. 1 John 5:2-3
7. When a person knows Jesus he will keep God's law. 1 John 2:3-5
8. The stronger the trust in Jesus the stronger our obedience. James 2:19

III. God predicted that in the last days His law would be under attack. Daniel 7:25; Daniel 9:10

- A. Even ministers would speak against it. Malachi 2:8  
It is not uncommon to hear a minister say that the law has been done away with.