

# HOPE FOR HUMANITY

## REVELATION TODAY

### PRESENTATION 3 • CURRENT AND COMING PROPHETIC EVENTS

**SLIDE • BEAUTIFUL PLACE.** Imagine with me a place that is... perfect. If you were to think of the most perfect place in the world that you know of... A destination... What would that be?

Has there ever been a perfect place? Well, the answer is, Yes. But only one. And (**SLIDE • YELLOW BIRD**) that was this world, the entire world, before sin originated. There was no sin in the world at all. No death. No lying. No pain. No hate. No injustice. No racism. No illness. There were no hospitals, no cemeteries, no crematoria, no urgent care clinics, no police. There were no security guards, no locks, no keys. Before sin, this world was perfect.

But then, of course, sin came into the world. Shortly afterwards death came. (**SLIDE • THE FALL**) Remember—Adam and Eve hid from God, and then God made them clothing out of the skins of animals—animals that had to give their lives so Adam and Eve could be clothed. Before too long, one of their sons had killed his brother. Murder. A terrible crime. And the descent of humanity was rapid and direct. 1600 or 1700 years after the creation of the world, God destroyed the (**SLIDE • THE FLOOD**) world with a flood. That's how bad things were. He saved all those who wanted to be saved—turns out, that was only eight people—and destroyed the rest of the world and started over. But it isn't as though things turned out dramatically better. Human beings have managed to invent (**SLIDE • CITY**) unnumbered ways to degrade themselves and each other. I'm not going to get too far into the weeds of all of this, but two or three of the top 10 most visited websites in the world are pornography websites. The world is (**SLIDE • HOLDING GUN**) violent, ridden with terrorism and sickness, depression and suicide numbers are very high and so many families are desperately affected by those terribly unfortunate things...

And there seems to be an idea that one day things will change. As though, miraculously, people are going to stop shooting each other. As though, by some stroke of luck, people are just going to become moral, or kind. I'd like to say that's hard to imagine, but it's not really. It's impossible to imagine.

**SLIDE • CHURCH.** In terms of faith in God, society has shifted in recent times. There's a very definite trend nationwide AWAY from faith in God, away from traditional, organized religion. The Pew Research Forum published an article in 2019 titled, "In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace." It showed that no matter how you cut it, the number of Christians in the United States is declining. More and more people are describing themselves as "nones", that is, no religious affiliation of any kind. Britain's Telegraph newspaper said,

**SLIDES (2) • QUOTE.** "Witchcraft is thriving in the US, with an estimated 1.5 million Americans now identifying as witches—more than the total number of Presbyterians. As Christianity declines across the country, paganism has swung to the mainstream, with witchcraft paraphernalia for sale on every high street and practices normalized across popular culture."

**SLIDE • CONSTITUTION.** The constitution of this country states that “all men [people] are created equal.” Creation is written into the constitution of the United States of America. There was once an acceptance of the existence of God. You see where we are now. The changing society we’re living in has seen new definitions of morality appear. This is new ground, a new society in which we live.

**SLIDE • BIBLE.** The Bible tells us where we’re heading. Looking into the latter days of this world’s history, Jesus said,

**SLIDE • MATTHEW 24:12 KJV.** “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold” (Matthew 24:12).

**SLIDES (2) • 2 TIMOTHY 3:1–5 KJV.** Paul wrote to Timothy saying: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” The Bible doesn’t predict a rosy future for this world. Nothing seems to indicate that society is going to get better and better.

**SLIDE • WHEAT.** Jesus spoke to this when he taught the parable of the wheat and the tares—a story about a man who had a wheat field, in which someone intentionally planted weeds, in this case a type of darnel.

**SLIDES (2) • MATTHEW 13:27–30 NKJV.** “So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ “We see a couple of things there. One, sin was intentionally introduced into this world. Two, an enemy—the devil—has done this. Three, sin will exist alongside righteousness until the harvest—the end of the world. And four, there’s going to be a harvest one day, a harvest of sin, indicating that sin is going to grow to maturity. This is what we’re seeing in the world right now. The development of sin, the growth of sin. And it’s all around us.

**SLIDE • REVELATION.** Let’s take it to its logical conclusion. We see it in the book of Revelation.

**SLIDES (3) • REVELATION 13:1–4 KJV.** “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:1–4).

**SLIDE • REVELATION 13:8.** “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

If you've ever asked yourself, "Where are we headed?" we've just answered the question. In fact, we could add to that by looking at Daniel 12:1, which says, (**SLIDE • DANIEL 12:1**) "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time" (Daniel 12:1). There isn't going to be wholesale repentance, the world isn't going to discover its soul, there won't be a wave of Christianization in the world that's going to bend people everywhere towards the will of God... That doesn't mean the church is going to disappear. Many people have predicted that. But we're coming to a collision point, where the will of God and those who identify with him are going to eventually collide with the will of humanity, and those who choose not to yield their will to God.

**SLIDE • PATHWAY.** But long ago, God revealed to the human family a pathway that would keep us out of the ditches of sin, unhappiness and conflict. He showed us how we could experience personal peace. We live in a stormy world, and while we might wish to think the sea is going to become glassy calm, that's not the spiritual reality we face. However, God can keep you calm in the midst of the storm, and that's what we want to know tonight.

I want to show you what God did many years ago to guide His people away from sin and unhappiness.

**SLIDE • EXODUS 20:1–2.** "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 bondage."

And He then gave the Ten Commandments. The ten words, if you were to translate that literally. What was the point of the Ten Commandments? To begin with, the Ten Commandments were a revelation to the world of what God Himself was like. The Bible tells us that God is love, and this demonstrates that. The principles contained in the law of God demonstrate that God is good, loving, kind. He's all the things that people want to see in someone else, and definitely He embodies the attributes you'd want to witness in a God. Look with me at the Ten Commandments. You're going to see the way they intersect with our world right where it is today.

1. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:3.** (These 10 slides are all KJV) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

What does this tell you about God? He believes in commitment, loyalty.

2. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:4.** "Thou shalt not make any graven images and bow down to worship them" (Exodus 20:4).

God is the true God. You don't want to lower your conception of God, to think less of Him than He really is. God is not one God among many. This is God saying, "I want you to know me for who I really am." I'm told that people don't like inauthentic relationships, shallow relationships. God says, "I want you to be my friend, and I want to be your friend." A lot of folks see God as far away and inaccessible. God says, "Get to know me. Know me for who I really am." God goes on in this commandment to tell us not to bow down to graven images, and not to serve or worship them. Doing that lowers you. You, may have heard that whatever you chose to have faith in could be your god. That may be right, you could believe an ashtray is your god, and that would be the same thing. Except, of course, the true God died for you, rose from the dead for you, and wants to know you personally. So you could choose an inanimate object to be your god, but there's nothing real or personal about that. God says, "Know me." And this is one of the reasons a lot of people don't have anything to do with God. They just don't know what He's really like. They fear Him, for example. No need to do that. God wants you to know Him, to really

know Him. And that's one of the main reasons we read the Bible, so we can know what God is really like.

3. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:7.** "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

God's name is holy. When you've been set free, you're not using God's name callously or carelessly. And of course these principals extend to the way we treat others. God is into people treating other people with love.

4. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:8.** Just this part: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

This is revelatory to a lot of people. The God of the Bible wants to spend time with you. And when you get to know who God is and what He's really like, you're happy to spend time with Him. You want that.

5. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:12.** "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12).

Family is important to God. Community is important. Respect is important. Family bonds are to be protected. God shows how important family is to heaven in this commandment.

6. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:13.** "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13).

God values and respects life. And think about that, given that God's own Son was executed. Murdered, more accurately. Any thinking person who has any semblance of personal moral values respects life as well.

7. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:14.** "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14).

Again, this is about protecting the family, respecting those you love, and providing a safe place of security for others. You know, God wants you to be secure. He wants you to have a safe place. Imagine being a child growing up in this world without any security, without feeling like you belong, without someone to really love you. Many people CAN imagine that, only too well. God wants you to find shelter in this world, and this commandment demonstrates that.

8. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:15.** "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15).

We all wish people would obey this one.

9. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:16.** "Thou shalt not bear false witness" (Exodus 20:16).

God doesn't like lying. There's no trust when there's dishonesty. God wants you to be able to trust others, and for others to be able to trust you. Etc.

10. **SLIDE • EXODUS 20:17.** "Thou shalt not covet" (Exodus 20:17).

You know how much better off we'd be if we learned to be contented with what we have. How much damage has greed caused this world? In fact, it was covetousness that started this entire mess in the world. Satan coveted God's place in heaven. Remember? He said, "I will be like the Most High." Eve coveted position and knowledge. The serpent said to her in the Garden of Eden, "God knows that when you eat this fruit, you shall be as God, knowing good and evil." And that's when she ate the fruit. Covetousness! And then, of course, greed has provoked many people to enter into doing things that have brought shame, hardship, ruin, jail time...

The ten commandments show us God's plan for the world.

**SLIDE** of this list.

1. Loyalty.
2. Know God.
3. Treat others with love.
4. Community.
5. Family.
6. Life.
7. Security.
8. Respect.
9. Honesty.
10. Contentment.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the only safety we have against the downward spiral this world is experiencing. Now, I'm not saying it's futile to seek for political or economic remedies for the things plaguing this world.

**SLIDE • ROSA PARKS.** If Rosa Parks hadn't given up her seat on the bus on December 1, 1955, who knows what things might look like today. There are gains that can be made by resorting to protesting and by voting and so on. (**SLIDE • CAPITOL**) But, if we think the terrible state of affairs in this world is going to be resolved by political or civil or economic means, we're out of step with the Bible. So the question becomes, How do we safely navigate the times that are coming? God has shown us how.

Is there anything wrong with the ten commandments? Any weaknesses there? Anything unjust or inappropriate? Not in the least. And the Bible says this to us in the Psalms. (**SLIDE • PSALM 119:165 KJV**) "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165). Or, "Nothing causes them to stumble."

There's a tremendous amount of evil in the world today, and I can tell you why it seems like it's increasing and not decreasing. (**SLIDE • REVELATION 12:12 NKJV**) "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

The devil works like he is working because he knows that he only has a short time. Remember that conspiracy? We see it run from Genesis to Revelation. Satan wants worship. He wants you to turn away from God and serve him, not God.

We're concerned about the future, and what we see going on in the world around us doesn't fill us with hope. Oh, we know it ENDS well. We've talked about that. (**SLIDE • DANIEL 2**) Ultimately, God is going to set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. You remember what we saw in Daniel chapter 2. But between now and then, things are going to get difficult in this world.

**SLIDE • VOTING.** And we're not going to be able to vote our way out of it. A new president, a new senator, a new treaty, a new law... None of that can fix this broken world or prevent us from going

where the Bible says we're heading. The hope for individuals is faithfulness to God. And the pathway to that is plainly spelled out in the Bible.

**SLIDE • RIVER.** If you have been to a river, any river, but especially a big river, you can know one thing. Get in that river and let the current carry you, and it'll carry you downstream as far as you want to go. The same is true in the world today. I don't say this critically. But the current these days are secularism, evolution, opposition to the Bible, and so on. And this is a free country. People are free to choose whatever path they wish. But it doesn't lead to a positive outcome when considered in the light of the Big Picture and we see the big picture here. The Bible speaks of real challenges that will come to the world. A time of trouble such as never was. Seven last plagues. A time when people won't be able to buy and sell. Those are serious issues, and we can't take them away.

**SLIDE • MOTHER WITH KIDS.** It's easy to get sidetracked simply by living life. People are busy. Busy working hard to make ends meet. Busy getting ahead. Busy with school. Busy taking care of family. If you're not paying attention you could miss the importance of the things that are about to happen here in this world. I mentioned a river moments ago. Similar.

**SLIDE • BEACH.** If you've ever swum in the ocean, then you're familiar with what happens. You get in the water \*here\*, and before you know it, you're further down the beach. You drift, whether you intend to or not. It just happens. You get out of the water, and then you have to walk along the beach to get back to where you left your towel. Drift. It's easy to drift. Easy to drift spiritually, and that's the one thing you don't want to do.

God gives us His law, and tells us it's for our good, for our protection. Back in the Old Testament, God said this to Joshua. (**SLIDE • JOSH 1:7 NKJV**) "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go" (Joshua 1:7).

So here's a question for you. Everyone knows that God doesn't expect us to sacrifice animals of keep the Passover, so which law is God speaking of here? The next verse tells us. (**SLIDE • JOSH 1:8 NKJV**) "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success" (Josh 1:8).

So what's the "Book of the law?" Let me show you something.

**SLIDE • (COMPARISON).** You read in Deuteronomy 10, that the Moral Law was

- Written by God.
- Written on tables of stone.
- It was put in the Ark of the Covenant.

Whereas Deuteronomy chapter 31, it talks about a law that was

- Written by Moses.
- Written in a book.
- Put in the side of the Ark of the Covenant.

That's the "book of the law." It contained 'ordinances', and information about offerings and annual feasts and new moons. This is the one that was "nailed to the cross," according to Paul. (**SLIDE • COLOSSIANS 2:14**) "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross."

So we don't observe what some would call the Ceremonial Law, or the Mosaic Law. The Ten Commandments, as we've seen, are a different matter. Not to keep the Ten Commandments would be spiritual anarchy, rebellion against God. The question isn't, Should a believer in God keep the Ten Commandments? Imagine if the answer to that question was No! The question is, How can a person keep the Ten Commandments? After all, Paul wrote:

**SLIDE • ROMANS 7:18.** "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."

**SLIDE • ROMANS 3:23.** The Bible says that "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

**SLIDE • ISAIAH 64:6.** In fact, Isaiah wrote that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

**SLIDE • ROMANS 3:12.** Paul said: "There is none who does good, no, not one."

So what do we do about that? The everlasting gospel says this.

David wrote this: (**SLIDE • PSALM 40:8**) "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."

The New Covenant says, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people" (Hebrews 8:10 KJV).

God says He will write His law in the hearts and minds of His people. So God doesn't just give us a law and then say, "Good luck with that." Instead, He wrote the Ten Commandments on tables of stone and said to sinful people, "With Jesus in your hearts, you will love to follow these guidelines for your life. They'll bring you happiness and fulfillment. And should you stumble, I'll forgive you and we'll press ahead." It's like what Paul wrote to the Philippians.

**SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 1:6** says this: "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

**SLIDE • PHILIPPIANS 2:13** says this: "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

James called the ten commandments a "law of liberty." And of course it is. When you're living in harmony with God you're free from so much of the trouble and trials in this world. In fact, there's a picture of God's people in the last days of this Earth's history, and it looks like this.

**SLIDE • REVELATION 14:12.** "Here is the patience of the saints. Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." The last thing you want to do is live in opposition to the law of God. As John wrote,

**SLIDE • 1 JOHN 3:4 KJV.** "Sin is the transgression of the law." And the wages of sin is... death. That's right.

This is the outrageously good news of the gospel.



**SLIDE • JOHN 3:16 KJV.** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

What is God like? God is love. Does He want the best for you and me? Yes, He does. You don't have to live with guilt. You don't have to live with a sense of failure, and all of the shame that comes with that. You just don't have to. You don't have to feel like you're not good enough. How must it be to live feeling like you could never measure up, like you just can't get it right? How must it be to look into the future and feel like you don't have one? It's a tough road for a lot of people who have been made to feel like a failure, to feel as though you've let down others and let down God. But no one has to live like that.

The book of Hebrews says: (**SLIDE • HEBREWS 12:2 KJV**) “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

We're looking ahead at a serious crisis coming to this world. And God says, “Allow me to safely get you through those troubled waters. Let me give you a new heart,” God says. “Let me give you a new mind, a new life. New hopes, new joys.” Friend, how is it with you and God tonight?

**SLIDE • AUSTRALIA MAP.** A man who broke out of an Australian jail thirty years ago recently turned himself in to police. He said he broke out of prison because he didn't want to be deported back to what was then Yugoslavia, and so he spent the next three decades doing odd jobs, and, most recently,

**SLIDE • SAND DUNES** living among the sand dunes of Sydney's northern beaches. 30 years on the run, before surrendering.

There are people today running from something. Maybe you're one of them. Too many people are running from God instead of running to God. This world is pushing people away from faith instead of to faith. The Ten Commandments are being undermined instead of being elevated. The right thing to do is to surrender, to turn yourself in.

**SLIDE • ROMANS 6:13 KJV.** Paul issues this invitation in Romans 6:13. “Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.” Don't spend another day on the run. Surrender to Him today, and you'll experience the peace God wants you to possess.

**SLIDE • SECOND COMING.** As we pray, we're going to pray that God would be real, near, that He'll write His law on our hearts...



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