

CHAPTER 2

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS AND THE COMING OF MESSIAH

Sign 5: As in the days of Lot - Wickedness increasing

Along with violence in the last days the Bible also indicates that there will be a breakdown of moral values, with sexual immorality, adultery and homosexuality flourishing. Yeshua said:

“And because lawlessness (wickedness) will abound, the love of many will grow cold.” (Matthew 24.12)

He also said it would be like the days of Lot (Luke 17.28-9). We read about Lot in Genesis 19, where we find him ‘sitting in the gate of Sodom.’ Sodom was a wicked city full of sexual immorality, with homosexuality imposing itself on the city. As a result:

‘Lot was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked.’ (2 Peter 2.7)

Today we see a world-wide rejection of the Bible’s teaching that one man married to one woman is God’s will for human sexuality, for family life and caring for children. All the evidence shows that children brought up in a stable family by their own father and mother have a much better chance in life than those brought up in alternative arrangements. Today we have a breakdown of family life and moral values with easy divorce, multiple sex partners, teenage pregnancies, single parent families and homosexuality. There is a huge rise in abortion and sexually transmitted diseases. Child abuse and prostitution have become a global phenomenon, with people travelling around the world to engage in sordid and degrading acts. Much of our popular entertainment is low-level pornography with hard-core porn easily available on the Internet and on cable TV. Teenagers are now looking at Internet porn to learn ‘how to do sex’ and imitating what they see there. Governments have given the status of marriage to homosexual relationships in defiance of God’s laws on sexual relations.

Beginning in the 1960s the idea has been put forward that sexual permissiveness brings freedom. Moral values based on chastity outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage are considered old fashioned and repressive. In fact the

opposite is true. Sexual promiscuity has caused people to be enslaved by destructive habits and desires, bringing suffering, insecurity and disease. The sexual revolution which has taken place is a part of human rebellion against God and His laws, which is prophesied to take place in the last days of this age. In the book of Revelation we read that when the judgements of God strike the world at the end of this age, the majority of mankind will not:

'repent of the works of their hands ... And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.'
(Revelation 9.20-21)

Perhaps one reason why they do not repent is that people are being conditioned today by the media and the education system to have no shame for immoral behaviour. If you took murder and violence, sorcery (the occult), sexual immorality and theft (crime) out of popular entertainment today there would not be much left!

The result of all this is the kind of behaviour that Paul warned would dominate the last days of this age:

'But know this that in the last days perilous times will come, for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.' (2 Timothy 3.1-5)

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