



# Revelation Hope for Uncertainty

## PROGRAM 5 - Revelation's Answer to Society's Crumbling Values

### Message Summary

**Current Global Crisis:** Our world faces unprecedented societal breakdown: violence, broken families, moral decay, and widespread suffering. Can we avert global social destruction?

#### I. Lessons from History: Lawlessness Leads to Collapse

- **Ancient Israel's Fall:** The collapse of ancient Israel was directly attributed to **lawlessness and disobedience to God's commandments**.
  - **Text:** Daniel 9:5, 10, 11, 14

#### II. The Divine Antidote: "Fear God and Keep His Commandments!"

- **Urgent Global Message:** The Bible's final book reveals an urgent appeal for Earth's last generation.
  - **Text:** Revelation 14:6-7
- **The "Whole Duty of Man":** This message aligns with the "conclusion of the whole matter" in Ecclesiastes. "Fear God" means to "take God seriously," holding Him in awe and respect. This is the **perfect antidote to lawlessness**.
  - **Text:** Ecclesiastes 12:13
- **God's Final People:** Revelation portrays God's last generation as those who actively keep His commandments.
  - **Text:** Revelation 14:12

#### III. The Ten Commandments: God's Relational Blueprint

These commandments, housed in the Ark of the Covenant (Revelation 11:19), are the "most succinct but significant code for human morality" (Exodus 20). They protect our most vital relationships:

- **Commandments 1-4: Protecting Our Relationship with God**
  - **1st: Prioritize God.** (Exodus 20:3)
  - **2nd: Avoid Idolatry.** (Exodus 20:4-6). Toynbee noted idolatry as a cause of civilizational breakdown (p. 412).
  - **3rd: Respect God's Name.** (Exodus 20:7)
  - **4th: Remember and keep the Sabbath.** Take quality time for relationship with God. (Exodus 20:8-11)

- **Commandments 5-10: Protecting Relationships with Others**
  - God establishes our relationship with Him first, then shows us how to nurture other relationships.
  - **5th: Honor Parents.** Protects the foundational family unit.
  - **6th: Protect Human Life.** Life is sacred. (Exodus 20:13). Essential for societal safety.
  - **7th: Maintain Marital Purity.** God's law protects intimacy and prevents societal breakdown (e.g., STD statistics). (Exodus 20:14)
  - **8th: Respect Possessions.** (Exodus 20:15)
  - **9th: Uphold Truth.** Protects integrity and trust, crucial for society. (Exodus 20:16)
  - **10th: Be Content.** Addresses internal thoughts that precede actions. (Exodus 20:17)
- **"Royal Law":** The Ten Commandments bring and preserve genuine freedom.
  - **Text:** James 2:8-12

#### IV. The Battle for God's Law: A Path to Peace

- **"Raid on the Ark":** The Ten Commandments are being abandoned, putting freedom under siege.
- **The Dragon's Role:** Revelation identifies a "sinister dragon" leading this attack because the commandments protect our relationships with God and others.
  - **Text:** Revelation 12:17
- **The Final Conflict:** The ultimate battle is centered on these commandments, which express genuine love for God and others.
- **Promise of Obedience:** Honoring God's law would bring protection, safety, security, and deep peace to every marriage, family, community, and nation.
  - **Text:** Isaiah 48:18

#### V. Love, Forgiveness, and Empowerment

- God's law is rooted in His love. When humanity broke His law, God died on the cross to forgive us and **enable us to live by these principles of love**, preserving our most important relationships.

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