

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

The Marriage Fight

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

Most Bible scholars and prophecy experts cite increasing immorality as a sign we are in the Last Days. By "immorality" we mean anything and everything that is contrary to the standards and boundaries of purity God has established in His Word.

Some of the passages cited about the increase in immorality in the Last Days are:

2Ti 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

2Ti 3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Jud 1:18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

In the first part of the future Great Tribulation people are described like this:

Rev 9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Rev 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Increasing immorality - especially, it would seem, sexual immorality - is a sign we are near the end.

The Supreme Court this week, in a pair of landmark decisions, struck down the 1996 law blocking federal recognition same sex marriage, and it allowed same sex marriage to resume in California by declining to decide a separate case.

God gave us marriage and He defined it as monogamous and heterosexual. Anything and everything else is contrary to the standards and boundaries He has graciously established.

In their analysis of the ruling, the Pacific Justice Institute wrote,

The court... determined that this should continue to be decided at the state level, not on a national level. Because of the tortured way the Supreme Court arrived at its decision, there is much confusion, even among legal scholars, as to the immediate implications... many scholars have noted that such decisions typically are only effective as to the plaintiffs who actually filed suit. Expect a few more hotly-contested legal proceedings to sort out this mess created by the Supreme Court.

They went on to predict that same sex marriages may begin as soon as July 21st in California.

While the legal fight for traditional marriage must continue, I want to use the events of this week to address the sexual immorality we don't hear that much about, and that we Christians don't seem nearly as bothered by.

If the statistics are correct, things like pornography, fornication, and adultery are rampant among those who profess to be Christians. Cases of divorce and remarriage with no biblical grounds abound.

The church looks almost different from the world in these areas of sexual immorality.

Sexual sin among God's people is serious. In the Old Testament, when the Israelite men were having sex with the Moabite women, God sent a plague that killed 23,000 of His own people.

I'm wondering if it's getting to be a situation in which the church needs to take the log out of its own eye before it can remove the spec from someone else's eye.

The church is to be salt and light to a decaying, dark world. The fight for traditional marriage needs to be based on our honoring of traditional marriage and we - Christians taken as a whole - are not honoring it.

Maybe we are losing the legal battles in the courts because we are losing the moral battle in our own camp.

Let's continue the fight for traditional marriage on high moral ground, not forgetting that it is in trouble among us as well. Judgment begins in the house of God.

We believe the Lord's coming to resurrect and rapture the church is imminent; it could occur at any moment. We might be saved, but are we really ready?

Let's get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***