

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

# THE LAW OF CUMULATIVE SIN

### ...THE TWO CATEGORIES OF SIN THAT ACCUMULATE

*“Oh, Lord GOD, when You pour out Your wrath on Jerusalem, will You destroy the entire remnant of Israel?” He replied, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is **full of bloodshed**, and the city is **full of perversity**. For they say, ‘The LORD has forsaken the land; the LORD does not see.’ But as for Me, I will not look on them with pity, nor will I spare them. I will bring their deeds down upon their own heads”* Ezekiel 9:9.

In Yeshua’s Sermon on the Mount, He highlighted two sins for special notice -- murder and adultery -- emphasizing the deeper spiritual principle behind the letter of the law. *“You have heard that it was said to the ancients, ‘Do not murder’ and ‘Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment....You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* It happens that these two sins represent the two categories of law-breaking that are most closely associated in Scripture to the law of Cumulative Sin: murder being associated with blood-guilt, and adultery being representative of all forms sexual perversion and the spiritual equivalent of idolatry.

#### 1. Blood-Guilt:

The spilling of innocent blood is the first category of sin that accumulates in the land until it is full, triggering wrath.

One example is especially pertinent here, that of God’s curse on Edom in Ezekiel 35:5-15 *“Because you harbored an ancient hatred and delivered the Israelites over to the sword in the time of their disaster at the final stage of their punishment, therefore as surely as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will give you over to bloodshed and it will pursue you. Since you did not hate bloodshed, it will pursue you....As you rejoiced when the inheritance of the house of Israel became desolate, so will I do to you. You will become a desolation, O Mount Seir, and so will all of Edom. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”* It must be remembered here that the Edomites are the descendants of Esau, Jacob’s brother, giving special meaning to this prophecy in light of Yeshua’s extended comments on murder *“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment....But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the fire of hell”* (Matthew 5:22).

Bloodguilt was such an important issue to the Hebrews under the Torah that any unsolved murder that occurred near the border of two towns required an investigation to determine which town bore the bloodguilt, and thus the responsibility to atone for it (Deuteronomy 21:1). Known murderers were required under the law to be hunted down by the avengers of blood, per Numbers 35:19 *“The avenger of blood is to put the murderer to death; when he finds him, he is to kill him.”*

The principle of blood guilt was so well understood by Christendom prior to the present generation that it featured prominently in one of the most famous of all political speeches in American history: Abraham Lincoln’s second inaugural address delivered shortly before his assassination. It is engraved on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., containing, in pertinent part, these words:

“If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which in the providence of God must needs come but which having continued through His appointed time He now wills to remove.... Fondly do we hope ~ fervently do we pray ~ that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword as was said three thousand years ago so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.' ”

If that was true of innocent blood spilled from slaves, what are the implications from the slaughter of millions of unborn children? And how much of that blood does it take for the cup of wrath to be filled to overflowing?

## **2. Sexual Perversion**

The second category of cumulative sin is sexual perversion, and we have already noted above both the biblical emphasis on homosexuality as the form of deviance most severely condemned by God, and the fact that its normalization in society is the most clearly identified harbinger of God’s wrath in Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation – each time being the last “straw that breaks the camel’s back” as it were. Thus, we will devote the next segment to address that phenomenon in modern society, as a gauge of how close to judgment we may be.

### **The Point of No Return**

While the law of Cumulative Sin covered sins beyond Sabbath-breaking, especially regarding the Gentiles, there were only two remedies seen for it in the Old Testament, the primary one being Sabbath-keeping by the Hebrews (obedience). Sabbath-keeping was, essentially, the pressure-release valve that prevented the accumulation of sin from reaching the point of triggering wrath. The other remedy was total sincere repentance (sacrifice) per 2 Chronicles 7:14 *“If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* However, those remedies were only available prior to the “point of no return.” Once sin had accumulated to the point of triggering God’s wrath, there was

no remedy that would prevent the punishment from being paid by the guilty under Leviticus 26:40-45. Yet, per that same passage (consistent with our analysis in Chapter Three), the punishment could be limited by repentance (even during the Ten Days of Awe / Wrath), preserving one's eternal relationship with God.

Thus, the willingness of people to repent is of paramount importance. And that willingness is heavily dependent upon their perception of reality, most especially the reality of God's existence and expectations. The goal of Satan and his followers, therefore, is to so thoroughly defile human society and culture with the lie and practice of self-indulgent "consequence-free" sin that people will scorn and reject repentance as a concept.

What then is the measure of imminency of God's wrath? It is the degree to which sorrow for sinfulness (the attitude that leads to repentance) is replaced by the *celebration* of sin (the very opposite of repentance). This is what Paul described in his summary of the cause and constitution of apostasy in Romans 1: *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."*

That highlighted final sentence of the chapter-long treatise defines the context or season in which wrath becomes imminent — when the attitude of the society as a whole becomes one of celebration of what God has condemned.

### **The 'Red Line' of Righteousness**

From the moment that society as a whole celebrates sin, God's wrath is fully justified, and it is only His bargain with Abraham about Sodom that determines the timing of its fulfillment through desolation. In Genesis 18:23-32, Abraham negotiated a stay of execution for Sodom (for Lot's sake) based upon the number of righteous people remaining among the wicked. He started with 50, and negotiated down to just 10.

Abraham pleaded: *"Far be it from You to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You! Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?"* God's final "concession" (His own plan all along), was *"On account of the ten, I will not destroy it."* I believe this is the true spiritual origin of the concept of *minyan* in Jewish rabbinic tradition in which a minimum of ten men are necessary to establish a congregation / synagogue — though their own sources suggest the origin relates to the ten spies of Numbers 14:27. In any case, this "red line of righteousness," as it were, is the point of no return. Once the number of righteous men in a place drops below ten, the sword of justice falls.

This legal standard is also seen at work in the story of Noah's flood, when only eight righteous remained to enter the Ark. In the case of Sodom, only four were spared, one of whom, Lot's wife, looked back and was turned to a pillar of salt. The rest of his family, his married daughters and their husbands had succumbed to Sodomite "wokeness," which Lot was only spared from by virtue of being "grieved in his heart at the conduct of the wicked" that he nevertheless chose to put up with by keeping his home there (2 Peter 2:7-8).

The "fullness" of iniquity, then, has a clear basis of measurement, which in the case of our "last generation" means the wrath of God will not fall until the rapture/resurrection, when all the righteous will be called up for the Wedding Feast of the Lamb on the first of the Ten Days of Awe/Wrath – the Feast of Trumpets in whatever year God has scheduled that to occur.

But that is small comfort, because the Leviticus 26 rules of escalating punishment for disobedience still apply, the only hope being that repentance remains effective as a remedy to reverse the trend right up until the red line is crossed.

So where are we in the process of escalating pre-wrath punishment/tribulation? ...continued in Part 18: The Emerging Age of Apostasy.

## DO YOU CARE WHAT GOD SAYS?

*A dangerous modern heresy called "gay theology" is infiltrating the Christian church at an alarming pace. Many believers, fearful of being called "haters," are trivializing the threat by calling homosexuality "just another sin."*

*But from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible teaches that homosexuality is NOT "just another sin." It is a symbol of extreme rebellion against God and harbinger of His wrath.*

**GENESIS 1:27, 2:24** God sets forth the exclusive "one flesh" paradigm for human sexuality: the lifelong, faithful union of one man and one woman created in His image for procreation.

**GENESIS, 6-9; TALMUD, GENESIS RABBAH 26:5:4** After 1000 years of increasing sin, God pours out His wrath in the form of a global flood which the ancient Hebrew rabbis taught was triggered by homosexual and bestial "marriages."

**GENESIS 9:13** After the flood, God creates the "bow" (rainbow) as the symbol of His authority over the earth. It is not mere "coincidence" that the "gay" movement hijacked this symbol.

**GENESIS 9:24-25** Corrupted by the pre-flood homosexual culture, Noah's son Ham passes it to his son Canaan, who sexually molests his grandfather. "And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan."

**GENESIS 10:19-20** Banished, Canaan and his descendants then brazenly colonize the Holy Land and introduce ritual demon worship involving child sacrifice and sexual perversion SEE ALSO LEV 18: ESP. V. 21-28. They also establish the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.



**GENESIS 19** God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone, foreshadowing the last-days destruction of the earth SEE ALSO 2 PETER 2:6, JUDE 1:7. The final insult to God is the attempted homosexual rape of the two angelic witnesses whom He sent to Sodom to confirm its wickedness V.4-5.

**LEVITICUS 18** God identifies incest, homosexuality and bestiality as the sins which cause the land to "vomit out its inhabitants" V. 25. Even in this dark context homosexuality is singled out for special condemnation as "an abomination" V. 22.

**JUDGES 19:15-30** ESP. V.22 Ala Sodom, the attempted homosexual rape of a Levite by the Benjamites of Gibeah leads to civil war among the Hebrew tribes.

**1 KINGS 14** Solomon's reintroduction of Canaanite ritual child sacrifice and sexual perversion, including homosexuality, causes God to take the Kingdom of Israel away from him and divide it in two V. 5-13.

**2 KINGS 23** Josiah is named as the most righteous of all the Kings V. 25 in part because he "broke down the houses of the Sodomites who were in the House of the Lord" V.7 – ending what Solomon had begun 300 years before.

**DANIEL 11:21-39** The Antichrist figure Antiochus IV Epiphanes uses homosexuality to corrupt Hebrew male youth in his plan to turn the Jews away from God SEE ALSO 1 MACCABEES 1, ESP V.14-16.

**ROMANS 1** Homosexuality is singularly condemned as the sin associated with the "reprobate mind" and apostasy V.24-32.

**1 CORINTHIANS 6** The apostle Paul warns that homosexuals cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, but they can be saved and healed of homosexuality by Christ V.9-11.

**1 TIMOTHY 1:9-10** Homosexuals are equated with murderers, slavers and perjurers.

**2 PETER 2** Noah's flood and Sodom's incineration are invoked to warn against "destructive heresies" in the last days which are defined by "sensuality" and "the lust of defiling passions" V.10 a clear reference to homosexuality.

**JUDE 1:7** Jude reaffirms that the purpose of Sodom's destruction was to warn of the consequences of unrighteousness, exemplified by "going after strange flesh."

**REVELATION 6** God warns that the end-times Antichrist (a counterfeit version of the Messiah in Rev. 19:11-16) will ride forth on a white horse "conquering and to conquer" holding aloft a "bow" (likely God's symbol of authority, the rainbow) V.2.

**REVELATION 11** Jerusalem is identified under the reign of the Antichrist as "symbolically... called Sodom and Egypt" V.7-8 meaning that it is known for homosexuality and pantheism.

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