



Empowering People to Change the World

**The Mystery of Lawlessness
& the Empowered Church
Part 2**

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This is an unprecedented time. Everything is accelerating at a rapid rate.

- We are living in a time that is EPIC.
- The past thirty years, everything is accelerating: worship, missions, prayer movements and the Church.
- Could this be the generation of the Coming of the Lord? I think it could be!
 - The soil is ready for a mighty Kingdom of God Revolution.
 - I've never seen anything like this in my lifetime.
 - Haggai 2:6-7, God is shaking the whole world!
 - Imagine this! Shaking the earth—the heavens and the sea!
 - The nations will come to the DESIRE of the nations!
 - The Body of Christ could double in number over the next decade!
 - This is not going to be a peacetime like we've known.
 - It is war! It is wartime for a mighty move of God.
 - It could be that the next decades are the greatest drama of the ages.
- John 17 moment—people coming to the Son! The Gospel of the Kingdom is shaking the earth.

**Everything is being shaken with one exception—The Kingdom of God.
(Hebrews 12:25-29)**

- God is a consuming fire! The nature of the Lord is being revealed.
- God is consuming everything that can be shaken, so that we will lean on God like never before.
- The Church must change. The very paradigm of the Church is changing.
- Isa. 33:19, Your eyes will see the Beauty of God! Remarkable reality.

- Zechariah 3-4, Joshua is purified before the Lord and Satan is right there too.
 - Joshua is a picture of the leadership in the Church.
 - Government of the Courts of the Lord.
 - We are seated with Christ in the Courts of the Lord.
 - Zerubbabel would have a plumb line before the Lord with the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - Priestly and Kingly in the Courts of the Lord.
 - A new structure is being built for the Glory of the Lord.
- I've been meditating and studying so many passages about the generation of the Coming of the Lord.
- Jesus, in speaking of His Coming, gives a number of distinctive characteristics that believers would be able to use as “markers” of His Second Coming.

Matthew 24:12-14, Lawlessness will Abound.

- God's not done with America.
- Because “lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”

Lawlessness—*anomia*—iniquity or wickedness→ a condition of one without any law.

Many reasons are given:

- 1) Ignoring of the law within.**
- 2) Contempt for the law without.**

- Something about “lawlessness” will cause “many” hearts to grow cold.
- It is both a sign of the Coming of Christ and also a discernor of those who are truly saved and those who are not.
- Lawlessness is our basic sinful nature. The deep passions of our heart, to have literally no restraints, no laws, no boundaries and to follow whatever our base desires want.
- I believe we see a description of lawlessness in Ps. 2.

Psalms 2:1-3

- “Nations,” which means *ethos* or ethnic groups. This is not geopolitical countries, but rather, ethnic groupings.
- Different ethnic and tribal groupings will rage, which means “a throng in tumult,” which is the same word used for a swarm of locusts!
 - They are raging as a group against the Lord and His people.
 - They don’t want any Law ruling over them for they are a law in themselves.
 - No one will have any rules or boundaries over them.
 - “You can’t tell me what to do! I will do as I please.” It’s the basic, animal, sinful nature with no restraints.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

- The main point tonight is that you would not be shaken or troubled by what you see happening around you.
- We are closer and closer to the Coming of the Lord.

Vs. 3-5

- Don’t be deceived. Don’t be misled.
- The first thing to understand is that a massive rebellion against God and His Authority will happen.
- A “Man of Lawlessness” in some translations.
- This “Man of Lawlessness” will draw many away from their Christian faith. He will oppose and exalt himself above God, in the Temple of God.
- He will claim to be God!

Vs. 6-8

- The Mystery of Lawlessness has been “at work” since time began.
- But there has been a restraining placed upon his ability to take over and rule.
- But there will be a time when the Restraint is lifted and this Anti-Christ will be revealed.

Four Restraints Over a Country?

- 1) The Conscience.
- 2) The Family.
- 3) The Government.
- 4) The Church.

- There will be a work of the Lord in which He will remove the Restrainer and allow Satan to begin his work, preparing the way of the Lord.
- It will be a set up for the Anti-Christ to have his way on the earth.

Vs. 9

- False signs and wonders will abound. Even miracles through dark powers.

Vs. 10-12

- Unrighteous deception will abound.
- But those who love the truth will not be deceived.

God is going to build His Church in these last days! He wants a Church that is empowered and empowering!!

This is going to be the Church's finest hour!