

## Mystery: Lawlessness

Review: Babel - Nations (sons of God worship) vs God's Nation (Israel, One New Man)  
Voluntary Love: Choice - Delay (7<sup>th</sup> trumpet Rev 10:6)

**Lawlessness:** Rage of Nations against God (Ps 2:1-3, 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet Rev 11:18)

(Mt 7:23) And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Lawlessness rejects Submission to Jesus for Own Way

(Mt 23:28) Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Lawlessness (False Religion) - Outward Appearance, Fear of Man (Hypocrisy)

(Mt 24:12) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Increasing Lawlessness (end times) leads to Cruelty (self love vs 2 Th 2:10)

(Mt 13:41) The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,

Lawlessness is Choosing Earthly Kingdom's over God's Kingdom

(2 Th 2:6-8) <sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.  
<sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way (revealed from the midst). <sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

What is being Delayed is His Coming (Subject in Context)

(2 Th 2:1) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

Delay is until the Lawless one is Fully Revealed

(2 Th 2:3-4) <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

Abomination of Desolation (Dan 11:31, 12:11)

Lawlessness at work (1 Jn 2:18 AC the sign of end times) but not complete (ex: Gen 15:16)

God will let Lawlessness fully play out (Voluntary Love: Choice)

God will Publicly execute Judgement (2 Th 2:8, Col 2:15)

He will not secretly remove His Church (Rev 1:7)

He will gather the Nations in Valley of Megiddo for Judgement

(Joel 3:2, 11-14, Zech 14:1-3, Rev 16:16)

Mystery: Babylon (Rev 17:5) - same demonic religious system (Babel, Lawlessness)

Wickedness & Wealth (Rev 18:3), Trade & Indulgence (Rev 18:11-19) - Nations

(Eze 28:16 Satan) By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned (1 Tim 6:10, Rev 13:17 worship - control: carrot/stick)

Voluntary Love: Choice - earthly comfort vs eternal life

(Mt 16:24-27) <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup>“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.

(Heb 11:24-26) <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, <sup>26</sup>esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. (Babylon: Indulgence, Wealth)

(Rev 18:4-5 Babylon) <sup>4</sup>And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. <sup>5</sup>“For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (Lawlessness complete)

Lawlessness already at work - we must continually resist its allure

Picture: End of Delay (Rev 10:6)

(Isa 42:13-14) <sup>13</sup>The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. <sup>14</sup>“I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.

His Persecuted Church Singing Worship Songs (Isa 42:10-12, 24:14-16)  
about Salvation of Israel (Jer 31:7, Isa 62:11)