

The Man of Lawlessness

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1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by
the coming of our Master Yahshua
Messiah, and by our gathering
together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind,
or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor
by word, nor by letter as from us, as
that the day of Messiah is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means:
for that day shall not come, except there
come a falling away first, and that man
of sin be revealed the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself
above all that is called Elohim, or that is
worshipped; so that he as Elohim sitteth
in the temple of Elohim, shewing himself
that he is Elohim.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to Elohim for you, brethren beloved of the Master, because Elohim hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our good news, to the obtaining of the glory of our Master Yahshua Messiah.

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word, or our epistle.

16 Now our Master Yahshua Messiah
himself, and Yahweh, even our
Father, which hath loved us, and
hath given us everlasting
consolation and good hope through
grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish
you in every good word and work.

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The Context

Verse 1 gives a context for the discussion that follows: “by the coming of our Master Yahshua Messiah, and by our gathering together unto him,”

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There are two interesting words in this sentence. The first is the Greek word παρουσία (*parousia*) translated *coming*. Literally it means *being beside* or *presence*.

In most places in the New Testament it is translated *coming* as in the verse we are considering.

In many passages, as in this one, we can substitute the word *presence* for the word *coming*. This gives it both a present and a future aspect. In Elohim, both are one. If we enjoy the presence of Yahshua now, which is our only link to the Father(Yahweh) we will be ready for his future coming, whenever and however it may take place.

The second interesting word in verse 1 is the Greek επισυναγην (*episynagogee*) meaning *assembling upon*. We can easily recognise the English word *synagogue* in it. This also has a present and a future application.

There is a present assembling
whenever and wherever two or
three people meet in the name of
Yahshua. **Matthew 18:20** There is
a future application when he will
send out his angels and gather his
elect from the four corners of the
earth. **Mark 13:27**

Underlying both present and future aspects of assembling there is a spiritual aspect. The assembling is not just assembling. It is assembling to him. A physical assembling of Elohim's people is simply an outward manifestation of a spiritual coming together to Yahshua.