

# 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.



If we are spiritually assembling ourselves to Yahshua in the heavenly realm, we will automatically find an outward expression of that assembly on earth. If there is no assembly in heaven, the assembly on earth is valueless. The vital thing is that each one of us obeys his instruction, “Come to me”.Matthew 11:28

We will therefore find it possible to study this passage in two ways.

We can regard it as a prophecy yet to be fulfilled, or we can see in it present realities affecting our current walk with Elohim. The same is true of many other passages in Scripture.



Both aspects, I believe, can be edifying, but the all-important thing is an understanding of the present. If we learn to walk with Elohim now, we will find ourselves prepared automatically for whatever is to come.

The Pharisees were keen students of scriptural prophecy, but because they knew that the Messiah was to come from Bethlehem they rejected Yahshua of Nazareth. They thought they had the future worked out, but they got it all wrong because they did not know Messiah in the present.



If they had been able to recognise Yahshua by spiritual discernment, their minor errors of mental understanding would soon have been sorted out.

To seek to understand Bible prophecies of the future, without a proper spiritual understanding of the present, is a pathway along which many have followed the Pharisees. The results are blindness, sectarianism and pride.



**If we do not learn to worship  
the Father in spirit and in  
truth, it is far better not to  
increase our damnation by  
studying the scriptures! It is  
better to put the Book away and  
let it gather dust on the shelf.**

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## The Day of the Lord

In verse 2 Paul moves on to the subject of the Day of the Lord. This was a subject with which readers of the Old Testament were familiar.



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## 1 Corinthians 5:5

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Master Yahshua.



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## 2 Corinthians 1:14

As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Master Yahshua.

## 1 Corinthians 1:3-8

3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from  
Yahweh our Father, and from the Master  
Yahshua Messiah.

4 I thank my Elohim always on your behalf,  
for the grace of Elohim which is given you  
by Yahshua Messiah;

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by  
him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;



6 Even as the testimony of Messiah  
was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift;  
waiting for the coming of our Master  
Yahshua Messiah:

8 Who shall also confirm you unto the  
end, that ye may be blameless in the  
day of our Master Yahshua Messiah.

# Philippians 1:6,10

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Yahshua Messiah:



10 That ye may approve things  
that are excellent; that ye may  
be sincere and without offence  
till the day of Messiah;

## **Philippians 2:13-16**

**13 For it is Elohim which  
worketh in you both to will and  
to do of his good pleasure.**

**14 Do all things without  
murmurings and disputings:**



15 That ye may be blameless and  
harmless, the sons of Elohim,  
without rebuke, in the midst of  
a crooked and perverse nation,  
among whom ye shine as lights  
in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of  
life; that I may rejoice in the  
day of Messiah, that I have not  
run in vain, neither laboured in  
vain.