

Lawlessness

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For Discussion: Is The Epstein Affair A Watershed Moment?

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Is The Epstein Affair A Watershed Moment?

Perhaps when we look back on the Epstein Affair, we'll understand that it broke the back of Americans' faith in their political and law enforcement institutions.

What impact will the lack of Epstein disclosure have on the MAGA movement?

The MAGA movement attached great importance to the Epstein case as the most egregious manifestation of elite abuse of power.

- To have the files buried yet again only proves the powerful who would be exposed have yet again evaded being held accountable.

What is being hidden in the Epstein files?

Naomi Wolf's essay, *"The Network" in the Worlds of the Elites*, reveals the enormous reach of Epstein's recruitment of elites across the entirety of America's power structure.

- This structure isn't just The Deep State, it's far larger and every bit as entrenched.
- It is the projection of soft power: cultural, institutionalized influence, non-military systems and hard power: military, diplomatic, financial.
- Epstein's operation was a network of power elites ranging from politics to academia to science to media to Big Tech and beyond.

What are we to think of why the Epstein files will not be revealed?

It is not that the elites are above the law; there is no law.

- This means that democracy and rule of law are both convenient fabrications deployed to maintain public compliance.

Recall Smith's Neofeudalism Principle #1: If the citizenry cannot replace a kleptocratic authoritarian government and/or limit the power of the financial Aristocracy at the ballot box, the nation is a democracy in name only.

- Donald Trump was elected to "drain the swamp," but the Epstein Affair makes it clear that both of America's political parties are The Swamp.

If the two parties have failed us and an "outsider" is incapable of cleaning house, then where do we turn?

We should realize that our hope is not in this world.

- This realization will either cause people to turn to the Lord or get on-board with the lawlessness and contribute to the resulting chaos.

How will the elites embrace the chaos?

This will be the green light they need to crack down on it and implement martial law in a police state.

Why do the elites want a police state?

They covet even more control over people. And they are ultimately serving Satan who will install his man as ruler over a totalitarian government.

How do we know the government of the Antichrist will be totalitarian?

Daniel 7:23 – *The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.*

What would you expect from a government that literally has Satan pulling the strings of the ruler? Satan wants the world enslaved under him.

What kind of distractions can we expect to cause us to forget about the Epstein files?

- The government "going after" the Russia-gate and J6 conspirators... there will be a lot of talk but no action
- Wars popping up in diverse places
- Some other poly-crisis

What factors may keep society from a total chaotic break-down?

- It is mostly conservatives that have been let down by the lack of Epstein file disclosure... they rarely riot.
- Most people don't want to believe their government has let them down; they will still hold on the hope that our voting can still make a difference.
- The Restrainer is still active in the world today

How long will the Restrainer continue His ministry?

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 – *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. 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.*

He is active during the Church Age though He has begun to remove His restraining influence as a birth pang of the soon coming end of the Age.

- The restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit will continue as long as the church is on earth.
- His restraining ministry will end at the rapture of the church allowing the Antichrist to be revealed.

How does the Restrainer conduct His restraining ministry?

God is in control of history and He influences rulers and people in critical roles.

Proverbs 21:1 – *The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*

The Holy Spirit works also through faithful believers to shine the light of truth on the evildoers...

Ephesians 5:11 – *have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

The church, indwelt by the Spirit of God, has always been part of what holds society back from the swelling tide of lawless living.

What is lawlessness?

To be lawless is to be contrary to the law or to act without regard to the law.

1 John 3:4 – *Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.*

To commit sin is to be lawless; that is, the sinner breaks God's law.

- Lawlessness is a rejection of God. Satan, who models the ultimate rejection of God, will one day empower the Antichrist, called "the lawless one" in 2 Thess 2:9.

Why is the Antichrist called the lawless one?

The Antichrist is given the title "man of lawlessness" because he will oppose in every way the biblical God and His law. He will be completely lawless.

- Daniel 7 speaks of this man as a "boastful" king who will *"try to change the set times and the laws"* (verses 11 and 25).

Why does this world need laws?

Laws are necessary in a sinful world...

1 Timothy 1:9 – *the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane...*

Those who choose to act lawlessly further sin in the world.

- The word for "lawlessness" in the Bible is often translated "iniquity." According to the Bible, the root of all lawlessness is rebellion against God and His order.

Why did God establish human government?

1 Peter 2:14 – *to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right*

Rulers are God's appointees to maintain order and promote righteousness in a civil society.

- When rulers fail to do that, the result is lawlessness and chaos.

How do we know that increasing lawlessness is a sign of the soon return of Jesus?

Matthew 24:12 – *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

Jesus gave it as one of the birth pangs of His soon return in the Olivet Discourse.

What does it tell us that *the love of many will grow cold*?

Jesus is speaking of moral decadence. In the last days, there will be a decay in moral standards and values.

- God's holy and righteous standard for living will be spurned.
- Instead of following God's standard, sinful humanity will follow their own way.
- Lawlessness and wickedness will increase.

How does Bible prophecy help us deal with not seeing justice for the wicked elite?

Perhaps the biggest frustration of our day is that evil, vile people not only escape justice for their crimes but continue to prosper.

- The Bible reveals that a day is coming when God's wrath will spread across the entire planet.
- Of course, those behind the great wickedness of our day will face the Lord's judgment after this life.
- However, those who understand Bible prophecy know that many of them will also experience His wrath in this life.

“If hell is real,” one might ask, “why is it necessary for the Lord to also deal with the ungodly in this life?”

A key reason for this future time of God's visible judgment is that it will give sinners one last chance to call upon the Lord...

Revelation 9:20 – But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Though most people will continue in their rejection of the Savior, the Bible tells us that a great multitude will turn to the Lord Jesus during the Tribulation (Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17).

What applications do we see from this discussion?

- The lack of Epstein file disclosure is likely to open many people's eyes to futility of hope in government
- Lawlessness is on the increase... a clear sign of the end of the Age.
- Bible prophecy helps us deal with the prospering of evil in our day.