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| THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY |

The word translated iniquity is *(458), an-om-ee’-ah; from (459), an’-om-os;* meaning against the law, without law, unlawful, transgressor , illegal, a violation of law, wickedness or unrighteousness. Lawlessness

The word translated mystery is *(3466), moos-tay’-ree-on;* meaning hidden, secret, disguised or hard to discern. Thus the 'Mystery of Iniquity' is disguised unrighteousness or law breaking.

What is it disguised as? It is disguised as a church that professes to be of God, and keep His laws, yet all the while is breaking His laws. This is definitely an abomination in the sight of God.

MAT 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, *ye that work iniquity.*

MAT 24:11 And many *false prophets shall rise,* and shall deceive many.

24:12 And because *iniquity shall abound,* the love of many shall wax cold.

24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

2THES 2:7 For the *mystery of iniquity doth already work:* only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed (man of sin, the son of perdition), whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2:10 And with *all deceivableness of unrighteousness* in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

ACTS 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall *grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.*

20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, *speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.*

20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

MAT 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

2TIM 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears

4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2THES 2:2 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 Christ is at hand.

2:3 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;

2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2PETER 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingered not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

1Co 9:21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

Ga 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

If we are to be manifested as the sons of God, we must overcome the mystery of iniquity to follow the Example of our High Priest in fulfilling the Law of Righteousness.

Php 3:9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

A few scriptures easily overthrow the mystery of iniquity, (lawlessness) and realization of these will overturn the effects of the anti-law religion that has been promulgated to the ends of the earth in the name of Christ!

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Co 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Pr 28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

ANY TIME WE SEE THAT WORD LAW IN SCRIPTURE WE BETTER KNOW WHICH OF THE 4 POSSIBLE TYPES OF LAW MENTIONED IN SCRIPTURE THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. WHENEVER ANYONE MENTIONS LAW BE SURE TO ASK THEM WHAT LAW THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT? THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY IS THOSE WHOSE RELIGIOUS EXTERIOR COVERS A HEART THAT IS AGAINST GOD'S ROYAL LAW. ANTI-NOMIAN MEANS AGAINST-LAW. THOSE CLAIMING TO BE CHRISTIANS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW, LOVE, KEEP, AND DO GOD'S ROYAL LAW.

Here are the 4 basic types of LAW we find in scripture:

1. THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH - This is the Law that the Blood of Jesus saves us from. The curse of the law of sin and death, is death. The Law of sin and death is the Law from which the Blood of Jesus saves us. What is the law of sin and death? Romans 6:23 or Ezek 18 will give you the answer. The wages of sin is death. The soul that sins shall die. The Blood of Jesus is the ONLY hope of having a part in the FIRST Resurrection.

2. THE LAW OF MOSES - 613 Commandments, laws, ordinances, Mitzvoth. Even to this day, 613 laws. Some of these, like circumcision, and the Levitical priesthood are done away in the new covenant, through the better priesthood of our GREAT HIGH PRIEST, Yeshua ha Massiach, Jesus THE Christ. If we were smart enough, we would see that many of these make very good sense today; however, we have glorious freedom in obedience to the law of Christ.

Ac 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Ro 9:31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

Ro 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Php 3:9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

3. ORAL LAW - This is the additions and deletions and changes which religious men make to Laws of Scripture. You find Jesus giving His strongest rebukes to religious people over this oral law, with its additions, deletions, changes, traditions, and perverse doctrines of religious men that you do not find in the Holy Bible. This is often the law to which Paul and the apostles were referring.

4. GOD's ROYAL LAW

Law of Christ Ga 6:2 Law of faith Ro 3:27 Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus Ro 8:2 Law of liberty James 1:25; 2:12

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 2:8 ¶ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Ro 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Ga 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1 Th 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

Repentance must include the intent to sin no more. We should seek a zero tolerance for sin in our life. If people want to live in some kind of spirituality which tolerates, excuses, and encourages violations of the word of God, just say NO!

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.