

Culmination of the Mystery of Iniquity

2 Thessalonians 2

Main Point

Paul reveals in this passage that God is watching the world today and waiting for the culmination of the "mystery of iniquity". That is a time on earth when God says, "It is enough." At that point God will have exhausted both His patience with evil and His grace for salvation.

With this passage, Paul tries to instill in Believers patience in national or religious persecution. They are wondering how long they must endure Roman and Jewish hatred and persecution. When will Christ return and end the oppression? Paul answers that question to help saints persevere. In this passage, he gives advanced knowledge of God's timetable for both evil on the earth and Christ's return.

Examples of When Iniquity Became "Full" to God

From four locations in Scripture we see there is a point with God when iniquity becomes "full" and judgment follows. Three culminated to a peak and received judgment in their day:

1. The earth in Noah's day.
2. Sodom and Gomorrah.
3. The iniquity of the Amorites.

But the fourth is the culmination of all iniquity at the end of time.

4. The fulfillment of the mystery of iniquity will occur at the end of the Antichrist's truth-hating world. Paul explains God will judge that generation for changing the truth of God into a lie, loving their own truth over God's, and finally calling their evil lies good. In addition to revealing this to the Thessalonian Christians, he reveals it to the church at Rome as well in Romans 1:16-32.

We are seeing the pre-cursor of the fulfillment of the mystery of iniquity in America today. The truth of God in our land has been debased, reversed, and replaced, to the point of even codifying it into law and calling it good. For years it seemed we were following in Europe's footsteps, but now it seems we are leading the downward spiral of reversing all things God. Consider the following reversals of God's truth in America:

1. A fetus is not a human being.

Last year Planned Parenthood celebrated 354 thousand abortions. A former Planned Parenthood president cited she was fired for not generating enough abortions in their clinics. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates there are 40-50 million abortions a year around the world. With those numbers, it would seem abortion is not planned parenthood, it has become a solution for the consequence of rampant and random sexuality.

2. Marriage is not a male/female institution.
3. Gender is not biologically male/female.

Conclusion

It would seem we have return to the days of the judges over Israel, of which it is stated, "Every man did that which was evil in his own eyes." Jdgs 21:25

America has witnessed:

National abdication of the Judeo-Christian moral code and substituted with self-determined moralism.

National abandonment of majority rule and substituted with minority of one rule.

National abandonment of history as a contemporary compass and definition of our foundation.

God lets, until the "mystery of iniquity" has reached its peak. When God's Spirit is removed, it opens the way for the Antichrist and his followers to lead the world into universal wickedness, which then will prompt the coming of Christ, who judges all evil and sets up righteousness.