

“The Opposition Movement”

Part One

I. THE WORK OF THE RESTRAINING ONE. (vv. 6-7)

A. Who or what is this restrainer?

B. What is this restraining influence?

II. THE WORK OF THE LAWLESS ONE. (vv. 8-10)

A. _____. (v. 8a) “lawless one”

This wicked man will lead a campaign against the rule of God at every level. With smooth talk he will wage war against order, established authority, and godliness.

For a short time God will allow this evil man and his evil work—for a while. At all times the purpose of God is going forward. All this rebellion will bring the wrath of God on him.

CONCLUSION:

1. The political and moral climate will get worse, but the Christian’s hopes are set on Christ.
2. The duty of the church does not change just because we know what is coming.
3. The devil is always working, but the outcome is decided!