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The Puzzle of End Time
Who is the Lawless One
and by Whom is He Restrained?

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Abstract

Based upon the method of Biblical theology, this paper will try to read 2 Thess 2:1–12 from two perspectives, thematic parallel passage and eschatological module, so as to answer the question that has puzzled scholars for a long time, i.e., who is the lawless one and by whom is he restrained? The writer proposes that Rev 12 and 20, as well as Jesus’ teaching concerning the end time recorded in Matt 25:1–31, Mark 13:1–27 and Luke 21:5–28, are parallel passages to 2 Thess 2:1–12 and can be served as a key for our understanding of the particular Thessalonian passage. In addition to this, Gen 6–8 provides an eschatological module comparable to Paul’s saying in 2 Thess 2. In light of the three parallel passages, this paper confirms the view held by some in the past that the lawless one is Satan’s agent in this world and the restrainer is the archangel Michael and the gospel he proclaimed. In view of the end time module found in Gen 6–8, this paper also answers the renowned question: why God intends to block the manifestation of the lawless one in human history and thus delays the day of Parousia?

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摘要


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