

Lawless and Loveless
Matthew 24:1-14



LEAD Class

Unearthing the Bible

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October 2 - 3



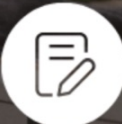
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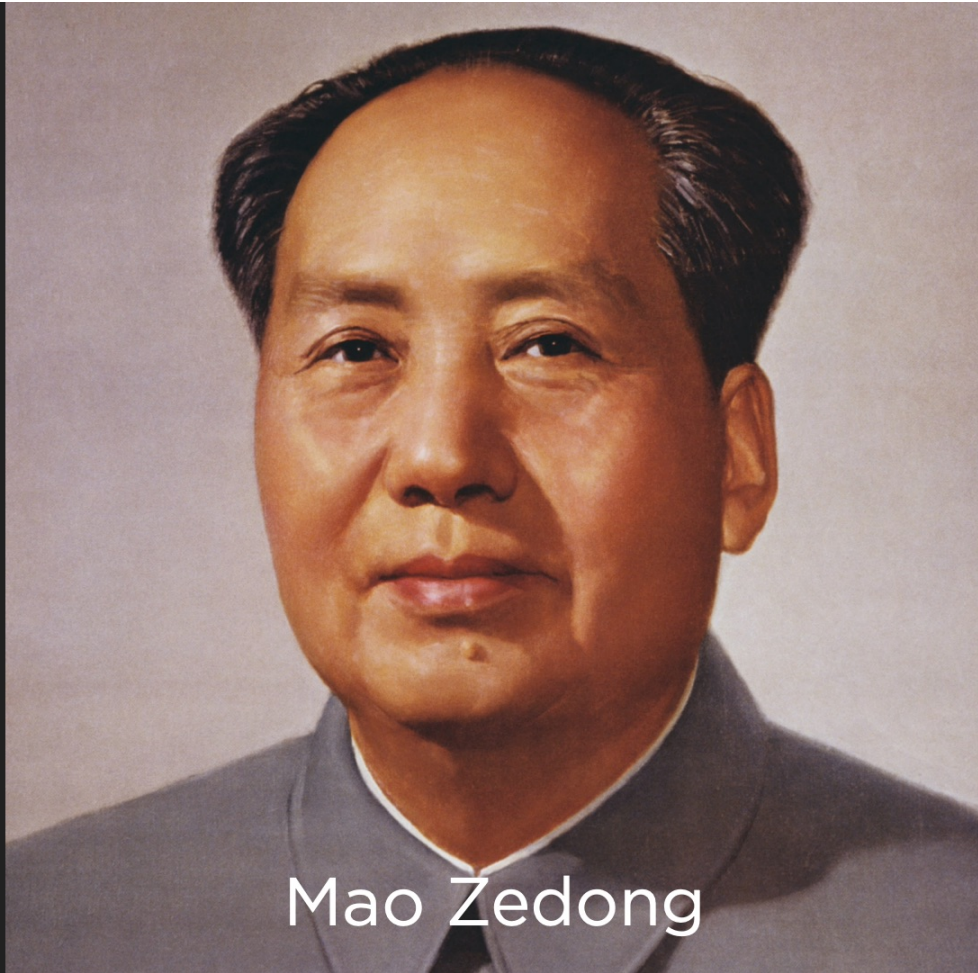


Kid's class (2nd - 6th grade)
Teen and adult class



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Mao Zedong







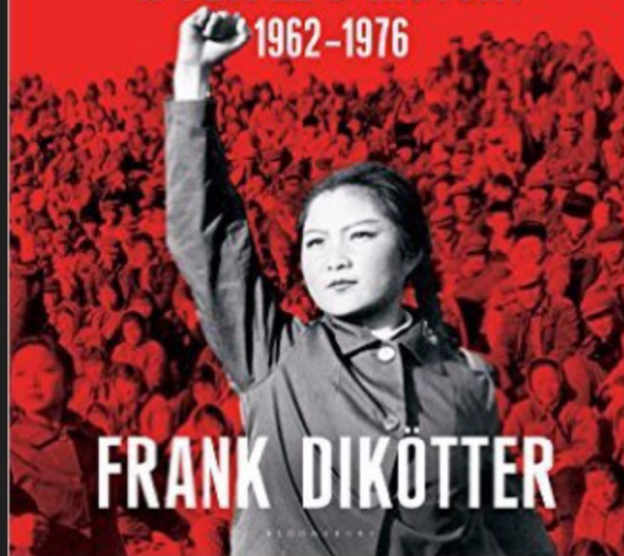
Tens of millions of people “died of torture, exhaustion, disease, and hunger.” Frank Dikotter

AUTHOR OF THE BBC SAMUEL JOHNSON PRIZE-WINNING *MAO'S GREAT FAMINE*

THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION

A PEOPLE'S HISTORY

1962-1976



FRANK DIKÖTTER

“Bad people have seized power, causing beatings, deaths, grain shortages, and hunger. . . .

“The democratic revolution has not been completed, as feudal forces, full of hatred towards socialism, are stirring up trouble, sabotaging socialist productive forces.”

Chairman Mao



“Sweep away all
monsters and demons!”
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- Homes, libraries, and businesses are plundered, often burned.

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“Teachers, school principals, prominent writers, filmmakers, musicians, adults who wore eyeglasses, women who wore high heels, and men with ‘long, western haircuts’ were surrounded, ritually denounced, beaten, and tortured.”

Sean McMeekin

“Father is close, mother is close, but neither
is as close as Chairman Mao.”

Socialist Education Campaign

“Senseless and unpredictable purges were designed to cow the population and rip apart entire communities, producing docile, atomized individuals loyal to no one but the Chairman.

“Family members were expected to denounce each other at public struggle meetings,

“and spouses were often enjoined to seek a divorce when their partners were shipped away to the gulag.”

Frank Dikotter

Two big movements in Matthew 24:1-14

1. Jesus leaves **the temple**. (1-2)

- The disciples are **impressed**.

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“Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple.” (1)

“What wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

Mark 13:1





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- Jesus is **unimpressed.**

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“But he answered them, ‘You see all these, do you not?’

- Jesus is **unimpressed**.

“Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” (2)



MALACHI

DISPUTING ENDURING LOVE

“Oh that there were one among you who would **shut the doors**, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain!

“I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.”

Malachi 1:10

“As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be,

“and what will be the sign of your coming
and of the end of the age?” (3)



2. Jesus **teaches** on the Mount of Olives.
(3-14)

Behold the King!

Show and Tell

1-2

Prologue

3-7

Ministry
Begins

(3-4)

Sermon on
the Mount
(5-7)

8-10

Kingdom
Breaks In

(8-9)

Sermon on
the Mission
(10)

11-13

No Middle
Ground

(11-12)

Sermon in
Parables
(13)

14-18

You Are
the Christ

(14-17)

Sermon on
Relationships
(18)

19-25

Escalation
of Conflict

(19-23)

Sermon on
Mt of Olives
(24-25)

26-28

Passion of
Christ

(26-28)

Great
Commission
(28:19-20)

“When Jesus had finished all of these sayings . . .” (26:1a)

“And Jesus answered them, ‘See that no one leads you astray.’” (4)

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see = look, beware, take heed

“See that you are not alarmed,” (6b)

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Be alert but not alarmed.

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Six Signs

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““For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.” (4-5)

False **messiahs/prophets** (4, 5, 11)

“And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.” (11)

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

Matthew 7:15

Wars and rumors of wars (6-7a)

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“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.” (6)

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"For nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom," (7a)

Natural disasters (7b-8)

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“... and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

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“All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.” (7b-8)

Persecution (9-10)

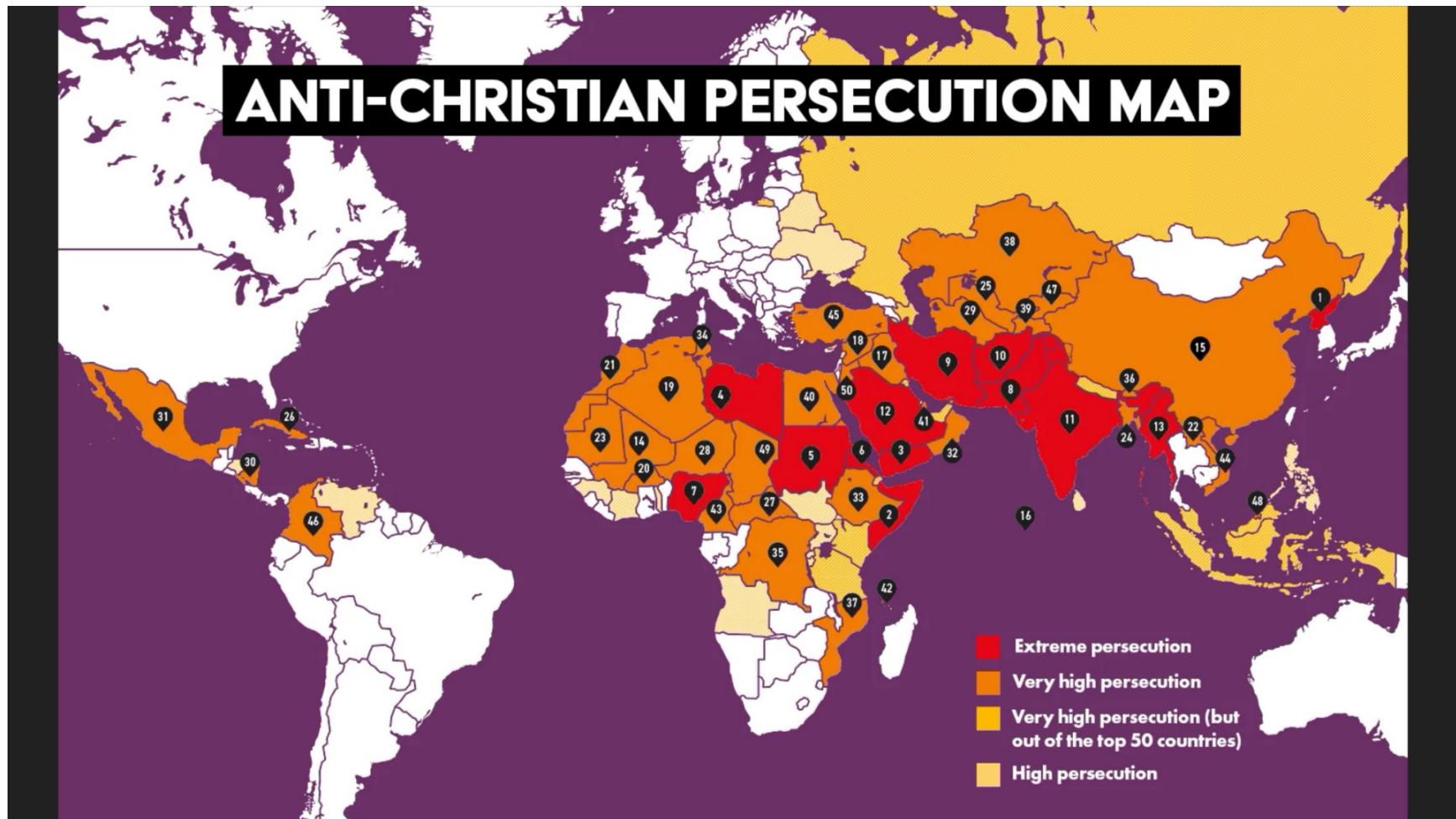
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“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

Persecution (9-10)

“And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.” (9-10)

ANTI-CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION MAP



Lawlessness (12-13)

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“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” (12-13)

Global evangelism (14)

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“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations,

Global evangelism (14)

“and then the end will come.” (14)

Three Uses of the Law

1. The law **reveals** guilt and points to Jesus.

“What then shall we say? That the law is sin?
By no means! Yet if it had not been for the
law, I would not have known sin.

“For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, ‘You shall not covet.’”

Romans 7:7

grace = God's goodness for those
who deserve judgment

2. The law **reminds** Christians of the will of God.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Matthew 5:17

“On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:40



Jack Miller

“One irony that strikes me is that so often people who emphasize the third use of the law are really not great law-keepers themselves.

“For example, I have noted that sometimes church members given heavy doses of the third use of the law have little idea of the inner nature of the law as a delighting in God.

“I have also noted the tendency to exclude the tongue and a critical spirit from consideration as well,

“so that you can get the irony of believers
defending the law with a hardness that itself
breaks the law! What sinners we can be!”

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“And because lawlessness will be increased . . .” (12a)

“But understand this, that in the last days
there will come times of difficulty.

“For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

“heartless, unappeasable, slanderous,
without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

“treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit,
lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,”

2 Timothy 3:1-4

“... the love of many will grow cold.” (12b)

“Then Joseph hurried out, for his compassion grew warm for his brother, and he sought a place to weep. And he entered his chamber and wept there.”

Genesis 43:30

“Then the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because her heart yearned for her son, ‘Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and by no means put him to death.’

“But the other said, ‘He shall be neither mine nor yours; divide him.’”

1 Kings 3:26

* How do we keep from **lovelessness** in the midst of **lawlessness**?

1. I am **not in hell!**

“But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Luke 7:47b

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2. No one can **steal your love.**
3. We **need each other.**

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,

“but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25