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IT WILL HAPPEN IN CHURCHES ALSO

We mentioned the things that God does to a nation when He can no longer tolerate their unfaithfulness and open sinfulness. The ninth thing we listed was that the government would lack people who were capable of deliberating and resolving the problems that would be facing their nation.

The church of Laodicea represented the condition most of God's churches would be in at the time of the catching up (the Rapture). *"¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich (Isaiah 55); and white clothes to wear (Revelation 7:14), so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Revelation 3:15-18 New International Version*

Jesus Christ predicted in the same passage that He would be pushed out of most of the churches during the last church age before the Rapture *"²⁰Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."* He also informed us that He would not even be present when they observed what they would call the Lord's Supper or Communion *"I will come in and eat with him, and he with me"*.

When God reaches the place where He can no longer tolerate churches that have drifted away from Him, He will discipline them also. God will no longer send them pastors or any other leaders who are capable of helping to resolve the spiritual problems that will be facing that church. Satan will take advantage of this void by carefully placing his children (the lost) and his pawns (the saved who do his bidding) in important positions within that church.