

## 2 Thess 2:1-5

**2Th. 2:6** And you know **what** restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

**2Th. 2:7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **he** who now restrains [*will do so*] until **he** is taken out of the way.

**2Th. 2:8** Then that lawless one will be revealed ... ..

## Lawlessness *RESTRAINED*

**2Th 2:6** And you know what restrains him now,

- *(Paul had already explained what follows (v. 5) ...)*
- **WHAT restrains** *(neuter present participle)*
- “You know about **the thing** restraining **him**— ...”
- **HIM** = The Lawless One who is revealed (2:2)

**so that** in his time *(the time revealed in Dan 9:27, Matt 24:15)*

**he** will be **revealed** = The Lawless One *(same HIM as above)*

*(Again, passive voice: revealed by ... ..)*

## The ROMANS – 70 AD

*Dan. 9:26-27* “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end [will come] with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. ——— A 2000+ Year “Gap” ———

*27* “And **he** will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week **he** will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations [will come] one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

***Matt. 24:15*** “Therefore when you see **the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, (*Dan 9:27*) standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), **16** then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

## Why is he being *RESTRAINED*?

2Th. 2:7 For (*Because*) the mystery of lawlessness ...

- **MYSTERY** μυστήριον = *not previously known*
- **LAWLESS** = *the characteristics of wickedness*

is *now* already at work ...

- ἐνεργέω = *a force or principle that is already showing itself*
- **2 Tim 3:1-5**
- **1 John 2:18**

**WHAT is *RESTRAINING* him?**

The Roman Emperor

Governments (*Laws and Judgments*)

An Angel (*Gabriel or Michael*)

Satan and Demons

God

The Gospel

The Church

## WHO is *RESTRAINING* him?

2Th 2:7 only he who now *restrains* ...

- **κατέχω** = *hold down, hold fast*
- “*The ONLY ONE doing the Restraining will continue to do it ...*”
- **ὁ κατέχων** = *masculine sing. “HE”*

UNTIL he is taken ...

- **γίνομαι** = *the way you conduct yourself (middle voice)*

out of the way —

- **ἐκ μέσου** = “*removed from in between, out of the midst of*”

WHAT and WHO IS IT?

# Πνεῦμα ἅγιον

- Πνεῦμα = *neuter noun*
- ἅγιον = *neuter adj*
- **What** restrains

## The Holy Spirit

- A Person = *masculine "He"*
- Deity (God) = *masculine "He"*
- Stronger than Satan
- Indwells The Church (*Bride*)
- **Who** restrains



**WHAT** Restrains?

**WHO** Restrains?

**Πνεῦμα ἅγιον** *neut. noun*

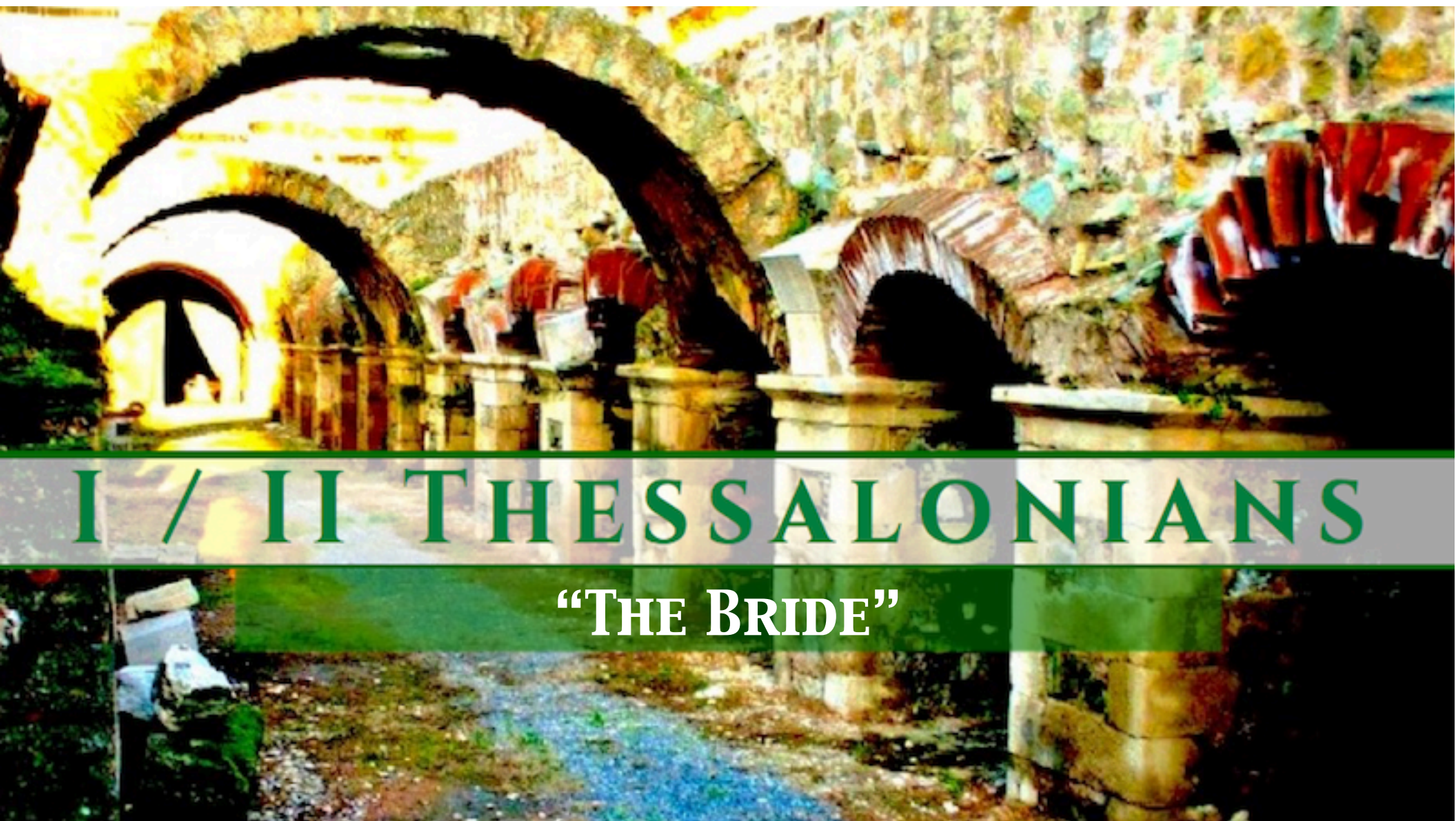
- *What* restrains

**The Holy Spirit** *Person of God*

- *Who* restrains

". . . (1) the **organized church**, as contrasted with the true church, has *departed* from the faith—it has *apostatized* and—  
(2) there *will be* another departure, the *departure* of the true church from the earth. The *departure* of the true church leads to the *total apostasy* of the organized church."

*J Vernon McGee 2 Thess.*



# I / II THESSALONIANS

“THE BRIDE”