

The "Real Truth" of 2 Thessalonians

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Today, there are **many** conflicting theories being taught in the Church, concerning the interpretation of these most important "prophetic" Scriptures. The correct identity of what "**withholdeth**" (2:6), he who "**letteth**" (2:7), and the proper understanding of the "**falling away**" (2:3) before the beast (man of sin) comes, is absolutely **essential** for the child of God who has been "strategically placed" in this last generation. In Matthew 24:4, when his disciples asked Jesus about the time of His Second Coming, his **FIRST REPLY** was ...**Take heed that no MAN deceive you** (even me). He knew in our day, deception would be rampant. Please study this page carefully, before forming an opinion.

He Who "Letteth"

I'm going to start with the identity of "he who letteth" (2:7), which is the same as the "what that withholdeth" (2:6). Most Christian's today say he is the Holy Spirit, or the Church that is removed by rapture before the man of sin appears, or even the USA. The question is could there be ANOTHER entity mentioned in the Bible, that would "withhold" the man of sin, as Paul clearly explains? The answer is absolutely YES, and if I believe the Scripture does not portray the Holy Spirit, or the Church, or even the U.S.A. as that person, then surely there must be a clear reference to another, right?

By comparing "spiritual things with spiritual" (Scripture with Scripture), we can nail this thing down for sure, once and for all. I think I will give you the answer FIRST, and then proceed to prove it. The 4th possibility and THE WINNER IS none other than **Michael the Archangel**.

Michael, whose name means "who as God" or "who is like God" is a special warrior class of angel **who has strength and power LIKE God** (totally under the Lord's authority), who is from a different angelic substance than Satan (or Lucifer meaning lightbearer). Michael's job is a special guardian of the Jews. He is the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people (Dan 12:1).

To prove that Michael is the one who **LETTETH**, until "he" (not church -"she", or USA-many he's & she's) be taken out of the way (2 Thess. 2:7), we must start by studying the key word "letteth". It is the Greek word "katecho" (Strong's # 2722), which means "TO HOLD DOWN" or "WITHOLD". It is the same Greek word used to mean WITHOLDETH in 2Thess 2:6 *And now ye know what WITHOLDETH...* meaning to HOLD DOWN or RESTRAIN. The Greek is important, but to me what's even more important is what the ENGLISH says about it, because I can't read Greek and must let someone else interpret it for me. That's, after all, the reason the Lord preserved his Word in THE KING JAMES ENGLISH BIBLE, so I wouldn't have to rely on some one else's interpretation.

There is a method of Bible study called "THE LAW OF FIRST MENTION". I have checked this out over many years, and come to the conclusion it's a very good method to see what the Bible has to say about a subject. Basically, if you want to know the definition of a word in the King James Bible, you can look that word up in a Strong's

concordance and find **THE FIRST VERSE THAT CONTAINS THAT WORD IN THE BIBLE**. Go to that verse, and you will most of the time be able to discern the Scriptural meaning of the word, which is better than the Greek! (I also read the Strong's definitions and compare the two).

The word LETTETH is first mentioned in 2 Kings 10:24 *And when they went in to offer and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into **YOUR HANDS ESCAPE**, he that **LETTETH** him go, his life shall be for the life of him.* In this verse Jehu appointed 80 trusted strong men to HOLD or WITHOLD the bad guys, and NOT let them go. Their job was as a guard or RESTRAINER or one who would do the opposite of ESCAPE, which would be to HOLD or WITHOLD them.

Now lets read Daniel 12:1 *And at that time (of Jacobs trouble=1260 days in Dan 12:7) shall MICHAEL STAND UP (opposite of holding down), the GREAT PRINCE which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble (because Michael the RESTRAINER briefly stops restraining or "holding down" the beast and stands up), such as never was since there was a NATION (affecting the nation of Israel predominately) even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book.* The mental picture in my mind is that Michael, who is more powerful than the beast and the dragon (Rev. 12:7, Jude 9) is like a "wrestler" pinning (holding down) the beast (man of sin), until that round is over. Then he must for a short time (6-months - 1 1/2 years for great tribulation-wrath of Satan) stand up, and let the beast and Satan pay back Israel (**wrath of Satan**-Rev.12:12) for what they had done to the prophets and Jesus (Matt 23:43-39). This terrible time of "great tribulation" will be cut short (Matt 24:22) by the beginning of the Day of the Lord (**wrath of God** commencing at **Rev. 6:17**-between 6th and 7th seals).

In the 10th. chapter of Daniel, we have further evidence that Michael's job is the restrainer of evil for the nation of Israel. Dan.10: 21 *But I will show thee that which is noted in the Scripture of truth: and there is NONE that **HOLDETH** with me in these things, **BUT MICHAEL YOUR PRINCE**.* The Hebrew word HOLDETH is khawzak (Strong's # 2388) meaning "to fasten upon", "to seize", or "to RESTRAIN". Again I can't read Hebrew, so I want to see what the "law of first mention" has to say about it. The word HOLDETH is FIRST mentioned in the Bible in Job 2:3 *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one that feareth God, and **escheweth evil**? and still **HOLDETH FAST** his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause.* The word HOLDETH is the same Hebrew word (Strong's # 2388), and It means literally "to fasten upon", "to seize, to RESTRAIN". Job "fastened on", "held on", and didn't "LET go" his integrity, by avoiding evil with his lifestyle. In the same manner, Michael RESTRAINS (holds back) the beast like we would restrain a horse by a bridle.

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Did Paul Really Say The Rapture Would Happen "Before" The Beast Is Revealed?

Most Christian's flock to the TRADITIONAL interpretation of these Scriptures, instead of the TRUTH! They blindly believe verse-3 is saying the gathering (rapture) will take place "**before**" the man of sin is revealed. Friend, this is not what the text says at all. As a matter of fact, it is saying just the opposite. Read it carefully for YOURSELF!

2 Th.2:3 *Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** "What day" is Paul referring to?*

2Th.1:10 ***When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.** "That day" is the day of the rapture, when we will be glorified together with him.*

Mt.17:1-2 *And **after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2) And was transfigured before them: and his face did SHINE as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.** This is a prophecy of "That day": the rapture, which will take place after 6000 years (2 Peter 3:8) since the "six days" of creation in Genesis. In "that day", Jesus will take the Church "up" high, and transfigure his and our bodies together, so he will shine in us and we in him.*

Philippians 3:20-21 *For our conversation is **in heaven;** from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21) **Who shall change our vial body, that it may be fashioned like unto his GLORIOUS body, according to the working wherby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.***

Colossians 3:4 ***When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him IN GLORY.** On "THAT DAY" at the rapture, Jesus will be GLORIFIED in his saints, as it said in 2 Th 1:10!*

"Now", please re-read 2 Th. 2:3, and you should clearly see that Paul does not want you to **be deceived** by those who say the rapture comes BEFORE the man of sin is revealed at the beginning of the great tribulation. Again, please don't forget the warning Jesus gave his disciples as he answered their questions about the timing of the end of the world: ...**TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU** (Matthew 24:5). **Prove all things, hold fast that which is good** (1 Th. 5:21). Be a Berean (Acts 17:10-11), and search the Scriptures to see if these things be so! If not, please let me know the truth, and I will change it.

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