

## HOLDING BACK THE LAWLESS ONE

Second Thessalonians 2:6 and 7 are a bit cryptic. There are many views on who is holding back the lawless one. When we consider that the holding back has been going on for 2000 years then we must reason that the Holy Spirit must be involved.

Let us explore for a moment the Holy Spirit's interaction with mankind throughout history. All through the old testament it is written of instances of God's Holy Spirit interacting with mankind. These interactions have always been situational. A situation arises where man needs the intervention of the Holy Spirit and He obliges, interacts and then returns to the Father. There was no continual, committed presence of the Holy Spirit. All of that changed on the day of the "feast of weeks" (Pentecost) following the crucifixion of Christ. On that day the Holy Spirit came to dwell on earth in the *ekklesia*, in the very being of each believer. Think of that, the Spirit **in you** is holding back the lawless one. **YOU** by your faith, are holding back the lawless one. When the "Church" is raptured the one holding back the lawless one will be removed. Thus, setting loose the lawless one to fulfill the end time prophesy.