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Baruch Korman

the word of God is most specific. God tells us exactly what we need to know. So that when he returns, we can be found faithful. Let me ask your question. Is that a concern of yours? Are you praying? Are you living in a way? Are you demonstrating a commitment to the purposes of God? So when Messiah returns, He will find you faithful. This is the nature the character and the objective of a true believer. Well take out your Bible and look with me to Second Thessalonians and chapter two. Now we began this chapter last week, and we came across a very important term, what is that term, the day of Messiah, or the day of our Lord, Messiah, your show. And that day is not the day of the Lord, the day of the Lord isn't for believers, the day of the Lord is for unbelievers, God is going to bring punishment. The day the Lord is a difficult time for the world, and also Israel, that is going to be suffering the persecution of the Antichrist, and that latter half of Daniel's 70th week, we won't be there for that. God has promised to remove us from this world, to snatch us away, to remove us rapidly. And it's not holding us in place. It's not defending us where we are. The Rapture, that word our puzzle speaks of being removed at a very high speed, and involves a change of location. This is what Paul's speaking about to the Thessalonians. In this chapter, chapter two, are gathering together unto the Lord in the heavens. Now we saw something we saw clearly taught by Paul. And when you look at most Bibles, they add a lot of words in verse three, in order that they can get it to say what they wanted to say, all these italicized words. No, we don't need those. We can just translate that literally, and see what Paul's saying. Those italicized italicized words in your Bible is to change the original meaning. Look, again, in verse three, he speaks here and he says, Let no one deceive you by any means that you hear that? Let no one deceive you, by any means. Why? He says, because unless the apostasy should come first, it has to come before and what is the purpose of that apostasy for the revealing of the man of sin? Who is that

man of sin, the son of perdition, he's going to be destroyed, he's going to destruction. We're speaking about the Antichrist. And what will he do? Well, look, now we're in verse four, where it says that he will oppose and exalt himself, above all, that is called godly. All that is, is worship, so that he, what is this Antichrist going to do? What is His act of revealing himself? Well, it's interesting, because we're speaking here about what Daniel wrote about. Daniel wrote about this event three times in the book of Daniel, the first time in Daniel chapter nine. And when Daniel spoke of this in this great prophecy of Daniel 7070 weeks, he mentioned that in the last week, and in the middle of that last week, something was going to happen. What is that? The abomination of desolation? And Daniel chapter nine, he doesn't say what it is, he just gives us that term. And likewise, we find something else and Daniel Chapter or 12, that same term appears there and it hinders worship. It stops the Daily Sacrifice from being offered in the temple. And it's only in Daniel chapter 11 that we see what it is. In Daniel chapter 11 And verse 36. It tells us about a king, a stubborn king, a king that wants to take hope from the world. And what does he do? He exalts himself, he magnifies himself. And what does he do? This abomination of desolation is when he goes into, doesn't say the word temple. But we need to be very specific. It's the word not in the Greek language. There's two words that are of relevance here. There is the word heroine hit her own is the general word for the temple. Meaning this, it speaks about all the temple area, all of it. But there's a more specific word. And this is the Greek word nails here. It's the word in the construction noun. And it speaks specifically about the sanctuary. Another way that we can understand the use of this word in Hebrew, we would say, De Vere howbeit. Another way that we would say that Hebrews the Kurdish code of shame, which is in English, the Holy of Holies, so we can expect what the abomination of desolation is, it is when the Antichrist, that he goes into the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies, he does this in opposition to to what God's word has said, he does it in order to exalt himself above everything that's called God. Now we know another biblical truth. The Antichrist is a type of Satan incarnate. What does Satan want to do? We learn in Isaiah chapter 14, that Satan wants to place his throne, over God's throne, Satan was created in order to be the chief Angel, a praising God, of worshiping God leading the heavenly hosts to worship God. He didn't want to do that. He is rebellious, he is about lying and deceit. And therefore he rebuilt, he was cast out. And his objective is to Fort the purposes of God. And he's going to begin by by courting Israel, because he knows something. He knows the important role Israel will play in the last days. And if Israel doesn't get spiritually right with God, the kingdom won't come. So he wants to corrupt Israel by breaking them to him, that they would worship him. That's why he does seemingly good things for Israel. He wants the temple to be built. He wants Israel to have prosperity. He wants Israel to have security, he is going to bring about in the short term, a time of prosperity, a time of peace, but the source of that is deception. The source of it is the enemy to deceive people in worshipping this one. Well, we know something, we know that believers are going to recognize him and stand in opposition, we're going to speak out against his empire, we're going to be speaking against his purposes. And that's why we are going to be persecuted, and many people are going to die. Here's what we need to understand. Many people believe that this rapture is going to be witnessed by the world. Where do we see that in the Scripture, that when the rapture happens, the world is just going to see all these people vanish in a moment. And it's going to be a message to them totally unbiblical. Nowhere do we see this being discussed in this way? scripturally 10 Meat send me the verse, I don't know. Know what's going to happen is this. Prior to the rapture, what Messiah said was this, they are going to hate you, they are going to persecute you, many of you will be arrested, many of you are going to be put to death. And therefore the world is going to become very accustomed. With one day there's a believing family living in their home and no longer there. Why?

Because they've been arrested. They've been put to death. They've been then been persecuted. This is what's going to happen. And the body of believers are going to be so so attacked. That when there's no more believers, meaning this, we don't see them on the street, there's in prison, they're in camps, they're dead. This is when the rapture is going to happen. It's not For the world, the rapture is for believers. So when it seems as though there's no more believers around, that the Antichrist has put a into the believers, believers, then the rapture is going to happen. It's not a sign to the world. And what do we know? Well, we know this, that believers are going to be persecuted for their faith. He says here, that the Antichrist, he is going to want to do something, he is going to want to reveal himself first, there's that apostasy, that apostasy is going to create the environment for the Antichrist to be revealed this man of sin, the son of perdition, who does what? who opposes, and also exalts himself, above all that is called God. All that is worship, so that he, in the sanctuary of God sits as God manifesting Himself that He is God, and what's going to happen? Israel's going to reject Him. And it's that rejection of the Antichrist at the day of his revealing the abomination of desolation. It's going to be at that time that the time of Jacob's trouble is going to begin. You show us us, let me give you the place. If you look at Matthew 24, that great Olivet Discourse, what Messiah taught on the Mount of Olives, He says, Concerning the last days, there is going to be birth pains. There's going to be wars, rumors of war, there's going to be pestilence, there's going to be famine, there's going to be earthquakes, but he says, these are just the beginning. And then he says, and they will persecute you, many of you are going to be arrested and even put to death. But he says the end is not yet. What is related to the end, we'll look some time at Matthew 24. In verse 14, it says there, that the gospel of the kingdom must be proclaimed as a testimony to all nations. And only after this testimony, then the end will come what end? The end that the scripture is speaking about in Matthew 24. And verse 14, is the end of the church age. And that he says, When you see the abomination of desolation that was spoken by Daniel, let the reader know. And right after the abomination of desolation, there's a change in Matthew's Gospel. No longer is he speaking to believers about believers, what's the change? He begins to focus on Israel, because the end that's mentioned in Matthew 24, verse 14, is the end of the church. Ah, it is well think of it this way. It is when the fullness of the gentiles That's what Paul talked about. It's when the fullness of the gentiles comes in. And when the fullness of the gentiles comes in, God is going to do something, turn his attention back to Israel. Now in our passage, we're focusing in on the day of Messiah are gathering together to him. And he says here, go back to verse three, he says, Don't let anyone deceive you by any means. Because the apostasy must come, that day of Messiah will not come unless the apostasy comes first. And the man of sin, the son of perdition is revealed. This one who's going to oppose and exalts himself above everything that's called God, everything that's worship, so that he is going to sit in the Holy of Holies in the sanctuary of God, and that he's going to sit as God manifesting Himself to be God. Verse, verse five. He says, Do you not remember that when I was still with you, I taught you these things. Now we're going to come to a very interesting subject. And what is that? We'll look carefully. At verse six. There we have a word that that is usually translated as the restrainer. Now, normally, everyone wants to know who the restrainer is. Let me just clarify something set something to rest. The Bible does not say, but we know something. When we look at verse six and verse seven, the restrainer is mentioned there too. twice. The first time he's mentioned, that word restrainer is mentioned in a gender that is neuter, not male and not female, it's neuter. When the restrainer is mentioned the second time, he's mentioned in the masculine gender, meaning that there's an emphasis that it is not in the feminine. Why? Well, the Greek word for church is a classier, and it is in the feminine. Therefore we can be assured of something, the restrainer is not the church. It is very problem when people associate

the Holy Spirit and the church as almost one in the same, it is not. The Holy Spirit is eternal, the Holy Spirit, He is a member of the Trinity. He is eternal, he can't be removed, what did God say about himself, he says, you know, if I can go up to the heavens, God's there, we can go to the lower parts of the earth, God's there, God is omnipresent. He is all places, the Holy Spirit can't be taken away. So people say, well, the churches, the restrainer, the church is going to be taken out, and therefore the Holy Spirit is really, that's heresy. Nothing's going to be done in this world. Without the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will forever be omnipresent. So we know something. The church is not the restrainer. Something else we need to know, this word for being removed, is not taking away. That's the rapture the rapture is removing. But when we come to this first in a second, it's going to tell us exactly what the restrainer does, and what is His purpose. So look at verse six. Let's read it very literally, I'm going to take it word by word, translating it in the proper order. And in the simplest understanding, look at verse six, he says here, and now. Now Paul wants to reveal something. And now the restrainer again, in the neuter gender, you know, for the revealing of him in this season. Now, many Bibles, they translate in a way that says, and the restraint, are you No, no, we don't know who the restrainer is. It's never told anyone who tells you the restrainer is, is speaking something that is not true. The Word of God does not reveal to us who the restrainer is, when it says the restrainer and then after that, you know, it's not that we know who the restrainer is, but we know the purpose of the restrainer. It says, you know, for why there's a restrictor, you know, for the revealing of him, that is the Antichrist in his season. So let's get something straight. We don't know the identity of the restrainer. We know the purpose of the restrainer. And that is that the the Antichrist is only revealed in the proper season, God's timing, the Antichrist isn't sovereign, he doesn't choose what he's revealed, God does. So once more. And now the restrainer you know, for the revealing of him in his season, verse seven, for the mystery of lawlessness is already at work in the world. What does that mean? It means that, at Christ spirit is already at work in the world. This goes back nearly 2000 years, and the spirit of the Antichrist was already at work. What is the spirit of the Antichrist? Now, it bothers me, that people will say all these things about the last days and you ask them a very basic question, what is the spirit of the Antichrist and this is what they do. They think, well, he must be unholy. He must be ungodly. He must and they just think rationally. Let's be biblically base. It's very important that we see that he is called to things here. He is called, and we'll see the second one in a moment. He is called the man of sin. He's also called the the man of lawlessness. Now that term lawlessness, it is the word for Torah. And there's a prefix a negation, one letter, the alpha is placed in front of it, meaning that he's against the law of God. Now when I see it against the law of God because He loves something. He loves sin. So the Antichrist, we don't know who he is, but his spirit of lawlessness and anti Torah concept is already at work in the world. Why is he against the Torah? Well, the Torah expresses love. We talked about that a few weeks ago, that the character of the Torah is is love, but also, the Torah defines righteousness. Righteousness is tied to the glory of God. Satan hates God being glorified, why he wants all that glory for himself. So the man of sin, that man of lawlessness, his spirit is already in this world, and it's growing in power. It is growing in its its presence, the various places where that spirit of antichrist is at work. He hates righteousness, He loves sin. He's all about that which is against the character of the Torah, we learned the character the Torah is love. So notice what he says. Verse, verse seven, for the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, only the one who restrains now, and this is in the masculine. The first time in verse six, it's in the the neuter, but he says, Only the one who restrains now, he's restraining now, until what does it say? It says, literally Misu in the tie, which means out of the middle, he will be. Now all this is saying is this, that the restrainer whoever he is, he is restraining so the Antichrist can't be revealed early. But when

God the Father says, this is the right time, the restrainer he will move from the myths, he will allow the Antichrist to go forward with his plans. And what's he going to do? How's he going to reveal himself? We talked about this, he is going to reveal himself with the abomination of desolation, this One who opposes everything that's godly, this one who wants to exalt himself, exalt himself everything that's related to the one true God. And what is he going to do? Well, the abomination desolation happens in the Holy of Holies. Why? Very simply, because this is where the glory sits, not the shin, the Shekinah glory of Hashem dwelt between the two chairmen on that mercy seat, what's known as the comport that was the covering for the Ark of the Covenant. You'll recall that in the book of Numbers, chapter seven, verse 89, Moses went into the Holy of Holies, to dedicate things for worship. And he brought about a change of worship, with the establishment of the tabernacle. And what's going to happen? Well, when Moses went in there, he heard the voice of God speaking to him between the two Chairmen from that place, on the mercy seat. This is where God's glory dwelt in a unique way, God's every place, but uniquely, his glory is there on the mercy seat. And this is where the Antichrist is going to take his place. In a sacrilege, that's what the abomination is something that is abominable, something that is offensive to God, that he would think that he's God. That's what he wants to do, manifest Himself that He is God, and that events going to happen. And what we know, what we know, is that Israel's going to reject Him. And this is according to what we see. This is the last event that must happen. We're supposed to be watching, looking, this is the last thing that's going to happen. And then soon after, no one knows the day or the hour. But soon after the abomination of desolation. It might be a fraction of a second, it might be a few days, it may be we don't know, but we know this prior to the wrath of God following the Rapture will happen. Now it is unbiblical to to define the rapture, in light of what the theologians call the tribulation period. Why is it unbiblical God doesn't do that. God never tells us never shows us anything. It's all supposition. It is all assumption. what God says is one thing concerning the rapture, that is we have not been appointed For wrath, but victory, and that victory that Blizzard hope that rapture is going to happen. He promises First Thessalonians chapter five and verse nine, it is going to happen before God's wrath. Now you can go to our app, which is my Bible study. It's free to you on every app store. And in that app, you will find a list of 2028 questions. And what I would say is this, in order to give you a right understanding, we're not going to tell you the answers. We're going to ask 28 questions, you take the time, you look biblically, for, for the answers in the text concerning these questions. And after you deal with the material, after you deal with those 28 questions, then you're going to be in a much better position in order to form an opinion. You may you may not agree with me that's not important. That's important is that you study the relevant texts, that you answer the important questions in order to lead you to a biblical understanding. And that's simply something that's popular, something that your denomination, something that your leadership in your local congregation, something that the group that you want to be part of beliefs. We need to realize, God can teach all people things, be open, be teachable, teachable. It says here, look again at verse seven, for the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, only the one who restrains now. And the implication is he will continue to do so. Until from the midst meaning from the middle, he will be he will be taken from the middle. He's scared to step aside and what's gonna happen. Look at verse eight. At that time, the man of lawlessness is going to be revealed going to be revealed, whom the Lord will slay with the spirit of his mouth, and he will do something, he is going to render him null and void, at the appearance of His coming, who's coming. What we're going to find is when Messiah comes, he's going to render null and void, the work of the Antichrist. And this one's coming now we're speaking about the manifestation of the Antichrist, his coming, his coming, his revealing is with the work of what with the work of Satan with all types of power

and signs and notices false wonders, the Antichrist, he's going to do much but we need to be a person who is ready for that day. And Paul is preparing us for that.

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