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thing that happened while Paul was living, because Paul says he would be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord and therefore the coming of the Lord cannot mean the physical return of Christ to this earth because that did not happen in Paul's life time. This probably means Nero's giving the Jews a measure of freedom and improving race relations in Rome or some other great forward step that came in Paul's time. Well, of course in the light of the statement of the next verse we know that can't possibly be true. In the light of other statements in Scripture we know that Christ is going to return to this earth in bodily form and this next verse makes very clear this is what he is talking about here and it is very clearly something which has not yet happened and so the "we which are alive and remain" in this verse and in v. 17 must be used in a general sense, without giving, giving us warrant to draw the implication from it that Paul was, the inspiration means that Paul is right in his implication that he is included in the group. We have in the Scripture a number of such cases where Paul seems to speak of himself as among . those who shall remain to the coming of the Lord. We have other statements in which he seems to speak in such a way as to show that he had a rather definite expectation of death, particularly toward the end of his life. And so I think we must say that Paul had no revelation and he is speaking here of those who remain and included himself in the number in a potential Mr. ---? (Student) Well, did he expect it to or did he consider it as something which might happen? (Student) I mean is there-Paul is inspired and cannot say anything that is false in his book, and if his book shows he expected to be alive when Christ comes, was Paul mistaken? Is something that he has said in the Bible wrong? Well, to my mind the apostles were not omniscient. There was a great deal which they did not know, and doubtless in their discussions with people there were many things which they said which were not correct. By verbal inspiration I mean that they were not permitted by the Spirit to put into that which they wrote which was intended to be a part of the Scripture