

making treaties there, and all sorts of things like that must happen, and indeed we are told in 2 Thess. that that man of sin is to be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy in the breath of His coming. Who is the man of sin? They said it was Napoleon, they said it was Mussolini, all sorts of suggestions have been made who it was, but Jesus said the man of sin will be revealed. Well, shall we sit back then and say, well, Christ isn't coming today, He is not coming tomorrow, the man of sin is not yet revealed, there is no temple in Jerusalem. All the great upheavals just before His coming, they're not taking place, why should we think today about the return of Christ. I have heard of Post-Millennialists who have occasionally given a wonderful sermon about the return of Christ, but rarely, because they believe that a thousand years of universal Christianity must precede the coming of Christ. I'm afraid there aren't many people who have that hope any more, with the problems and difficulties of these last few decades, the increase of denial of the Word of God, widespread apostasy, but still if all of these things are going to happen just before Christ comes, how can it be said that we don't know the times or the seasons? Well, is it only this one verse that leads us to think that we don't know the times and the seasons? Maybe this one verse just meant the apostles then. If this is all we have, there is--let's not build so much on one verse. But let's look back for a few minutes at Matthew, let's look at Mat. 24.

In Mat. 24.3, the disciples said, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus said, you're going to hear of all kinds of wars and rumors of wars. Verse 6 he says, be not troubled, all these things must come to pass, the end is not yet. Verse 7, there will be famines, and pestilences, and all kinds of problems. But He says, these are the beginning of sorrows. He goes on and speaks about many things, but He says these don't show that Christ is here. Verse 23, if any man say to you, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they would deceive