

be living when the Lord came. Then Paul said, a little later in ch.5 "Of the times and seasons you have no need I write unto you for yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night." It is coming suddenly; unexpectedly. A dozen times the Lord told them as recorded in the Gospels that in such an hour as you think not the Son of Man ~~comes~~ comes.

Soon after Paul wrote 1 Thess. he wrote 2 Thess. We turn to 2 Thess. 2 and read: "Now we beseech you brethren by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto him that ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled either by spirit or by ~~XXXXXX~~ word nor by letter as from us that the day of hhrist is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first amd that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God showing himself that he is God." He refers again to it in v.8 -"Then shall that wicked one be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

Paul writes 1 Thess. and says, You don't know the times or seasons; it comes like a thief in the night. Jesus Christ, said in such ~~it~~ a time as you think not the son of man comes. We can hope knowing that it may come very soon. But in 2 Thess. he says that day will not come except all these things happen and the Man of Sin be revealed, who sits in the temple of God, the wicked one whom the Lord will consume with the breath of his mouth." Did Paul change his mind between 1 and 2 Thess? Why do you get such a contradiction between the two? Well, I looked in one commentary, and it said, O it's very simple: 1 Thess. says, we should always be ready for the Lord's coming as if it might be soon; 2 Thess. says it won't be for a long time so don't get the idea soon. Well that's pretty much contradicting himself, isn't it? It doesn't seem to me that's a satisfactory explanation.

Now in 2 Thess. he said they should not be soon shaken in mind or troubled, neither by spirit, nor word, nor by letter as from us as that the day of Christ is at hand." Well 1 Thess. he said they were looking for that glorious day of the Lord. They were looking for the coming of Christ. In the 2 Thess. he says don't be troubled and shaken in mind as if it's dear. Why ~~should~~ should you look ~~ofr~~ for joy for his coming and then be told not to be shaken or troubled in your mind as if it is near? What a contradiction! So I looked in the commentaries and I find that they say, Shaken in mind ~~ix~~ or troubled, that's like a ship in the sea shaken --it's a strong word. Overwhelmed, etc. and they make a lot of that. But most of them don't say why they should not be shaken. Most of them don't even seem to notice the problem. I think that's one trouble with most commentaries. The look at little simple things and explain them. Take a word and tell you some nice little helpful things about it, but the main problems they don't even face! They pass them by without saying anything about them.

But why should the Thess. who were supposed to long for the coming of Christ and wait for it now be told not to be shaken in mind or upset as if the day of the Lord were at hand when they were previously told to look for it with rejoicing? What a contradiction it seems to be!