

same thing in the book of Romans and in the book of James, we find explicit contradictions between the two books. If we read the context and see what each writer means by the word, we find that there is no contradiction whatever, but a perfect unity. Paul says that one is saved by faith, and not by works. By this he means a living faith, as opposed to the mere attempt to do what will be pleasing to God. James says that man is not justified by faith alone, but that faith without words is dead (James 2:17, 20), and here it is clear that what James means by "faith" is a mere intellectual acceptance of truth without the heart attitude which must inevitably lead to a life of righteous living. Paul's faith is a living faith which is always followed by righteous works. The faith which James calls dead is something that merely looks like faith. Paul and James are in perfect agreement, but they use the word "faith" in two different senses. In studying any part of Scripture we must be careful not to assume that a word or phrase is a technical phrase unless we have definite evidence of that fact in the Bible itself. In the case of this phrase, "in that day," it is clear from the various contexts in which it is used that the phrase simply means "in the day of which I am about to speak." This may be the same day that has just been discussed, or it may be a different day; it indicates the time which the prophet has in mind and is now about to describe. In 3:18 and 4:1 the phrase "in that day" refers to the time of destruction and punishment which was to come in the fairly near future, while in 4:2 the phrase refers to a later period of blessing.

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In the study of the Scripture, as in any other type of study, one is constantly in danger of going from one extreme to the other. Thus there are some who interpret the book of Isaiah in such a way as to find in it no picture of the Millennium at all. In order to do this, they have to explain away the clear meaning of many passages. The millennial reign of Christ is so clearly taught in this book that it is hard to see how anyone who is both intelligent and honest in his interpretation can honestly study Isaiah's prophecies without seeing that they predict a millennial reign of Christ on this