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At the end of the 40 days in which Jesus ~~appeared to them~~ appeared to them and talked with them, one day as they walked out from Jerusalem they came to the Mt. of Olives and suddenly as they were talking we read that He was taken up before their very eyes and a cloud hid him out of their sight. Then you all know how two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky. This same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Here was a promise of the bodily, physical return of Christ to His people. A promise that the people were commanded to keep before them. They might know there was a considerable period because of the things He had said that showed a number of events taking place, But all of these events as far as anybody can tell have taken place within the first 50 years after the ascension. The <sup>second</sup> second generation certainly had no reason to say that they could be sure that the Lord would not come at any particular time and Paul himself said,