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we have ~~in~~ it only in the phrase today, "without let or hindrance." "Let" here means "hinder." It's Old English. Today it means ~~from~~ "permit." It has just exactly reversed its meaning. But he who now lets, that is, who now hinders, will hinder to be taken out of the ~~way~~ way. ~~You see~~ ~~there~~ there's a going away. And then that wicked one will be revealed. You notice the parallel. Above it said there will come ~~the~~ the going away first and the man of sin revealed. Here it says, "he that hinders will hinder till he's taken out of the way. And then the wicked one will be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy with the spirit of His coming, and with the breath of His mouth. And these things must happen/ first, before Christ sets up His kingdom. And so the taking away out ~~of~~ of the way of the one who hinders is certainly the taking away of the Holy Spirit acting through the church, not the taking away of the HS° because the HS° is God. He is everywhere. He can't be taken away/because He is always there. every place (?) But it's His ceasing to work through the church because the church is taken away when they are snatched up to meet the Lord in the air. And that you notice is exactly parallel in the earlier expression of it "to the going away." "The going away The rapture must take place first. He says, "Don't you worry that you've been left out ~~of Christ's~~ if Christ's already here to set up His kingdom and you're not included in it. He won't come to set up His kingdom until first comes the rapture and He takes you up to heaven. Then the Anti-Christ is revealed and the tribulation/ occurs, and then Christ comes back and sets up His wonderful kingdom. Now of course in I Thes° this rapture is described more fully. There in I ~~Thes°~~ Thes° 4 it is described for the purpose of ~~comforting~~ comforting people whose relatives have died. One thing about the Bible is that the Bible is not given to satisfy curiosity. It is given for our ~~encouragement~~ encouragement, for our ~~instruction~~ instruction, for our edification. And so here this very important truth is given as a practical thing to show us that we should not ~~sorry~~ sorrow overmuch when our Chn° friends die. The Thes° were fearing that their friends were losig out on being with ~~Christ~~ Christ, because they died before He came. And so Paul said, "I don't want you to be ignorant." He ~~said~~ says in verse 13, "concerning them which are asleep, that he sorrow not like others that have no hope." He doesn't say we shouldn't