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interpret that as meaning He will bring their disembodied souls with Him at His return. Alford rejects that interpretation. He says it means after the rapture they will be with Christ, that is, He will bring them with Him at His return but it does not refer to a bringing of their souls previous to the rapture. Now that is question which I don't think is specially important but which might be interesting, but he continues, For this we say unto you, by the word of the Lord; in other words, here is a revelation from God. Here's the word of the Lord. Here is something which God has revealed to Paul, he stresses. It is a divine revelation by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. A good old English word, like preventing the dawning of the morning with your prayers. It means, of course, coming before, that we will not precede those that are asleep, and then he goes on and tells what is going to happen and his purpose here is not to satisfy curiosity regarding the future but it is to keep us from having an erroneous idea that those who die are losing out on the blessings of the return of Christ. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: before anything happens to the living the dead in Christ shall rise, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. So that here we have it definitely and unmistakably taught by the apostle and he says it is in the word of the Lord that there is going to be a time when a great thing is going to happen, that those, he says, who are then sleeping in the graves, who were believers in Christ, those will be raised from the dead, those who are then sleeping in the graves. They will be raised from the dead. Enoch will not be raised from the dead because he isn't in the grave. He was taken. Probably not Elijah either, but those who are in the grave, some of the believers in Christ at least, will be raised from the dead and then they