

And certainly there is great excitement and joy in it, but that's not what this word means. This word "rapture" as used ~~300~~ 300 years ago ~~MEANT~~ meant being snatched away, being taken out. That was the meaning of this word rapture. And ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> rapture here then is the ~~1~~ taking out of the believers which is a sudden, unexpected event that begins the eschatological complex. It does not come after the events of the end of the age have been under way for some time. Now this then is what is clearly taught in these passages. It is also taught of course in Paul's epistles. The very earliest of Paul's epistles were I and II Thes°. And in II ~~Thes~~ Thes° the people had evidently gotten the teaching a little confused and they were afraid that Christ had already come and that they had failed to enter into the king. And so Paul told them, "Don't be surprised or upset, thinking that Christ was already here. Don't let ~~any~~ anybody deceive you." he says in verse 3 of chapter 2, ~~because~~ "because," he says, "that day won't come except certain things occur before Christ returns to this earth to set up His kingdom. And here the things he describes must come is that first there must be a falling away. Now that's a very unfortunate translation, "falling away." The Greek definitely does not mean "falling away." It means "going away." Now it may be a going away from the faith. It may be a going away from your loyalty, or it may be a going away from a certain place. But it means "going away." The verb from which it is ~~deri~~ derived is used when the ~~angel~~ angel took Peter out of the prison, and then the angel went away from Peter; he left him. That is ~~what~~ what this verb means. Now, this is not the verb; this is a noun derived from the verb. And the noun is often used in Greek literature to mean ~~their~~ turning away their loyalty from one state to another. And so it could very well mean the turning away from loyalty to Christ. <sup>can</sup> That could be. But it/~~could~~ equally well be ~~that~~ the going away from one place to another. But you notice you have here then, there is a going away first, and the man of sin is to be revealed, and then he says - he repeats it. He says you know what withholds (?) of this man of sin should be revealed. For he says the mystery of iniquity already ~~works~~ works for seven (?) only he who now lets ( and ~~that~~ that's Old English;