V. 1,2. I. THESSALONIANS, 491   
   
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 first: 1 then we which are rise first: Withen we which   
 alive and remain shall be living, who AYE i1 Cor. 51.   
 caught up together with remain behind, shall be   
 them in the clouds, to meet caught up all together, with them,   
 the Lord in the air: and kin the clouds, to meet the Lord, «actss   
 so shall we ever be with the into the air: and 'so shall we be tye   
 Lord. 8 Wherefore com- always with the Lord.   
 Sort one another with these comfort one another 18™§o then wiry it   
 words. with these   
 Vi) But of the times   
 and the seasons, brethren, words.   
 yehave no need that Iwrite V. } But concerning the \* times «matt. xiy.   
 unto you. \* For yourselves and the seasons, brethren, » ye have » i7iv.9,   
 no need to be written unto. ? For   
   
 state of God; not, commanded by God breaks off at our union in Christ’s pre-   
 [Pelt, Olsb., al.],—nor does of God im- sence, is accounted for, by his purpose   
 port size or loudness [Bengel}, although being accomplished, in having shewn that   
 these qualities of course are understood. they who have died in Christ, shall not be   
 On the trumpet as summoning assemblies, thereby deprived of any advantage at His   
 compare Num, x. 2; xxxi. 6; Joel ii. 1 :— coming. The rest of the great events of   
 as accompanying the divine that time—His advent on this earth, His   
 Exod. xix. 16; Ps. xlvii. Isa. xxvii. judgment of it, assisted by His saints   
 Zeeh. ix. 14; Matt. xxiv. 31; 1 Cor. xv. 52) (1 Cor. vi. 2, reign upon earth,—   
 shall come down from heaven (see Acts i. His final glorification His redeemed   
 11): and the dead in Christ shall first in heaven,—are not treated here, but not   
 (this first has no reference whatever to therefore to be conceived of as alien from   
 the first resurrection [Rev. xx. 5, here, the Apostle’s teaching. 18.] So then:   
 for only the Lord’s people are here in seeing that this is so. these words,   
 question: but answers to then below: which I have by inspiration delivered   
 Jirst, the dead in Christ shall rise: then, to you. It will be manifest to the   
 we, &c.); then we who are living, who plain, as well as to the scholar-like   
 remain behind (as above), shall be caught reader, that attempts, like that of Mr.   
 up (the great change spoken of, 1 Cor. xv. Jowett, to interpret such a passage as   
 52, having first suddenly taken place) this by the rules of mere figurative lan-   
 all together (see Rom, iii. 12; ch. v. 10 guage, are entirely beside the purpose.   
 note: together does not belong to “with The Apostle’s declarations here are made   
 them”), with them (the raised of ver. 16), in the practical tone of strict matter of   
 in (the) clouds, to meet the Lord (as He fact, and are given as literal details, to   
 descends. Christ is ox His way to this console men’s minds under an existing   
 earth: and when De Wette says that there difficulty. Never was a place where the   
 is no plain trace in St. Paul of Christ’s analogy of symbolical apocalyptic lan-   
 Kingdom on earth,—and Liinemann, that, guage was less applicable. Either these   
 the words shew that the Apostle did not details must be received by us as matter   
 think of Christ as descending down to of practical expectation, or we must set:   
 the earth, surely they cannot suppose him aside the Apostle as one-divinely em-   
 to have been so ignorant of Old Test. pro- powered to teach the Church. It is a fair   
 phecy, as to have allowed this, its plain opportunity for a crucial experiment, to   
 testimony, to escape him. Zo meet occurs test Christian faith and unbelief: and   
 twice more in the New Test.: and each such test cannot be evaded by Mr. Jowett’s   
 \_ time implies meeting one who was ap- intermediate expedient of figurative lan-   
 proaching—not merely ‘meeting with’ a guage, .   
 person), into the air (belongs to shall be Ci, V.1—IL.] Exhortation to watch   
 caught up, not to the words “to meet the Sor the day of the Lord’s coming, and to   
 Lord,” as in A. V.): and thus we (i.e. be ready for it. 1—3.] the suddenness   
 we and they united, who were the sub- and uneapectedness of that day’s coming.   
 ject of the last sentence) shall be always 1.] On times and seasons, see   
 with the Lord. That he advances no Acts i. 7, note. They had no need, for the   
 further in the prophetic description, bub reason stated below: that St. Paul had