

him." There are specific statements regarding what will happen in the Jerusalem temple, and no such temple is in existence today. Descriptions of the reign of anti-Christ shortly preceding the ~~return~~ return of the Lord are quite precise, and also descriptions of the terrible violence and oppression that will accompany it. These ~~statements~~ statements would make it appear that at least every believer will ~~should~~ be able to know have abundant warning of the time when the Lord will return.

On the other hand there are many statements particularly statements in the NT<sup>o</sup>, that say that believers are not to know when the Lord will return. A dozen times in the ~~gk~~ ~~in~~ Gospel of Matthew the statement is made that no man knows the ~~date~~ day nor the hour, that it is said that even the Son does not know the day ~~nor the hour~~ time when He will return which the Father has put in his own power. Paul says that the return of the Lord will come <sup>like</sup> ~~as~~ a thief in the night. When people are saying, "Peace and safety," sudden destruction will come. There seems to be a contradiction between these two different views. On the one hand abundant signs very clear predictions of very precise events to take place shortly before the Lord returns; on the other, the stress that it is when no one is to know when he will come back, that it will come suddenly like a thief in the night, that we are always to be ready, but never ~~ask~~ to know exactly when it will happen, or even for sure that it will happen in the very near future.

There are those who say that the Bible is full of contradictions and that you can prove anything ~~for~~ from it. This is true, not only of the Bible, but of any other extensive book, if one simply takes passages out of context. Usually, when there is an apparent contradiction, an explanation can be found in any book that has unity. This is certainly true of the Bible. In this case it would seem that there will be signs