

## LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT HEBREW IDIOM

1Ths. 5:2 *For you yourselves know full well that the day of Yahveh will come **just like a thief in the night.***"

This is a Hebrew idiom referring to the end of time. To help visualize this day of Yeshua coming like a thief in the night, I must relate a practice of the High Priest in the days of the Temple. During that time there was always one priest assigned specifically to keep the fire under the altar burning throughout the night, so that when the morning oblation sacrifices were ready, the fire would be stoked up and hot. Sometimes the High Priest would check up on the priest who was supposed to be looking after the fire. If he caught him sleeping, he would take coals from the fire, put them in an ash tray and sprinkle them around the priest sleeping on duty. He would sprinkle hot coals on the outside edge of his garment and then retreat. As the coals burned away the priest would get nice and warm, then awake, scared and embarrassed. The Christians who think they don't have to follow Torah are like the priest, all warm and cozy before the fire comes. Only the fire they will experience will not go out. This lesson never needed repeating. Yeshua is the High Priest and when He comes back it will be like a thief in the night. All His priests are to be alert and ready at all times, making sure they are always following His Torah. This verse can also be related to the parable of the ten virgins. (see also Matt. 24:42-51, Jer. 2:26, Luke 12:39, 2Pet. 3:10, Rev. 3:3, 16:15)

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