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of the Old Testament ever dreamed there would be two thousand years in between these two phases. I doubt if anybody ever suspected from the study of the Old Testament ~~as~~ you never have a didactic statement that there is more than one coming of Christ in the Old Testament. You just have different things told about the Messiah and about the date of the Lord and then you find some of them have been fulfilled and others must be future because they haven't yet been fulfilled, and when you get into the New Testament you have your clear delineation, that there is not one coming of Christ but ^{two} comings of Christ, and then as we look at resurrection and the judgment in connection with the second coming of Christ, there is many a statement which refers to the great general way, and then in progressive revelation as we go on, we get more details and we learn that actually the resurrection of the just takes place at one time and the resurrection of the unjust at another time and that the judgment before the judgment seat of Christ takes place at one time and the judgment of those who are lost takes place at another time and then when you finally get over to Revelation ^{shows that} you have for the first time a didactic statement that there is a thousand year interval between the two events. Previously, many times you would have thought they occur together, then you would have begun to suspect from the statements that they might occur at different times. Somebody speaking of the first coming of Christ might have said, "Well, Christ's coming is one event. Therefore all the predictions must take place the same day or the same week." Actually, you can say Christ came to the earth in 4 B. C. That was the first coming, or you can say that He came when He appeared before Israel at the age of thirty, or you can say His coming was when He went to the cross a few years later, or you can say that His great coming was when He came in power as raised from the dead, and so any one of these--they are all phases of the first coming but they extend over a period of over thirty years and yet they are phases. They are not confined to one day or one week or one year, and so we have no prima facie . Is the coming of Christ one event which spreads over a hundred years or is it a number of different events which might all take place within one week. We have to look for evidence in the Scripture. - -