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the difficulty with it, of course, is that there are so many aspects of the Christian life which don't spread over a term of years, on which that would have no application then, ~~and then~~ and then, of course, also the fact that the word used, "Watch", "Be watchful", doesn't seem to be, "Plan things that extend over a period and carry out long things." That might be included but the emphasis seems to be more directly upon the immediate, constant conduct of the work rather than the planning and the carrying out of long range schemes. So while I think it is a very interesting suggestion and worthy of consideration, it seems to me that I'm left with the place where unless I can explain away the practical aspect ^{that} we are to be constantly active in Christian work and watching the period of our life because we don't know whether Christ is going to come that day or the next day, unless we're to take it that way, I sort of feel as if these seven or eight verses just don't have the practical implication that they seem to me to have. Now, Mr. Horner made the suggestion that possibly there might be signs of His coming before that but that we might not recognize the signs, that it might be, for instance, that already scholars and the pope had made some sort of arrangement between them in which they had united with the state of Israel and the thing was all secretly arranged and so the beginning of the time has come but we don't know it, and consequently here is the sign but we don't know it here and so it might come any second, the coming of Christ or the rapture of the Church. Now, of course, that is another possible way in which the rapture of the Church would be made, not the first event, in the series of events, predicted in the Scripture, but yet it would be the first one that would be definitely recognizable

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and if we accept that interpretation we would have to say that Paul couldn't be sure whether the Nero was the antichrist and whether he had made a secret deal with the Jews in Jerusalem two and a half years before any particular moment