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there are two stages to His coming, separated not by a thousand years but by a far smaller period of time, is a matter on which He has not given us as explicit evidence as He has on the matter of the millennium, but it does seem to me that it is vital that we recognize that if the Old Testament speaks of a coming of Christ and then we find there are two and if both testaments speak of the resurrection and judgment and then we find this is in two phases with a thousand years in between, that there is at least a strong presumption created thereby, then it is not necessary to assume that all the events in connection with either phase of the second coming, the phase before or after the millennium, takes place in one instant or in one day or <sup>even</sup> in one year but that there might very possibly be various stages enter into it, and the question of whether there are stages or are not stages, and of what the order of these stages is, if there are stages, and of how long a time there is between the stages, if there are stages, is a matter to be investigated without prejudice and to see what the Scripture suggests about it. Thus far, as you see, I haven't presented an argument for any particular view but an argument simply for refusing to say that one thing is most likely or that it is necessary to disprove one thing before the other, or to say that we simply don't assume, we simply look for evidence, and of course, if the Scripture says all the events connected with the return of Christ to this earth prior to the millennium take place in one day, that's that, but if it doesn't say that, whether they take place in one day or in one year or in one decade, or even in one century, is a matter for simply studying the evidence. I think thus far we simply are laying the foundation that we must go to the Scripture without prejudice, and simply say, "What is the evidence?"

Well, now I would like to take up an entirely different phase of evidence now to see just what there is in this, I mean in the different reports. I would like now to take up some passages and to ask this question about