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comes on them. It is sudden as far as they are concerned. Well, now, how about you? But you, brethren, are not in darkness that that day shall overtake you as a thief. You will be able to see the signs and know when it is here. Is that what it means? Or is it that you are not to be overtaken by it as a thief but always to be ready so that whenever it comes you are prepared. Well, he says, you are all the children of light, therefore let us not sleep as others do. Let's not go to sleep and say, "Until we see the abomination of desolation we don't need to start watching. We've still got three and a half years then. Therefore active, vigilant Christian service in the midst of persecution, but let us watch, let's be wide awake and be sober all the time so that whenever that day comes, we are ready for it. Now, which of these two does it mean? Or can we decide you decide from the passages which it means? Mr. Horner: I don't think that is the alternative, as to whether we should go to sleep and wake up and certain signs have come to pass, and then look, or as to whether we should always be awake. We are not watching for signs, we are not watching for the coming of the Lord; we are told to be awake and actually we are, I think, watching for both, in the sense of our usual use of the word "watch" and the alternative is, as we do our watching, as we keep awake and as we keep our sobriety and do not sleep, what is it that we are watching for? Well, in the usual sense of the word watch we are watching for the coming of the Lord and the alternative is will it be preceded by a few immediate signs by which we will know it is coming or will it not be? In either case we should be ready. Dr. MacRae: At least, there is nothing in this passage to say that it must be preceded by a few signs. It doesn't say it isn't. It can fit in with either interpretation. Mr. Horner: Unless you take it that the reason we are not in darkness that the day could overtake us as a thief is that there will be recognizable signs. Mr. Cassel was so far away. What did you say, Mr. Cassel? Mr. Cassel: I say it is reading into the verse to be able to say that not to be overtaken as a thief means that you have signs. Paul doesn't say anything about signs here.