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destroy the wicked, as in verse 3. If we do, then we see it as one event, one appearance of Christ. Dr. MacRae: which might run over a period of decades, or even centuries, for all we know. Mr. Horner: well, a period of time. Dr. MacRae: At least, if one part of it was at one time and another three and a half years later, or seven years later, that wouldn't upset the, calling it the beginning of the day of the Lord, or the day of the Lord. That is, we have no right to say a thing like this must be an incident. It can be a complex of events like the first coming was, and of course at His first coming He was visible to the shepherds that came to the manger but the mass of Israel didn't see Him and the unbelievers didn't know anything about it, although there were some of them who did. Herod knew about it and there were a few, but there weren't many. You can't make it all a system of signs. Well, now, let's go on--this question that Mr. Horner has raised, I think is a good one

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I think Mr. Horner has raised a very good question. Is there evidence to show that when Christ is seen by His people He is seen by the unbeliever at the same time? Is there evidence to show that the rapture of the Church is something which has an effect upon the world per se, or is it possible that the taking away of the true believers might leave an apostate church functioning in all its glory and the mass of the world not realizing that any great change has taken place. Do we have specific evidence one way or the other on this inscription? I wish we had a whole hour to give to this question. As it is I would like to take a few minutes on it but I'd like to go on ahead a little first and then come back to it and I am quite anxious to take a few minutes on it a little later, but now I'd like to look on to 2 Thessalonians and in 2 Thessalonians we have a passage in 2 Thessalonians 2 which at first sight in the English version seems sharply to contradict the dozen passages in the gospels which say that we are to be vigilant now because we don't know when