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of it. Mr. Shepperson, I believe Mr. Horner wants the speaker. Mr. Horner: There is another interpretation which I would like to give which I think is better than either of the other two that you have rejected. It is an interpretation which regards the restraint as being the Church and the Holy Spirit working through the Church but that the removal of the restraint is due to what is mentioned in that third verse, the falling away, first, and then, after the falling away, the revelation of the man of sin. The thing that holds back iniquity in any country is the spiritual restraint of God's people, but the thing which allowed, I think we would admit, Hitler to rise up as a forerunner of antichrist in Germany, certainly one thing was the removal of the restraint of evangelical Christianity, the coming in of higher criticism and departure from the Word of God, and it is the removal of that restraint that allowed that forerunner of antichrist to come on the scene and it seems to me it is a perfect picture here of what will happen on a world-wide scale at the end of this age. The apostasy will so completely cover the earth that the visible church will have so completely lost its power that it will remove its restraint against a lawless one like Hitler and we'll have one on a world-wide scale. The only thing I can see against that view is the word "taken" out of the way, which is " " and can be understood as "until he becomes out of the way," so that it isn't necessary at all for a rapture to take place for the letting to be discontinued, if the Church simply goes into a state of apostasy on a whole and that can come to pass in the world even as we see it happening right now. Dr. MacRae: This last suggestion of Mr. Horner's would fit in very well with the view which I believe was held by Calvin of the antichrist, that the antichrist is not a literal individual Christian but is a system and that when the apostasy spreads throughout the church so that it has lost its hold on the great truths of the gospel, then that the Roman beast was able to secure dominance and the pope was able to put up and put down thrones and to declare himself to be the head of all christendom and that the pope was the antichrist who became manifested as the result