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of the apostasy of the visible church, and as a result of that the papal system gained its power . This view was held in the original Westminster confession which specifically said, "The pope is antichrist , " that is, not the pope as a man but the papal system, and of course, if that should be the correct interpretation, then we have the pope sitting--exalting himself above all that is called God ^{and} that is worshipped/ declaring himself to be the infallible head of, the one who can say whether you will go to heaven or hell, and so on, and he will be the one whom the Lord will consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming. In that case, this sign, as far as the sign is concerned, would have taken place fifteen hundred years ago, and which of these four interpretations we're to take for this, or whether some other, I don't know, but at least it does seem to me that there is nothing in 2 Thessalonians 2 which is sufficiently definite that there are clear signs before the rapture of the Church to offset the dozen or so passages where it is given as a strong motive for Christian living all through the ages. We know not the day nor the hour. It seems to imply that there is nothing clearly to say to us, "Now it can come; it couldn't come before this."

Now I wonder if we could take just a few minutes now on the point that Mr. Horner raised a few minutes ago. He asked the question, "Is there evidence ^{the return of Christ for His saints} that the return of Christ, the rapture,/has an effect on the unbeliever. Is there evidence that it is a public event? Is there evidence which ties these events together? Now, I don't want to take long on this, but maybe Mr. Horner could say a few words now and give us some evidence on that line if he knows some. Do you, Mr. Horner? Mr. Horner: Well, there is this one verse in Revelation 1, the 9th verse, which ^{statement about the} second coming of Christ. Verse 7, Behold He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so, Amen. My point would be that unless there is specific Scripture to think of the coming of Christ as being secret in any