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terrific tribulation under Nero. There was great persecution under Decius and Diacletian. The Christians in Czechoslovakia and other parts of the world today are having terrific persecution. There have been persecutions all through history and if anybody would say, "Well, the rapture is the first event in the return and we don't need to think of tribulation, he is just absolutely misinterpreting Scripture. Christ never said, "This is the time when you don't need to think ever of tribulation." Well, we may have the most terrific tribulation anybody could dream of but can anybody say that they are the last tribulation? The only way you could ever tell when the last tribulation is is to know that everything is over, but when somebody says to me, "Go down the street and you walk ten miles to a certain place and when you come to the last house on the way turn right, how do I know what is the last house?" We are going to have tribulation and if anybody says, "I've heard the idea that the rapture is first called "rocking-chair Christianity". That, of course, is an utter misinterpretation of the whole business, because the motive He gives here is to be wide awake, vigilant and active. It is not "Go to sleeping in a rocking chair." Student: I didn't mean. Dr. MacRae: No, but I mean you are quoting somebody who does take that attitude. I imagine people do take that attitude, and it is a wrong attitude and I think you ought to correct it. It think it is extremely vital in dealing with people to / ^{correct} such an attitude, but they couldn't get it from these verses properly. Student: You could interpret it—I mean you could still be aware of the fact that in one section of the country people will be persecuted for their belief but still the man who does preach the rapture, if he is preaching the rapture, he is telling people that they will be kept from the great tribulation, as if to say ~~same~~ ^{most} people do go through the great tribulation and I think they ought to be warned about it.

Dr. MacRae: These verses— if a person says, "The rapture is the next event, therefore don't worry about the great tribulation," such a person is completely misrepresenting Scripture and it ought to be rebuked, but if a person says, "The rapture is the first event in the