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But I've heard ~~o~~ people say, "Oh, yes, you don't know the day nor the hour, but you know the general time." ~~Why~~ "Why," they ~~sai~~ say, "these passages are all in an eschatological context. These chapters are talking about the events of the last days. So," they said, "what it means is that the Lord ~~na~~ won't come until the temple in Jeru^o has been rebuilt, the Anti-Christ has been revealed, the tribulation has begun, and all that. All it is, is after that happens. Then you don't know the day nor the hour the Lord is going to come." Well, now, is that a true ^{interpretation?} ~~interpretation?~~ This passage in Matt^o, if that's all we had, I wouldn't say it sounds very reasonable, but I don't know just how I could say with certainty that was wrong. But the Lord knew that such objections would be raised. And He gave us the answer to them. Suppose you just turn over to Luke the 12th chapter. You find that the 12th chapter of ~~Luke~~ Luke is not an eschatological context. In the 12th chapter of Luke the Lord is talking to the ~~discip~~ disciples, telling them how they ~~re~~ are to live, telling them what He wants them to stress, what attitudes He wants them to have in life. He is urging the ~~important~~ importance of faith, the importance of keeping their eyes on Him, the importance of doing His will in the world. And in the midst of a context like that, where He's not speaking about any ~~ex~~ eschatological complex, ^{or} ~~is~~ supposing that you're talking about the end of the age at all; He's talking about the present time, that's the time He ~~talki~~ talked to them, the disciples, and His followers from that time on. He gives different characteristics that are true of them, but then in verse 35 He says, "Let your loins be ~~girt~~ girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocke they may open to him immediately." Blessed are those servants, whom the ~~lord~~ lord when he comes shall find watching." And ~~and~~ incidentally this word "watching" here is Old English. It isn't our present sense of watching at all. You know if you want to know exactly what the Bible means ~~there~~ there are two ways you can find out: one way is to study the English language as it was spoken three hundred years ago. Study Elizabethan drama. Study Shakespeare's writing. Read a great ~~na~~ deal from that time and know exactly what every word meant at that time. And then you go