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of course,
Well, today/60 miles an hour doesn't sound fast to us anymore when we think of the way our jet planes go or even our cars on many of the super highways. We have a situation that the world has never seen before. Then, of course, there is the establishment of the state of Israel. Israel disappeared in 70 A.D. and there never again was a state of Israel until recently. Perhaps this is a sign that the coming of the Lord is very near. Perhaps it will be right before us. On the other hand, there may come catastrophe to Israel or the state of Israel might grow and develop for a long period before he comes. We do not know. He says "In such an hour as ye think not the Lord comes." Well it is wonderful to know that the Lord is indeed going to come. But how do we fit together the passages in the scripture which speak of some of the great events that take place just before - the appearance of anti-Christ, great signs in the heavens, various, terrible suffering on earth, various things you read of you would almost think we don't need to worry about the Lord's coming until these things occur. For the present, we can just forget it. After all these passages are in places where they are talking about eschatology. So maybe they don't mean anything until the eschatological complex begins and then after that in such an hour as ye think not he will come. After that you don't know the day nor the hour. Well that is an interesting question. I think the Lord knew somebody might ask it and so he gave us in the book of Luke a complete answer to that. In Luke 12 there is no eschatological complex whatever. In Luke 12 the Lord is speaking to the disciples about what kind of life they should live upon this earth and as he describes how they should live he says in verse 35 "Let your loins be 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 knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord