

siad, "In this world you will have tribulation." Persecution and difficulty will come to all who truly believe on the Lord. This has been a fact through most of the centuries ~~xi~~ since His death and is today a fact in many sections areas of the earth. This is not what we look forward to. What we look forward to is the return of Christ. None of us know ~~xi~~ knows when that will come. Therefore we have no right to say that any particular event must come before His return.

Bible

~~ixx~~ There are many statements~~ix~~ in Scripture that ~~/Bibk~~ students think refer to great conspicuous events that occur before the end of the rule of evil on this earth. If these events are ~~xxxxxxix~~ ~~xxxxxxix~~ recognizable ^{some phase of} they must come after/the return of Christ. Otherwise the exhortations would have no meaning. Either these are events that will be ~~xi~~ unrecognizable as ~~predi~~ unrecognizable as predicted in Scripture--which ~~xxx~~ hardly seems intelligent--

Scripture, which hardly seems intelligent/, or ~~ix~~ else they were events that will come after most believers have gone to be with the Lord. If this is true we cannot expect to fully understand fully to understand these events before His coming. The teaching of them would have two great purposes: 1) To keep us from thinking that we by our efforts are going to bring in the kingdom. The first is so that we will~~id~~ not think that we by our own efforts will be able to bring in the kingdom of God. We are to witness to Him, not to transform the world. ~~xi~~ Jesus sent us to exhort people to come out of this evil present age and enter into the kingdom of Christ. The second purpose relates not to those who live before these events occur, but those who live while they are occurring. Even as people in the time of Ant° Ep° could see the fulfillment of the ~~prophecies~~ ~~prop~~ prophecies given in Daniel, and in the time of Christ's earthly ministry could see how He fulfilled