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3. Most of the statements made about events that are to precede the Lord's return could have been ~~considered~~ ^{either understood} as fulfilled within a few years after His ascension, or could stretch ^{it} over a long period. Thus these events were not inconsistent with the idea that the disciples were always to be ready for the Lord's return.

Wars and rumors of wars could stretch over a long period or could be fulfilled within a few years. Pestilences and famines could be ~~stretched~~ stretched over a long period or be fulfilled within a few years. The rising of false prophets and false doctrines could be considered as having been fulfilled in a very few years, or it could stretch over a very long period.

This is not always recognized regarding tribulation.

4. There are, however, certain situations depicted in connection with the Lord's return which would not be present at all periods. Thus Matthew 24:29-30 says:

These are striking signs which seem to come immediately before His return. The statement, "immediately ~~statement immediately~~ after the ~~tribulation~~ tribulation of those days" would seem to suggest that when things go smoothly and there is no tribulation one would know that the Lord would not come back at such a time.

Paul told the Thessalonians that before the ~~King~~ kingdom of Christ was set us Anti-Christ: anti-Christ (?) ~~who~~ would sit in the temple of God declaring himself to God, and demanding that people worship him, ~~and that~~ ^{Anti-Christ} Christ cannot sit in the temple declaring ~~himself~~ himself to be God unless there is a temple in which he can sit. The temple in ~~Jerusalem~~ Jeru° was destroyed in 70 A.D., and has not yet been rebuilt.