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Indications that a long time might elapse
before the Return of Christ

(Mat. 23.39 Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord cf. Lk. 13.34-35)

24.5-13 Many shall come in my name saying I am Christ; and shall lead many astray Wars and rumors of wars . . . end is not yet.

10-5 23, 24 Nation shall rise against nation, kgdm against kgdm
Famines and earthquakes in divers places
Tribulation, and kill you; hated of all nations for my name's sake
Many shall stumble, deliver up one another, hate one another
False prophets shall arise and lead many astray
Iniquity abound, love of many wax cold

10-10 24.14 this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world

5-5 24.45-51 my lord tarrieth (48)

5-5 25.5 while the bridegroom tarried

25.14 a man, going into a far (another) country

10-2 19 after a long time the lord off those servants cometh

27 thou oughtest to have put my money to the bankers . . . with interest)

Mk. 13.6-10 These things (deceptions, impostors, wars) must needs come to pass, but the end is not yet

2-10 30 this generation shall not pass away, until all these things be cf. {Lk. 21.52 Mat. 24.34
(genea may have been purposely employed because it is capable of being under-

stood in a narrower or a wider sense - so Swete, ad loc ref. given in NBC)

10-5 Lk. 12.45 *my lord delighteth his coming*
Lk. 17.22-23 Although the disciples are addressed as the ones who would desire His coming they would not see it and are warned not to be led astray by false rumors

22,
24,26 The days of the Son of man may be thought to be in contrast with the days that will come (v.22) in which ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man and shall not see it.

10-2 19.11 This parable was "added" because "they supposed that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear"(11). He said therefore, A certain nobleman want into a far country, to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. His servants were told to "occupy" till he came

10-0 21.8-12 Christ spoke of certain things that must needs come to pass first; but "the end is not immediately"

10-10 John 21.22f *the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will thinke that he*
10-7 Acts 11.8 If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? *Peter - old?*

(Acts 15.14-16 First God hath visited the Gentiles . . . After this I will return)

10-1 Acts 22.21 He said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gentiles

cf. 13.2,47 *Petent in tribulation of Acts 14.22*

2 Tim. 4.6 the time of my departure is at hand *of howeas v. 8 - "that day" - "his appearing"*
Suggests his continuance of expectancy of the second coming of Christ

(2 Pet. 1.15 ye may be able after my decease to call these things to remembrance (v.14 The Lord shewed Peter he must "put off this tabernacle")

2 Thess. 2.2 be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled . . . as that the day of the Lord is just at hand

3.11f For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command . . . that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

(2 Pet. 1.14 the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly (i.e. suddenly, without warning) even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me cf. Jn. 21.19 where John declares Christ had shown Pet. "by what death he should glorify God" Pet. believed his death would be a sudden, violent one but this did not keep him from exhorting his readers to look for and earnestly desire the coming of the day of God(3.12)