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look into if we had enough time, but at least they do not seem to be given in such a way that you can know this is a sign of the Lord's coming, the upheavals in the heavens, because we have had them all through the age. Nation rising against nation. We've always had that. Mr. Kuhlmann? Mr. Kuhlmann: If we knew certain things that were coming to pass, what would be the need for watching? It seems to me, Dr. MacRae, you wouldn't have to watch then if you know, you wait fifty or sixty years and this thing hasn't come to pass, I can just relax. I don't need to watch. I would ask you that question. Dr. MacRae: Yes. It would seem as if the fact that these in Luke and Mark we've found this stressed so much. Be on your guard. Serve the Lord faithfully and constantly. What I say to you I say to all. Watch, seems to imply that you can't say the time hasn't yet come to begin to watch. Now, this is our foundation. I want to go over it a little more, faster, when we get to it. I think Mr. Sit had his hand up. Mr. Sit? Mr. Sit: Mine is just a question on the same line. The question is not for us to decide why the Lord tells us these signs and yet still expects us to watch. It is a question for us to determine what the Scriptures say, and in the context here we have the parable of the fig tree. Now, in view of what has been said, what is the use of the parable of the fig tree, when He says, So ye in like manner when ye shall see these things come to pass know that it is nigh, even at the doors, unless it meant that these signs are indications for us to be even more watchful. This is in Mark, the 13th chapter. Dr. MacRae: Yes. It may be a sign to be even more watchful but He does--I was trying to find the exact reference I came across this morning where the Lord said, "You fools, you've seen when the red at night and you've seen the red at morning and yet you don't discern the signs of this time." That is, He seems to imply that there is a sign of God's judgment and of the certainty of His return which is present all through the age and that we are constantly to be on our guard. I question whether the fig tree is a definite sign unless it may be, as you say, in a general sense, it is somewhat more likely but whether it is a specific sign that you can know