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not looking for us now to simply climb up on the bandwagon and be on the side that is winning. You can always get plenty of people to join with you if you are winning. Perhaps that is one reason why the Lord permits us all through this age, from the time of Adam on to the present, everything has a downward course. Every single movement, every denomination, every single church, every single country, everywhere that is the history. People look to God and receive blessing from Him and then there is degeneration, either a wiping out by the forces of evil or corruption from within, one or the other has happened in every single instance. God has permitted it to be that way in order that we might be given the choice, not between getting on the side that is winning or standing with evil, but between standing for God in a world in which evil triumphs or begin indifferent, or lax, or careless, and all these people who try to build a great, wonderful new world in this age are doomed to disappointment because Satan is the prince of the world and we are strangers here as Abraham was in a far country and God wants us to show righteousness in every aspect of our lives. He wants us to display in our character the true righteousness, but He does not want us to feel at all hopeful of building up a great Christian civilization because you cannot do this when Satan is the supreme king, but, you can build up for a time but it doesn't last. It never has lasted anywhere. It goes to one extreme or the other. That/which is built for eternity is what lasts, is what is vital, and so this 5th verse holds up before us His wonderful promise. The people of Greece when the British left, they said, the Germans took over, the British were leaving, fleeing ahead of them, they said, "We will be back. We are coming back!" and the people of Greece looked constantly for their return. Just like today when our troops go into northern Greece and drive the gorillas out of a section the gorillas say to the people, "We will be back," and then as soon as our troops withdraw the gorillas come down and overrun the territory again.