

future is going to be for our country. I believe the Lord has His plan and that we should exert ourselves as citizens but that it should be a minor part of our activity. We should be prepared to stand persecution if that's what comes. To stand whatever the Lord knows is ahead.

Neher: There are some people who believe that the Bible specifically predicts communism and the Russian power. What do you think of those ~~■~~ ideas?

I believe that the Bible specifically predicts that at the end of this age a great wicked leader who we can call anti-christ (though that is a general term in Scripture, not ~~■~~ a term for one individual) but Paul definitely predicts one individual who is going to be a great ruler with tremendous power and very tyrannical. Something like Hitler but on a much larger scale.

As to when this will be we have no way of knowing, and the word ROSH is used in Ezekiel, but ROSH can "chief" just as well as refer to Russia. And it is my guess that it does there-- it refers to the chief prince of Gog, ~~■~~ rather than anything to do with Russia. The Lord, of course, knows what's ahead but I believe we should be very very cautious we find in our condition precise conditions predicted in Scripture. Particularly since the Lord has so clearly said over and over in the Gospels that we are not to know when he is coming. We don't know when he comes. We must be ready at all times.

I take that as meaning that there will not be any event before he comes that we can point to and say, Look here, this means he is coming soon. There may be many events that will be very terrible, and yet His coming may not be for a long time afterward. There is no event that we can ~~xxxxxx~~ recognize as being it. So while we have a general idea of a lot of things happening shortly before he comes, I don't think we necessarily will recognize them.

I remember in 1939 when Hitler made his pact with Stalin and they divided Poland between them. Many people said, Look, how the Bible is being fulfilled exactly! Germany and Russia are coming together. Here is proof the Bible is correct.. Then when Hitler turned against Stzlin it would seem to have exactly the opposite effect. So I think we should be very careful about making specific statements that this particular political thing is what the Bible predicts.

Communism may be the particular thing that will work up to ~~some~~ toward some of the terrible things that are predicted to be in store for the world. But it may not. It may disappear and something else may be it. I think that specific statements refer to something we are seeing in the political sphere can backfire too easily. I would rather keep away from them.

I believe it is very important that the Chir\$stian should